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was payday with the War Centre Star mines, \$33,200 being distributed between the two.

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and Erie, No. 10, of the order of Eagles, held a meeting.

NELSON—
of the supreme court justice Martin opened yesterday the cases on the list.

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STOCK MARKET
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SALES
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Le Roi 24,470 tons
Le Roi No. 2 22,875 tons
Centre Star 18,000 tons
War Eagle 13,550 tons
Rosland G. W. 2,400 tons
Grand 3,050 tons
Cascades 3,000 tons
Columbia-Kootenay 3,000 tons
Bonaire 1,240 tons
Spitzee 20 tons
White Bear 5 tons
Totals 84,700 tons

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Mother Lode 3875
Snowflake 1280
H. C. 750
Sunset 350
Emma 690
Jewel 2175
Whinnipeg 785
Golden Crown 925
No. 7 482
Providence 128
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skins vs. Le Roi No. 2, in
plaintiff, Mrs. Hosking,
over damages for the death
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ment is \$20,000. S. S. Taylor,
elton, appears for the plain-
tiff, and J. P. McPherson,
Stowell Clute and Charles
appear for the defendant.

STOCK MARKET

Table with columns for stock names, asked prices, and bid prices. Includes items like Boy, Boston, Delta, Kinley, etc.

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Payne 1500 at 8c; Rambler
at 61c; Tom Thumb, 100
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The affairs of the Rossland-Kootenay mining company and the developments in connection with the Kootenay mine will occupy an important place in the interior economy of the Rossland camp for the next few months, dividing public attention in this respect with the concentration plans of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines. It is now more or less of an open secret that the personnel of the company's management here will be William Thompson, general manager, and Andrew G. Larson, general superintendent. Mr. Thompson's departure for England at an early date has been announced by Chairman Milne, of the board of directors, and during his absence the active management of the company's affairs locally will be taken over by Mr. Larson, who has been identified with the Kootenay and Nickel Plate mines for almost a year. The understanding of the mines, the Kootenay in particular, is that pending a decision in respect to further equipment or shipping operations, the plan of development in effect heretofore will be carried ahead. The principal feature of this is the continuation of the tunnels on various levels, and the vein is being followed steadily and new ore shoots are opening up on various levels as the drifts progress. Rather a pleasing feature of this is that within the past few days, and while Chairman Milne was in the city, a fine shoot of ore was opened up at a drift that had been carried on for some weeks without particularly desirable results. Since Mr. Milne came to Rossland this drift broke into three or four feet of ore of excellent quality, and promising to develop into one of the best ore bodies in the property. It is an open secret, also, that Mr. Milne is greatly impressed with the possibilities of economical mining at the Kootenay. The workings are all horizontal, connected with chutes to the lowest level, thereby permitting all ore stopped above to be brought out by gravity and avoiding the costly hoisting apparatus that is characteristic of other mines in the camp not so favorably located. The nature of the ground and the strike of the vein is such, also, that the item of timber will be comparatively small, adding another important economy to the costs of operation. When the ore is taken out at the lowest level it can be removed to cars or reduction works by gravity, or if it were necessary to transport the product to the banks of the Columbia river, the fall is sufficient to make gravity tramming quite practicable. Unofficially it is intimated that Mr. Thompson's mission in England is to place before the directors of the Rossland-Kootenay all the particulars with

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With last week's shipments the gain for the year to date over the tonnage produced in the Rossland camp last year passes the 50,000-ton mark. Approximately the increase is 25 per cent, and the fact will be noted with gratification locally and as significant elsewhere. Every ton of ore costs a certain sum to extract, and this sum is distributed in wages, so that the increase in tonnage must mean increased pay rolls for the mines shipping. The week has passed uneventfully in connection with the big mines. At the Le Roi the usual operations have been carried ahead, but the shipments are slightly less than was the case last week. The other big mines produced about their ordinary tonnage, while the Velvet and Giant properties sent out their usual quota.

THE OUTPUT. Shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending December 20 and for the year to date are as follows:
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LE ROI'S OCTOBER OPERATIONS. The Le Roi's report for October has just come to hand. Referring to shipments and values the report says:
Dry tons. Value per ton.
First class 15,204 \$16.23
Second class 1,810 6.61
17,014
The estimated profit on the ore mined is \$84,232 and on the second class dump ore \$95, or a total of \$85,191. The cost of breaking and delivering the first class ore on the railroad cars was \$2.50, while the cost of development was equal to 70 cents per ton.

DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLORATION. Since the last report the main shaft has been completed to a depth of 1369 feet. The station on the course of the next Lincoln mine in the course of the next few weeks. The exact date of the resumption will be decided upon at a directors' meeting taking place in the course of the next few days. It is understood that the company's treasury has been substantially strengthened as the result of the efforts of Dr. W. C. Brinkerhoff of Chicago, who has been actively identified with the concern for some years. The Abe Lincoln people have evidenced unusual enterprise in connection with the development of their property, and it is sincerely to be hoped that their efforts will be rewarded with better results than have been attained heretofore. The property, as is well known locally, is situated on Deer Park mountain, overlooking the city. The headquarters are commodious and equipped with excellent machinery operated by electrical power from the West Kootenay Power & Light company's system. In the past, copper ore of excellent quality has been found on the Abe Lincoln, but the veins have been stringers, and the main ledge or vein, which is believed to exist, has not been picked up. Encouraged by the

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Mr. Milne goes to Vancouver and Victoria from Rossland. He turns south to Seattle and Frisco. En route east he visits Denver and Cripple Creek, Colo.; St. Louis, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.; Pittsburg and Johnstown, Pa.; Cleveland, O.; Toronto and New York. At many of these

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BOUNDARY'S BIG OUTPUT. The following are the Boundary shipments for the past week and year to date:
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mine. He regards the Victory-Triumph as an ideal concentrating proposition, and it is on this line that we will work out the future of the property. The course I shall recommend to the company is that of installing a "high speed" gravitation stamp mill, with which the ore will be crushed. The product of the stamping process will be passed over Wilfley tables and the concentrate thus obtained shipped to the reduction works. The ore will concentrate six to one, leaving a valuable product in a form that can be shipped at reasonable rates. Before we are in position to talk of values it will be necessary to have the entire vein carefully sampled. The question of transportation enters into the matter in an important degree, but we believe that in the course of a comparatively short time the successful operations at the Velvet and our work on the Victory-Triumph will induce other Sophie mountain properties to commence work, and the resulting aggregate production will be sufficient to warrant the Great Northern in constructing a spur up Sheep creek, to which the product of Sophie mountain properties could be delivered at a low rate by gravity trains. "I would be pleased if you would mention in 'The Miner' that the Trail Creek Mining Company of London is anxious to complete the transfer of shares in the Victory-Triumph company. We understand that many shareholders in the old company have never taken the necessary steps to transfer their shares into those of the new company, although advertisements requesting them to do so have been inserted in 'The Miner.' These transfers can be executed if Victory-Triumph shareholders will forward their certificates to Sylvester Douglas Stirling, Chartered Accountant, of the firm of Milne, Gaff & Stirling, Crown Building, 62 Old Broad Street, E. C., London." The intimation conveyed in the foregoing paragraphs will be read with keen interest and gratification by Rosslanders generally. With the exception of the older residents of the community it was not generally known that the Victory-Triumph's position was as satisfactory as was really the case. The new condition of affairs with respect to the property has been almost wholly brought about by the amended conditions affecting the mining industry throughout the district, and the denouement--if this term may be used--of the Victory-Triumph, which had, possibly, been regarded as an unprofitable investment, gives every indication of becoming a large and profitable producer of concentrates. It gives an inkling of what may be expected to eventuate when the fact of these amended conditions is fully appreciated and other mining companies, moribund for the past three or four years, begin to look into their propositions anew.

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INSTALL ELMORE PLANT

Columbia Avenue Premises Being Fitted Up For Experiments--Hand Plant a Substantial and Costly Affair--Tests Already Arranged For.

Experiments to determine the amenability of Rossland ores to treatment by the Elmore oil process of concentration will be an accomplished fact in Rossland within the next week.

H. Hayman Claudet, local representative of the proprietary company, is making rapid progress with the arrangement of the offices to be occupied by the Canadian Oil Concentration Company, and which will house the experimental apparatus to be used. The premises are located opposite the Godeve block in the quarters formerly occupied by the Dominion Express Company, and a force of carpenters and electricians is now in charge. When completed the offices will be comfortable and well adapted to the work which Mr. Claudet will carry on in behalf of his company.

A section of the hand plant is already set up, and the final work in this particular will easily be completed next week, so that the experiments can be commenced. The plant has been facetiously referred to as a "coffee mill," but on examination it proves to be of a decidedly substantial nature, and capable of producing results with the amount of ore it is intended to handle that are identical with those accomplished in a mill on a commercial scale. The gross weight of the various machines is probably not far from 2000 pounds, so it will be seen that the "coffee mill" is on a somewhat substantial scale. Moreover, the machinery is strongly built and of a costly nature. Two crushers are provided, both of which are the best appliances of their kind manufactured. The mixing machine, in which the crushed ore is mixed with the oil,

CITY'S BRIGHT PUPILS

List of Public School Pupils Who Have Earned Promotion to Higher Grades by Good Work During the Term.

The promotions in the public schools are announced, and The Miner appends herewith a list of the pupils who have been successful in securing promotion to higher grades.

In connection with the examinations it may be mentioned that in accordance with recent amendments to the School Act, written examinations were dispensed with save in the case of one class. In all other classes promotions have been made on the recommendation of the respective teachers, augmented to some extent by oral tests.

School closed yesterday for the Christmas holidays. The classes will be opened on January 5, this being the date fixed by statute.

The list of promotions is as follows, and includes the names of both schools in alphabetical order:

JUNIOR TO INTERMEDIATE.
Concord Beaulieu, William Beverly, Mildred Blaisell, Helena Burritt, Louis Glazan, Eliza Grant, Frank Hobbs, Bertram Knott, Arthur Larson, Hilroy Litho, William McLaren, Donald McLean, James Mitchell, Rosie O'Hearn.

CITY NEWS

WRONG MAN--
The defendant in the police court case yesterday charged with being drunk and abusing his family was William Funk, Sr., not George Funk, Sr., as inadvertently stated in The Miner. The charge was laid by the family, who ejected the defendant from the house.

CURLING MATCHES--
Several interesting scrub matches were played yesterday at the rink by members of the Curling Club. A tie match was played last night, the time limit putting an end to the contest. During the week the work of the curlers has shown constant improvement, some excellent practice matches resulting.

NOT ONE-SIDED--
The objection raised when the purchase of the "Father Pat" ambulance was under advisement, that the apparatus would simply be a convenience for horse men and their employees, is not borne out by the facts. The ambulance has been called out twice since its arrival here, and on both occasions the call was for citizens not connected with the mines in any way.

WILL LOCK HORNS--
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A Scramble to Become Naturalized

Judge William B. Townsend has returned from a trip to the Boundary, whether he went several days ago to attend the meetings of the licensing board, of which he is a member. The board took up the applications for renewals and new licenses as presented, and made the awards enumerated in The Miner a couple of days ago.

An interesting point in connection with the license board came up as a result of the recent amendment to the statute relating to license holders, by which it was stipulated that all applicants must first satisfy the board that they are on the provincial voters' list. As a matter of fact almost all the license-holders were American citizens, or a large number of them were at all events. Many took out citizenship papers, but were too late to be placed on the voters' list. Under the strict interpretation of the statute, their applications must have been refused, but the facts were placed before the attorney-general by wire, who decided that in all the cases the taking of such steps as indicated showed an intention of complying with the amended regulations was to be accepted as complying therewith. On this understanding the board proceeded with its work.

RENEWALS GRANTED.
S. T. Larsen, Riverside hotel, Rock Creek.
S. Dahl, Central hotel, Midway.
L. E. Salter, Spokane hotel, Midway.
S. A. Crowell, Crowell hotel, Midway.
C. M. Crouse, Lancashire hotel, Midway.
John Albi, Commercial hotel, Midway.
Thomas Wake, Boundary Falls hotel, Boundary Falls.

NEW LICENSES.
Phil McDonald, Oakland hotel, Midway.
Sam McOrmond, Miners Exchange hotel, Eholt.
Morin & Thompson, Hartford hotel, Hartford Junction.
Thomas Price, Price's hotel, Pife.
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Nelson Woman Deserted Five Young Children

Here is the strange story of a Nelson woman's desertion of her five young children. The information is contained in a despatch from Colfax, Wash.

Five children, ranging in age from three to ten years, have been deserted by their parents and are being sent to kind homes with strangers. The children are those of a woman who was known as Mrs. McDonald and who claimed her husband in Australia, where she was to join him with the children. The youngest child, a bright little boy of three years, was today sent to Spokane to be placed in the Washington Home Finding Association, which had previously taken two of the children. The oldest, a girl of ten years, is being kept by Miss Emma Stark of Colfax. More than a year has elapsed since Mrs. McDonald came home from Scotland to look for work with the family of Daniel Dobbins, a farmer, with whom she was acquainted in British Columbia. She represented to Mrs. Dobbins that she wished to join her husband in Australia, but must first return to her childhood home in Scotland to see to the settling of an estate from which she was to receive a large sum. She persuaded Mrs. Dobbins to advance her the money with which to go to Scotland and to take care of her five children while she was gone. She left here in November, 1901, more than a year ago. Mrs. Dobbins received one letter from Mrs. McDonald last April. In this letter Mrs. McDonald claimed to have been taken seriously ill and was in a hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y. Nothing more was heard from her, and a letter was addressed to the management of the hospital and brought the information that the woman had never been an inmate of the institution. A letter addressed to the attorney whom she had said was in charge of the estate brought the reply that Mrs. McDonald had not returned to Scotland and her whereabouts were unknown. No word has ever been heard from her, and she is believed to have been well and to be a woman of refinement. No one suspected she was trying to desert her five little children, but her strange actions have convinced those who knew her that here that it is a case of wilful desertion. The children are exceptionally bright and well-behaved.

Fire Fiend Had Few Minutes Sport

Fire did much damage in a short time last night at the residence of William M. Wood, customs officer, on Butte street, a couple of doors south of Columbia avenue.

Mr. Wood had been in the shack and had lit a fire. He then went to a neighbor's, where he boards. It was during his absence that the fire from the stove was communicated to the ceiling of the shack, and set the whole building ablaze. Business men coming in an alarm from box 51. Before the fire department could reach the spot, the building was blazing vigorously. A line of hose was laid from the corner and the department proceeded to drown the flames, in which they succeeded within a few minutes.

The contents of the shack were destroyed by fire, water and smoke. Mr. Wood estimates his loss at \$400. Mr. Harper, of McArthur & Harper, was also an occupant of the premises, and he lost practically all of his personal effects, valued at \$200. No insurance was carried on the house or contents.

The bright glare of the fire attracted several hundred citizens to the spot within a few minutes.

To Build Up the Knob Hill Addition

That several of the well known business men of the Golden City believe that the city has a glorious and prosperous future in store for it in the year to come and is not going to the demerit bows, as some of the pessimists would have us believe, was amply evidenced during the past week, when the Knob Hill Addition company, a real estate concern that owns considerable property in the neighborhood of the school house and the White Bear, almost completed arrangements for building in the section owned by them, during the next few months, some thirty dwellings.

The Knob Hill Addition company is headed by Harry Daniel and several other prominent citizens of the Golden City. When seen yesterday regarding the story of proposed building operations in the Knob Hill section, Harry Daniel, speaking for the rest of the members of the company, said that if the present arrangements went through he looked to see the first work in a building way started within a month from today, if not sooner. At the present time the only hitch to the scheme that has been encountered is the price of lumber now prevailing. The company has given a local lumbering firm a certain mark which, if met, will mean an early start in the building line.

"I think," said Mr. Daniel, "that Rossland has a glorious future ahead of it. The town has seen all the dog days that it should. Concentration and other means of treating Rossland low grade ore will soon be an assured fact, and with capital this is sure to flow in. I think that in a short time quite a few of the mines that are not now even working, will be shipping, which will mean quite a bit for the camp. It is because that I think the camp will go ahead that I am ready and will commence building up that section of the city known as Knob Hill addition. At present the section is sparsely populated and has but few buildings.

"What the company propose to do is to erect within a short space of time something like thirty dwellings. Xerox is handy, and connections with the city main can easily be secured, so that there is practically no difficulties to overcome. The houses will all be four-room dwellings, but can be easily extended and more rooms added should tenants desire such extensions.

"We have all the plans laid for the dwellings, so that there is nothing outside of the lumber question, to hinder us from starting in to build at an early date. We expect to have all the houses completed by March at least. The addition is a handy one for miners, and, as several of the properties of the camp, I understand, will resume work or start shipments beginning with the new year, I can see no difficulty ahead for us in the way of filling the houses when once completed."

The Committee Wants Its Money Back

The amount available for completing the "Father Pat" memorial fountain now contracted for will probably be augmented by the sum of \$150, which the committee in charge of the fund is endeavoring to secure.

It will be remembered that some months ago application was made to the Rossland committee for an appropriation out of the general fund for the purpose of defraying the cost of installing the remains of the late Rev. Mr. Irwin and for erecting a tablet over the grave. The executive voted \$150 toward the object specified, and the amount was forwarded to the authorities of the Anglican church at the coast.

When the relatives of the deceased gentleman learned of the circumstances they insisted upon paying all the expenses in connection with the matter themselves, and declined courteously to accept the sums put aside by the church and the Rossland committee.

The committee was notified to this effect, and the suggestion was made that the sum already in the hands of the ecclesiastical authorities should remain there and go toward defraying the cost of a memorial window. The matter was considered by the local committee, which decided that the request could not be acceded to. The point raised in objection was that the understanding when the fund was floated was that it should be absolute non-sectarian and that to maintain the spirit of this understanding, it would be impossible to devote any portion of the aggregate to a church, even if the latter's proposal was fully in line with the memorial idea. Another feature was that the memorial committee is likely to be a couple of hundred dollars short of the amount necessary to complete their plans for a memorial fountain in this city, which makes it especially desirable to secure the \$150 thus left unexpended. At a committee meeting yesterday afternoon a resolution was adopted requesting the New Westminster church committee to refund the sum in issue.

THE AMERICAN HENLEY.
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A circular just issued, says a Times dispatch from Boston, announces that at the American Henley, to be held at Palisades, July 2, races will be held for singles, doubles, fours and eights, and the present classification of carmen into juniors and seniors probably will not be adhered to.

WRONG MAN--

The defendant in the police court case yesterday charged with being drunk and abusing his family was William Funk, Sr., not George Funk, Sr., as inadvertently stated in The Miner. The charge was laid by the family, who ejected the defendant from the house.

CURLING MATCHES--

Several interesting scrub matches were played yesterday at the rink by members of the Curling Club. A tie match was played last night, the time limit putting an end to the contest. During the week the work of the curlers has shown constant improvement, some excellent practice matches resulting.

NOT ONE-SIDED--

The objection raised when the purchase of the "Father Pat" ambulance was under advisement, that the apparatus would simply be a convenience for horse men and their employees, is not borne out by the facts. The ambulance has been called out twice since its arrival here, and on both occasions the call was for citizens not connected with the mines in any way.

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HAMMER SLIPPED--

Scott Lintner, a popular employe of the Le Roi, was painfully hurt yesterday afternoon while assisting to repair a drill. His partner struck a burr with an eight-pound hammer, which glanced and struck Lintner in the face. An ugly gash was caused, but fortunately the injury will not be serious.

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CONVALESCENT--

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TWO ALARMS--

The fire department was called out twice yesterday. The first alarm was at 6 o'clock a. m. from the Opal block, where a chimney was blazing. The department's services were not required. The second call was at 9 a. m. from the residence of Fred Blair on Second avenue. A blaze originating in some unknown manner did \$25 damage, but was prevented from spreading from the kitchen, where it originated, into the main part of the house.

LOCATED IN IOWA--

Rev. Dr. Robinson, formerly pastor of St. Andrew's church here, has received and accepted an unanimous call to the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian church at Dubuque, Iowa. The city is a thriving centre of 28,000 inhabitants, and the Second church is the leading congregation of the denomination there. Mrs. Robinson and family leave for the east in a week or ten days to join Dr. Robinson.

FEAR FOR DEER--

An old prospector and trapper states that the present heavy snowfall, more marked on the hills than in the city, is likely to seriously affect the deer before the end of the season. He expects to see the deer "stand up" a month earlier than usual, and this means that the animals will be so weak from lack of food before the snow goes off as to fall an easy prey to the bands of timber wolves that haunt the yards. The hunter in question is using his rifle on timber wolves more assiduously than usual for this reason.

ARRESTED AT RINK--

A man giving the name of Thomas Burns was arrested at the skating rink Friday night by Officer Stewart on the charge of stealing, the complainant being T. H. Gowman. Burns was arrested for the theft of a pair of rubbers which were taken from a pair of shoes in the men's dressing room. T. H. Gowman recognized the rubbers in possession of Burns, and at the suggestion of Caretaker Williams had the man arrested. During the last skating season, the rink management were greatly annoyed through the prevalence of petty stealing. This year they intend stopping the practice at any cost.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT--

Kenneth L. Burnett, a surveyor of this city, was brought in last night from Burnt Basin suffering from injuries received while surveying a claim owned at that point by Paulson Bros. The accident to Burnett was caused by a tree which fell just as the workmen were finishing the process of clearing the way for the surveyor. Burnett was directly in the road of the tree, and he was snatched up in his feet. He could not get away in time to save himself. He, however, had presence of mind enough to throw himself behind a stump, which saved his head and shoulders, and probably his life. The tree struck Burnett on his left side, but fortunately, he did not lose any of his bones. Dr. McKemie, who attended the injured man on his arrival in this city, said that the injuries consisted of bruises of the soft tissues on the left side and that there were no bones broken. If internal injuries have not been sustained by Burnett, the doctor expects he will be about within a comparatively short time.

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Archibald B. Barker, manager of the Rossland branch of the Bank of Toronto, returned yesterday from Toronto, where he has spent the past month.

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He will be stationed at Hedley City, where the owners of the Nickel Plate group of mines on Twenty-Mile creek are putting in a stamp mill and other works.

W. O. Miller of Vancouver, C. P. R. fuel agent and car inspector, has just concluded an official visit to the Boundary.

From him it was learned that recent interruptions in the fuel supply and other obstacles to keeping the smelters running at full blast, have made it difficult to provide for the transportation requirements of the district.

An application for a bonus in aid of a foundry and ironworks that the applicant was willing to start at Greenwood under conditions exceptionally favorable to himself, was "turned down" at the last meeting of the Greenwood city council.

The establishment of any such industry. The Greenwood skating rink is to be opened this week for the season under the auspices of the citizens' band.

GREENWOOD, B. C., Dec. 18.—The necessity for some steps being taken in the direction of preventing the destruction of game to the extent it has been carried on in the Kettle River district above Rock Creek has become quite evident to those who desire to prevent its extermination.

A public meeting was held at Greenwood last night to determine upon action that will give promise of having this effect.

There was an attendance of between 25 and 30, including several residents of Midway. Dr. McRae was voted to the chair.

After preliminary discussion it was resolved that those present form themselves into a Forest and Stream club, and the following officers and committee were elected:

President, H. C. Shaw; vice-president, C. L. Thomet (Midway); secretary and treasurer, E. W. Monk; committee, George Findlay, J. P. Myers-Gray and W. O. Wright.

Seventeen of those present signed the members' roll, and in sympathy with the movement expressed a wish to first have before them the constitution and bylaws.

It was decided to endeavor to induce as many as possible of the residents of the Boundary district to become members. In the course of a general conversational discussion a number of suggestions were made, but no definite decision upon the various matters considered was adopted.

Miss Olga Mettill is to be married Wednesday evening, 24th inst., to George H. Tinkler. Initiations are out to the ceremony which will take place at the residence of the bride's mother, at Anacoda.

Thomas Burbank, of near Midway, when out at the head of Kerr creek, a tributary of Boundary creek, a few days ago, came on five caribou sitting together in the snow. Having his gun with him he made good use of it, killing three of the group, the others getting away.

Since then he has been paid by the Philadel Government Agent McMyrn the customary bounty of \$7.50 each, on three of his bags of furs. At the same time he collected the bounty on four coyotes he had previously killed.

GREENWOOD, Dec. 19.—From Fairbairn comes the information to the effect that an effort is being made to resume work on the Morning Star, a gold quartz property from which in the winters of 1892-3 and 1894-5, 2700 tons of ore were mined and put through the Strathysse company's stamp mill, situated about 4000 feet distant from the mine.

From this the company valued at \$31,000 was recovered. The Morning Star and the adjoining Black Diamond, together having an area of 41.2 acres, were owned by S. Mangott and P. McEachern, of Fairview.

They did most of their development work on the Morning Star, on which they sunk a shaft 70 feet deep, from the top of which they followed the vein down on the incline for 140 feet. A drift run 50 feet each way from the shaft at the 100 foot level showed a vein to vary from two to six feet in width.

Other development work was also done, including a prospect shaft on the Black Diamond sunk 35 feet, which opened up a vein with two to four feet of ore similar in general character to that taken from the Morning Star.

It is stated that Mr. Mangott is arranging for sinking another 100 feet shaft on the Morning Star, recent developments in the New Fairview Corporation's

neighboring Stemwinder mine at the 300 foot level encouraging renewed effort on other properties near by.

P. Burns & Co.'s butcher shop and premises at Midway were destroyed by fire at about 5 o'clock this morning. All the contents, including fittings, tools, etc., and a stock of beef, were also a total loss.

The premises were opened for business again only this week, after having been closed for more than a year, by E. H. Hahn, who did not sleep on them, so knew nothing of the fire until a couple of hours after its occurrence.

In the absence this morning of the firm's local manager no information is obtainable as to whether or not there was any insurance on the property. Fortunately a lot of frozen hogs were removed thence to Greenwood yesterday, else there would have been roast pig galore for the Midwayites today.

J. P. Keane, superintendent of the Cariboo mine, Camp McKinley, went out yesterday on his periodical trip to Idaho. Whilst here he visited at the Sisters' Hospital, young Hunter, who two or three months ago had a thigh badly broken and an ankle badly crushed by a fall of rock in the Cariboo, and who had a set-back lately through falling when hobbling about the hospital on crutches.

THE ORO DENORO TO OPERATE SOON

PHOENIX, B. C., Dec. 20.—From information recently received here, in all probability the Oro Denoro, one of the prominent properties in Summit Camp, located on the Phoenix branch of the C. P. R., about seven miles from here, will be operated soon after the first of January.

An extraordinary meeting of the King Mining Company, Ltd., owning the Oro Denoro, was recently held, at which propositions to buy, lease or bond were to be considered.

It is now stated that an option was given to bond a minority interest in the company to Smith Curtis and A. McNish, of Rossland, who are shareholders, the former being secretary of the owning corporation. Mr. Curtis has always had a high opinion of the Oro Denoro, and believes it can be made profitable.

The Oro Denoro has not been worked for about three years, owing to the company being short of finances. The company was formed some four years ago, and development was carried on for a time, with results said to be encouraging, several good bodies of ore having been opened.

The railway runs directly over the property, and shortly after the steel veins to which the mine disinterestedly operated. At that time the cost of freight and smelting treatment was something like \$7 or \$8 per ton, while now the cost of both will be not to exceed \$3 or \$4 per ton, if treated at Boundary smelters. The property is equipped with an air compressor and hoist, and several hundred feet of work have been done so far. It is located close to the Emma mine, that is shipping daily.

MADAME HUMBERT ARRESTED. BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Madame Humbert and other members of the Humbert family and Monsieur and Madame Auzigues, the brother and sister-in-law of Madame Humbert, who became notorious in connection with a great safe fraud in Paris, have been arrested in a hotel here. They have been in Madrid since May last.

MADRID, Dec. 20.—The presence of the Humbert family in Madrid was first brought to light through an anonymous letter sent to the French ambassador, M. Patenotre, who notified the Spanish police.

ROUEN, France, Dec. 20.—A man named Parayre, who was formerly the steward of Madame Humbert's estate, was arrested here today.

DEATH ACCIDENTAL. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 20.—The coroner's jury, which spent a full day in investigating the death of R. C. Whyne, a prominent business man who was found dead last Thursday night with a gun shot wound in the breast, this afternoon returned a verdict of accidental death.

Insurance interest was manifested in the case, as Whyne carried life insurance policies aggregating \$390,000, and had applied for \$50,000 more. It is not known what steps the insurance companies will take. Several New York detectives are here. A part of \$390,000 insurance is incontestable.

BRITISH SHIP AGROUND. PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 20.—The British sloop of war Fantome, which was sent to command the entrance to the Orinoco, is hard aground near Barrancas, on the left bank of that river, and 120 miles southwest of Trinidad.

The Fantome left this port December 9th to command the Orinoco to open it to foreign vessels in spite of President Castro's proclamation blockade. News was not received of her until advice reached here today of her stranding near Barrancas. Assistance has been rendered her, but up to the present it has not been possible to float her.

Steamers will leave this afternoon with further assistance, and if their efforts fail the Fantome will probably remain aground for some months.

A TEMPESTUOUS VOYAGE. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The belated coal laden British tramp steamer Cairndon, arrived in port this afternoon from Swansea, after a most tempestuous voyage. Captain Hawrych reported that he sailed from Swansea on November 19th with 3550 tons of anthracite coal, and never in his long experience at sea has he encountered such tempestuous weather in the north Atlantic as on this voyage.

The Cairndon ran into very bad weather on the night of November 23rd. The steamer labored heavily, shipping much water and much damage was done to the vessel.

The snow fall here to date exceeds what fell all of last winter, up in the mountains it is exceedingly deep. At the Foghorn mine there is ten feet of snow.

CAPTURES FIRST BLOCKADE PRIZE

CARACAS, Dec. 20.—The British cruiser Indefatigable has made the first prize under the blockade, capturing the Venezuelan schooner Julia, which was going to Higuerote, a seaport in the province of Miranda.

The Julia's cargo, by the irony of fate, belongs to the German firm of Blohm, which has lodged a protest with the United States consul.

LA GUAIRA, Dec. 20.—The Trinidad schooners Mercedes and Imaculado, belonging to a French subject, but flying the Venezuelan flag, tried to leave this port today and were seized by the British cruiser Tribune.

A commissioner boarded the Tribune and explained to her commander that no notification of the blockade had been given before the schooners cleared and claimed also that the cargo belonged to foreign subjects. The commander of the Tribune refused to release the Mercedes and Imaculado, saying that he was obeying superior orders.

The commander of the Tribune today sent the British consul for publication the official announcement of the blockade, dating from today. According to the notification the ports of La Guaira, Caranaco, Guanta, Cumana, Carupano and the mouths of the Orinoco are placed under the supervision of the British naval forces. The British cruiser Retribution and the United States cruiser Albany left today noon.

The Retribution is reported to have arrived off Caranaco. The German charge d'affaires, Herr von Pilgrim Baltazzi, spent two hours on shore here today. He was recognized, but was not molested.

CASTRO HAS MANY TROUBLES

PANAMA, Dec. 20.—News received here from the Venezuela frontier is to the effect that the revolutionary movement against President Castro is now more powerful than ever.

General Matos is said to be at the head of a strong army, and to be on good terms with the representatives of the foreign powers. It is believed among the Venezuelan revolutionists that the present movement against Castro will be successful.

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15 PEOPLE ARE REPORTED KILLED. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—A telephone message from Byron Hot Springs says a rear-end collision occurred near there tonight in which 27 people are reported to be killed and injured. About 15 were killed. The Stockton flyer ran into the "Owl" train which left this city at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon for Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Another report from the "Owl" wreck at Byron Hot Springs says 27 injured have been brought to Byron Springs. So far as can be ascertained the list of dead numbers from 12 to 15. Most of the killed and injured were residents of Fresno.

JAMESTOWN, N. D., Dec. 20.—Great developments North Dakota's coal field is promised by the Dakota Fuel Company recently organized, under the laws of New Jersey and capitalized at \$5,000,000.

A combination of all the coal industries in Dakota, with the possible exception of the Washburn mine at Williston, is planned. Among those interested are Harriman of the New York Central and Curtis of the National Paper Company. Curtis is likely to be at the head of the concern.

LABOR HEADQUARTERS. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 20.—After January 1st this city will be the labor headquarters of half a million union American and Canadian workmen.

The great force of labor will include the United Mine Workers, the Brotherton of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and the International Typographical Union. The carpenters' headquarters will be moved to this city very shortly from Philadelphia.

MRS. HOSKINS GETS \$5,000

(Special to The Miner.) NELSON, B. C., Dec. 17.—In the session of the supreme court held today before Mr. Justice Martin the jury in the case of Hoskins vs. Le Roi No. 2 Mining Company brought in a verdict of \$5000 damages for the plaintiff, judgment being given with costs. The case was regarding the death of Mrs. Hoskins, who was killed in the Le Roi No. 2 mine by an inrush of water from a disused shaft in the adjoining Josie mine owned by the defendants.

PREFERRED DEATH TO IMPRISONMENT

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The three bank note forgers who were committed for trial December 10 pleaded guilty and were sentenced in the Old Bailey today, Philip Bernstein to twenty years, Solomon Barmash to fifteen years and William Barmash to ten years imprisonment. After having been removed to their cells Solomon Barmash shot and killed himself.

The police were dumfounded at Barmash's death. The prisoner became paralyzed after his arrest, and was carried to the infirmary. While in court today he was apparently helpless. It is thought friends who visited him in the infirmary some days ago gave him the revolver with which he killed himself. The trial of the six other defendants in the case is proceeding.

POLITICAL CLANS COME TOGETHER

(Special to The Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18.—There was a hot meeting at Fulford Harbor, North Victoria, Tuesday night, at which Robertson, government candidate, Patterson, opposition, and Prior, Eberts and Oliver spoke. The lie being passed vigorously between Oliver and Prior.

Prior said North Victoria had been shamefully treated and said he refused to be judged by the acts of the Dunsmuir government.

Eberts attacked Patterson for connection with the Shuswap & Okanagan railway, and Patterson replied charging that before the Theodore Davie's government would deal with them he (Davie) insisted that Patterson should pay Eberts and Taylor one thousand dollars, although the firm did no work for them.

This was finally compelled and in consequence he branded Eberts as a blackmailer, adding that he had the check to prove it. The incident has created a sensation.

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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

(Special to The Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 20.—The Midway and Vernon Railway Company will apply to parliament next session for an act declaring the railway to be work for the general advantage of Canada, extending time within which it may construct same, and giving to the company power to dispose of the railway.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., cattle dealers, etc., have been incorporated. Headquarters are at Winnipeg. Those getting incorporated are Frank Griffin, St. Thomas; Robert Robertson, Nelson; Daniel Naim-Smith, Vancouver; James A. Griffin and James Crawford, Winnipeg.

The following have passed qualifying examinations in civil service: At Vancouver, Wm. Holland, John Lord, Clifford McQuarry, Alex Matheson, Neil M. Robinson and J. W. Ritchie, B. L. B. At Nelson: D. W. Rutherford, Wm. Rutherford, F. W. Swannell. At Victoria: Clarke Mabel.

THE ORO DENORO TO OPERATE SOON

PHOENIX, B. C., Dec. 20.—From information recently received here, in all probability the Oro Denoro, one of the prominent properties in Summit Camp, located on the Phoenix branch of the C. P. R., about seven miles from here, will be operated soon after the first of January.

An extraordinary meeting of the King Mining Company, Ltd., owning the Oro Denoro, was recently held, at which propositions to buy, lease or bond were to be considered.

It is now stated that an option was given to bond a minority interest in the company to Smith Curtis and A. McNish, of Rossland, who are shareholders, the former being secretary of the owning corporation. Mr. Curtis has always had a high opinion of the Oro Denoro, and believes it can be made profitable.

The Oro Denoro has not been worked for about three years, owing to the company being short of finances. The company was formed some four years ago, and development was carried on for a time, with results said to be encouraging, several good bodies of ore having been opened.

The railway runs directly over the property, and shortly after the steel veins to which the mine disinterestedly operated. At that time the cost of freight and smelting treatment was something like \$7 or \$8 per ton, while now the cost of both will be not to exceed \$3 or \$4 per ton, if treated at Boundary smelters.

The property is equipped with an air compressor and hoist, and several hundred feet of work have been done so far. It is located close to the Emma mine, that is shipping daily.

MADAME HUMBERT ARRESTED. BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Madame Humbert and other members of the Humbert family and Monsieur and Madame Auzigues, the brother and sister-in-law of Madame Humbert, who became notorious in connection with a great safe fraud in Paris, have been arrested in a hotel here. They have been in Madrid since May last.

MADRID, Dec. 20.—The presence of the Humbert family in Madrid was first brought to light through an anonymous letter sent to the French ambassador, M. Patenotre, who notified the Spanish police.

ROUEN, France, Dec. 20.—A man named Parayre, who was formerly the steward of Madame Humbert's estate, was arrested here today.

DEATH ACCIDENTAL. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 20.—The coroner's jury, which spent a full day in investigating the death of R. C. Whyne, a prominent business man who was found dead last Thursday night with a gun shot wound in the breast, this afternoon returned a verdict of accidental death.

Insurance interest was manifested in the case, as Whyne carried life insurance policies aggregating \$390,000, and had applied for \$50,000 more. It is not known what steps the insurance companies will take. Several New York detectives are here. A part of \$390,000 insurance is incontestable.

BRITISH SHIP AGROUND. PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 20.—The British sloop of war Fantome, which was sent to command the entrance to the Orinoco, is hard aground near Barrancas, on the left bank of that river, and 120 miles southwest of Trinidad.

The Fantome left this port December 9th to command the Orinoco to open it to foreign vessels in spite of President Castro's proclamation blockade. News was not received of her until advice reached here today of her stranding near Barrancas. Assistance has been rendered her, but up to the present it has not been possible to float her.

Steamers will leave this afternoon with further assistance, and if their efforts fail the Fantome will probably remain aground for some months.

A TEMPESTUOUS VOYAGE. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The belated coal laden British tramp steamer Cairndon, arrived in port this afternoon from Swansea, after a most tempestuous voyage.

Captain Hawrych reported that he sailed from Swansea on November 19th with 3550 tons of anthracite coal, and never in his long experience at sea has he encountered such tempestuous weather in the north Atlantic as on this voyage.

The Cairndon ran into very bad weather on the night of November 23rd. The steamer labored heavily, shipping much water and much damage was done to the vessel.

The snow fall here to date exceeds what fell all of last winter, up in the mountains it is exceedingly deep. At the Foghorn mine there is ten feet of snow.

JAPS CANNOT REGISTER AS B. C. VOTERS

(Special to The Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 17.—The privy council have decided that Japs, whether naturalized or not, cannot register as voters in British Columbia. News was received today that it was so decided in the Tommey Homma case, which the province appealed from the late chief justice's decision, that the provincial legislature could not enact a provision which excludes Japs and Chinese, whether naturalized or not from lists. The case has been carried through all the courts and is now finally disposed of.

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO.

Has Been Purchased by the Western Coal Company. (Special to The Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18.—The New Vancouver Coal Company at Nanaimo has been purchased by the Western Coal Company of San Francisco, with a capital of \$1,500,000. Rosenfeld's Sons of San Francisco are the principals in the new enterprise, and the new company will increase the capacity of the mines at will.

MILNE AWARDED \$12,500

(Special to The Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 19.—Judge Martin has awarded Dr. Milne \$12,500 in the action he brought against McDonald, whom he accused with fraud in withholding his (Milne's) share of the V. V. & E. charter. The judge dismissed the charge of fraud. The case will be appealed.

THE HATCHERY AT LILLOOET

(Special to The Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 17.—There is some likelihood of a clash between the government of British Columbia and the Dominion government over the action of the local government in building a hatchery at Lillooet. Officials of the fisheries department say that the province is going beyond its jurisdiction in the matter, and that as soon as the province returns to Ottawa the matter will be taken up with British Columbia.

THE BYLAW PASSED.

Nelson Voted \$150,000 to Extend the Electric Light System. (Special to The Miner.) NELSON, B. C., Dec. 15.—The property owners of Nelson voted today on the electric light loan bylaw for \$150,000, the money to be used in putting in a power plant and extending the city's electric light system, on which \$75,000 has already been spent. The bylaw carried by 271 for to \$9 against.

ACTIVITY IN LOGGING.

(Fort Steele Prospector.) A number of logging camps have been established in the vicinity of Fort Steele, and the recent fall of snow has caused unusual activity in logging. Supplies were sent to the camp at Skookum Chuck Saturday. A large amount of timber is being cut at Wass.

On Cherry creek a camp has been established at Six-Mile a large force is at work. At Doyle's camp on the St. Mary's river there are some 35 men employed. A camp will be established on the Kootenay river near the Fenwick ranch. A Grez will cut logs upon his ranch at Fort Steele.

MORE EARTHQUAKES.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 20.—Three more earthquake shocks have been felt here. Dispatches from Cartago, 20 miles from here, say subterranean rumbling has been heard there.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

A. C. GALT, BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR, P. O. BUILDING, ROSSLAND, B. C. T. Mayne Daly, Q. C. G. R. Hamilton. Daly & Hamilton, Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries. Solicitors for the Bank of Montreal.

The B. C. Assay and Chemical Supply Company, Ltd., VANCOUVER, B. C. HEADQUARTERS FOR Assayers, Mining & Mill Supplies. Agents in British Columbia for Morgan Crucible Company, Battersea, England, F. W. Braum & Co.'s patent carbonyl furnaces, burners, etc., Wm. Allworth & Co.'s fine balances, the Kholo wickless oil stove, the Ralston new process Water Still, etc., etc.

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OUR LOW GRADE ORES. While mining in the Kootenays is seemingly at a standstill in some places much is being banked on the tests now being made at Silica in the treatment of ores. We already have every reasonable assurance that the process is a pronounced success, and it is proper to look at the subject in the light of coming events. It will be time to enthuse and throw up our hats when the mining men who are now making the tests make a definite announcement and commence the erection of works to treat ores by the new process.

The current issue of the Scientific American, which is devoted to Transportation on Land and Sea, contains an article by Mr. Waldon Fawcett, from which the following extracts have been taken: "The commercial chronicle of the United States records no more remarkable evolution than the development of transportation on the Great Lakes, extending as it does over little more than half a century, yet characterized by a series of radical innovations in the types of craft employed.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE GREAT LAKES.

"Unfortunately it has never been found possible to accurately measure the entire water-borne commerce of the Great Lakes, but the statistics compiled by the United States government officials at the Sault Ste. Marie canal—the water gateway connecting Lakes Huron and Superior, through which passes perhaps half of the commerce of the unsalted seas—indicate how rapid has been its growth. In the year 1881 the total amount of freight passing the Sault was 1,567,741 tons; in 1891 it was 3,838,759 tons; and in 1901, the last calendar year for which statistics are available, the aggregate was 28,406,065 tons.

"Passenger travel on the Great Lakes has also experienced remarkable growth. There are connecting lines of fast passenger steamers between the principal cities, such as Buffalo and Cleveland, Buffalo and Detroit, Cleveland and Detroit, and Chicago and Milwaukee, and also there are in service exclusively passenger steamers which make regular through trips between Buffalo and Chicago. The Sault Ste. Marie statistics, which recorded the passage through the canal during the season of 1901 of upward of 60,000 passengers, chronicle, of course, but a fraction of the whole passenger travel, and it is estimated that the passenger steamers of the vast inland waterway carry annually between a quarter of a million and one-third of a million of people.

"A most interesting phase of the development of transportation and kindred activities on the Great Lakes is found in the increasing attention given by the powerful steel vessel building interests of the interior to the construction of steamers designed for salt-water traffic or for both lake and ocean service. Vessels of this type are proving particularly profitable to their operators by reason of the fact that they may be transferred to the Atlantic coasting trade during the winter months, when navigation on the lakes is impossible.

"We look for a settlement of the whole matter in the near future. We were told yesterday morning that the bankers, merchants, agriculturists and other leading citizens of Caracas had held a public meeting and recommended to President Castro that full power be given the minister of the United States to carry out proper means to terminate the present conflict in the manner least prejudicial to the interests of Venezuela.

VENEZUELA BEFORE THE WORLD

Our telegraphic page is filled with the affairs of Venezuela these days, to the exclusion of nearly all other news. Great Britain, Germany, Italy, France and Belgium have presented claims to be paid that would stagger a larger country than Venezuela. As they all recognize the principle of the Monroe doctrine, that is, that neither has the right to make war for the purpose of acquiring American territory, but simply take measures to collect their claims, the incentive to prolong the war any longer than possible is not great.

"The Minister has heretofore pointed out the great benefits to be derived from the construction of this road, a fact patent to all our people, so that the official statement from the president of the Great Northern that the road will surely be built the coming season is all that is necessary to state at this time.

PROVINCIAL TAXATION OF MINES.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser has a lengthy and well considered article on mining taxation. It speaks of the clumsy and ill-advised methods now in vogue in the province, and the urgent necessity for a change. "The imposition of a mineral tax on the output of ore"—says the Vancouver paper—"less deductions from its value for freight and smelter charges—has been a failure in all respects. It has caused much dissatisfied among mine owners; aroused feelings of hostility and suspicion among possible investors and been a great disincentive to the government from the failure of the tax to realize anything like the amount that it was expected to produce.

AUSTRIA'S PRE-EMINENCE.

Certain sections of Austria may not furnish us with the most desirable class of immigrants, but there is no question regarding the pre-eminence of its capital in medical science. Vienna has been termed the Mecca of medicine, and there is no immediate danger of its losing the title so long

course the powers would make short work of the matter if the question of conquest was involved. As it is they simply seek to collect their claims and will then move on. The sooner this is accomplished, with the least expense and trouble, the better. The powers have been reasonable in their demands and patient in action up to this point, and it how largely depends on Venezuela to say how soon the matter shall end.

FEARS SPECULATIVE ELEMENT.

Professor Shortt of Queen's University, speaking at a meeting of the Canadian Club at Toronto, described conditions in Germany and the United States, holding that Great Britain is in no danger whatever from the former until she has revolutionized her social and political system, and has little to fear from the growth of the United States.

He then discussed the question as to whether or not Canada was likely to escape the next hard times period. The year 1903 should be precedent by a particularly hard year in this country. No crisis was in sight, however, and the building trades had orders booked for the whole of 1903. There seems, he said, quite a possibility of getting past the hard times period, if only speculators will give the industries a chance. Speculation in stocks, he pointed out, has no necessary connection with dividends, and trade may be paralyzed illegitimately when the country is really in a sound condition. The speculative element is the only danger of the future.

THE FULL BACKS.

One of the directors of the Milwaukee school board objects to the modern system of education and unburies himself in the following words: "Within a few years there has been injected into the curriculum of the colleges and universities of our country, our own included, a new study, based not on intellect, but upon muscle. So completely does this branch of modern high education overshadow all others that the titles of A. M. and LL. D. are in a fair way to be superseded by the title of F. B.—full back."

COLLECTING DEBTS.

The debt which is the immediate cause of all the Venezuelan trouble is said to amount to only \$35,000. If this is correct it might pay the nations involved to place it in the "suspense" column. They can derive little profit from the present campaign and apparently little glory. However, Great Britain has undoubtedly strong imperial reasons for the present action in joining with Germany in the collection business, and undoubtedly feels it would not be wise to create a precedent of being too easy with the ostentatious debtor. All the other South American states are borrowers from England, and as the temperament of their people is very similar to that of the Venezuelans, they might at some time feel inclined to impose upon the generosity of the British people. A sharp lesson to Venezuela will, undoubtedly, have a lasting effect upon her sister republics.

MR. HILL'S STATEMENT.

There will be much activity in road building during the coming season. We have heard a great deal about projected lines, most of which have strings attached in the shape of land and money bonuses, but aside from all proposed bonuses, railroads much work will be done by those who operate lines already constructed in extensions and improvements. The announcement made by James J. Hill that he will build from Curlew to Midway and on through the Similkameen valley, tapping the rich Okanagan country, will be read with much satisfaction. While Mr. Hill did not say so in so many words, it is idle to believe that the road will not be extended to the coast. That is really the objective point. No work contemplated of more value to this particular part of the province than the one above mentioned. And now that Mr. Hill has taken his official declaration it may be taken as tantamount that the road is the next thing to being built. If it had not been for the action of the "bonus-hunters in the past there is every reason to believe that the proposed road would have been well under construction ere this.

"The Engineering and Mining Journal of a recent date, contains an interesting account of lead smelting without fuel at Clichy, France, which has been a success. Some years ago experiments were made there in the production of white lead direct from ore, and a process accomplishing this is stated to have been produced and the owners are now securing patents in various countries, to protect the process. Apropos of lead mining, the interests of British Columbia engaged in this business are pressing the Dominion government very strongly for help in developing this industry, and an advance of duty has been suggested lately as the most practical form of aid which the operations require. With protective duties on dynamite and other articles of necessity to the mining industry, we see no inconsistency in extending adequate assistance to various branches of the industry itself.—Hall-fax Industrial Review.

Nothing more shows the growth of modern advancement than the statement that the Toronto Mall and Empire is preparing to install at the be-

productiveness of a tax on mining property, will not be secured by the present form of the mineral tax.

"While mining should be conducted on business principles, it is undeniable that the industry generally is carried on under risks or uncertainties to which scarcely any other line of industrial or commercial enterprise is subjected. The ablest or most experienced mining experts are liable to err in their opinion of a mineral deposit. Accident or unforeseen difficulties are much more frequent in mining than in other industries, with corresponding results in upsetting calculations. Efforts to overcome or minimize these, favorable conditions are continually being made. To add to these difficulties by imposing taxation in such a form that it is impossible to calculate its incidence with exactitude, can scarcely be in the interest of the industry or ultimately in that of the government collecting the tax. It is this uncertainty as to the actual rate of taxation to which a property may be subjected, and the unequal incidence of the tax in its present form, that cause the objection to it and the demand that some other method of taxation of mining property may be substituted for it.

"As we have said on previous occasions, that substitute must be found in a tax on the profits of a mine, not on the value of the output of ore as at the present time. There are circumstances that differentiate mining from manufacturing or commercial enterprises, and which should not be ignored when systems of taxation are under consideration. The change to a tax on profits would remove the objection felt by investors at the present tax. The drawback to the development of our minerals caused by the reluctance of investors on account of the tax, cannot be estimated by the revenue received from it. That the change to a tax on profits—even on a fairly high scale of percentage—might result in the loss of revenue for a year or two is quite possible, and, indeed, probable. But that fact instead of being an argument against the proposal, is one of the strongest that can be adduced against the present tax, since it would show how little return on their capital investors are receiving. But while the direct receipts from the tax might be lessened temporarily, we are convinced that indirectly the provincial revenue would immediately benefit from the encouragement given to the industry. More capital would be invested; more mines be worked and more men employed. There would be an enlarged demand for mining plant and machinery and supplies of all kinds. These things imply an increase in various items of provincial revenue that even from the provincial treasury point of view, would justify the change in the form of the mineral tax."

A TRUST THAT IS A TRUST.

The most up-to-date trust development in the United States, as a result of higher tariff protection, is the glass trust, says the Winnipeg Free Press. It is unique, in that the manufacturers have combined with their own workmen, under shelter of the tariff, to plunder the public and divide the spoils on an agreed basis. The duty is about 100 per cent ad valorem; that is the buyer of glass in the United States must pay two prices for every pane he buys. As for the labor end of the trust, we learn from the Knights of Labor Journal, November issue, that it is a combination of members of local Assembly No. 300 against all the other glass blowers in the United States. The membership of the Assembly is 2400. They do not allow anybody but themselves to engage in the trade except with their permission, and in no event without paying an initiation fee of several hundred dollars. So tyrannous and exasperating has this monopoly become that a bill is to be introduced in congress, under the auspices of the Knights of Labor, to put window glass on the free list. A copy of the bill is printed in the Journal. It is estimated that the putting of glass on the free list would save the users of glass in the United States over \$10,000,000 a year.

THE NELSON NEWS TAKES TOO SERIOUSLY.

The Nelson News takes too seriously what appeared in The Miner Tuesday morning about the banquet given Monday night, which was intended for a pleasure more than anything else. We can assure the News that The Miner has no desire or intention to stir up ill-will between the people of Rossland and the people of Nelson, and we fall to see how our remarks can be construed that way. On the contrary, if the editor of the News will refer to files of the paper he will see where The Miner has said many good things of Nelson and her people. We are neighbors and both should have a neighborly feeling.

"The Republic Standard says that the 'Rossland Miner is feeling particularly good over the fine future ahead of the 'golden city'. A smelter is now talked of, besides a mammoth concentrating plant. One easily recalls the early struggles of the camp when every mine was periodically declared a 'take' and every mining promotion was announced a 'job'. As Rossland passed through this trying period, so Republic is emerging from a similar period, considerably disfigured, but with a splendid future."

Never in the history of the country, north and south, east and west, has there been such a demand for holiday goods. In the large eastern cities and the Pacific Coast centers the report comes of merchants in all lines being taxed to their utmost to supply the demands. This is the result, of course, of the good times prevailing throughout the land during the past few years. It is pleasant to contemplate such things. Few will be without good cheer this Christmas.

EVERYTHING IS HUMMING AROUND.

Everything is humming around the Payne, the only mine working to any extent in the camp, and is mining principally on zinc ore, says the Sandon Mining Review. About 70 men are working at the mine and two shifts are employed at the mill. The concentrator is milking zinc extensively; sending out a couple of cars daily, or about 145 tons a week, besides a weekly shipment of about 25 tons of high grade silver and lead concentrates.

The Miner acknowledges the receipt of the Victoria Times of December 19. It contains much valuable and interesting reading. The new heading of the Times is quite attractive. The parliament buildings at Victoria are shown in bold relief, which, with the beautiful lettering, make a picture pleasing to look upon. We are glad to note the evident prosperity of our contemporary.

Efforts are being made, according to the Fort-Steale Prospector, to induce the provincial government to issue crown grants to all lease-holders of placer property. It has been shown to the government that many changes in the placer mining act are needed before companies will feel that they are fairly treated.

Canada's foreign trade for the five months ending with November shows an increase in the aggregate of over ten million dollars, compared with the same time last year. With an increase-

ginning of the new year a Scott's multiple perfecting press capable of printing 72,000 eight-page papers every hour. The press weighs 52 tons. To the person who has never seen one of these marvels of mechanism at work it is well worth going many miles to see. Next to the type-setting machine it comes to the nearest expression of human intelligence of any piece of machinery made. It would seem that we have reached the zenith of our growth in mechanical skill, but probably the inventor of the old hand press thought the same when he adopted the lever in place of the old screw.

W. S. Berglund, a gentleman well known in Trail, where he was chief draughtsman in the construction department of the C. P. R., is now first assistant engineer of the Empire State-Idaho M. & D. Co., with head offices in Spokane, owning valuable mining properties in the Coeur d'Alenes. Mr. Berglund is at present located near Kingston, Idaho, where he is surveying some of the company's mines. The other day he received a valuable gold watch from the management of the Empire State-Idaho as a Christmas offering, which shows the esteem in which he is held. His many friends herabouts will be pleased to hear of this.

THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE PARTIES IN THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

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Coal from the North Fork of the Kettle River is likely to be a factor in the near future. RATTLESNAKE HUNTER DEAD. He Hunted the Reptiles For Their Skins and Oil.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 22.—William Beams, the last and possibly the most famous of the rattlesnake hunters of this section of a quarter of a century ago, is dead, at his home in the Hemlocks, near Oneonta. Beams for many years made a business of hunting rattlesnakes upon the hill back of his late home, which in former days abounded with the great reptiles. The snakes were hunted for their skins and the oil which their bodies yielded. The oil was believed by many to possess exceptional medicinal value and still brings a large price in many quarters. It is believed to have curative powers in rheumatism and similar ailments.

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Whenever Hyman bought securities he left instructions that dividends were not to be sent to him, but that he would call for them. When he did call, he always insisted on having the two-cent stamps which the company saved by not having to write to him. Not long ago he was made one of the pensioners who assist in the services at the synagogue, receiving a small allowance. Rabbi Jacobs said Hyman was well versed in Hebrew law and liturgy. One of his last requests was that his remains be interred in Holy Blossom cemetery. Coroner A. J. Johnson issued a warrant for an inquest to be held on the body Friday afternoon. Dr. Norman Anderson will perform a post-mortem examination today.

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PRESIDENT MAY ACCEPT AS ARBITRATOR

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The president has not accepted the position of arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy. In fact, when the official day closed he had not received, formally nor officially, a request from the European powers that he act as arbitrator of the dispute.

It is the hope of the president and his advisers, however, that while there is a precedent for his acceptance of the post of arbitrator the powers will consent to a reference of the controversy of the matters in the Venezuelan question to the tribunal at The Hague.

While it is recognized by the president's closest advisers and by the president himself, that some unpleasant probabilities might attend his performance of the duties of arbitrator of the pending Venezuelan difficulty, his friends assert that he will shrink no responsibility that he may deem it his duty to undertake, but will accept if the powers should insist on it, although he is very reluctant to do so.

CROWN PRINCESS OF SAXONY. Fled From Her Home — Whereabouts Unknown.

DRESDEN, Saxony, Dec. 22.—The crown princess of Saxony fled from her home on the night of December 11th. The Dresden Journal today says:

"The princess, in a state of intense mental excitement, suddenly deserted her family at Salesburg and went abroad. The Saxony court functions for the winter, including the New Year's reception, have been cancelled."

The foregoing paragraph in today's official journal, which was inserted by order of the crown prince, has turned into truth what for several days past has been regarded as an incredible tale.

The crown princess, surrounded by her ladies in waiting and numerous attendants and servants of the royal household, has vanished so utterly that the police of every kingdom of Europe have for ten days been unable to trace her.

The official announcement was made in order to obtain the aid of the general public in finding the princess, and because the court function that she prefers to remain in retirement, at Salesburg rather than to return to her husband and children at Dresden cannot longer be maintained.

BLOCKADE PREJUDICIAL TO AMERICANS

CARACAS, Dec. 22.—The blockade is proving prejudicial to American trade. Fifteen importing houses in Caracas have stopped placing orders in the United States.

It is estimated that the food supply in Caracas will not last much more than a fortnight.

CARACAS, Dec. 22.—The Venezuelan gunboat Miranda, the best vessel in the fleet, is still successful in evading German pursuit. She is now in the most southern part of Lake Maracaibo, near Lecobia and beyond the reach of the allies.

The German cruiser Falke made an attempt to cross the bar without a pilot, but desisted in view of the danger. She is now cruising outside the bar.

REVOLUTIONISTS ON ACRE RIVER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Senator Jorge E. Zalles, the charge d'affaires of the Bolivian legation in Washington, today received from the legation of that country in London a dispatch announcing that Nicolas Suarez, who is at the head of a force of men, had defeated the revolutionists at Bahia and Nazareth on the Acre river.

The dispatch also said that Suarez is advancing triumphantly toward Port Alonzo. The Acre country is that portion of Bolivia which was granted as a concession to an Anglo-American syndicate and is rich in rubber production.

The revolutionists have sought to make an independent republic of it, with a view, it is said, ultimately to secure annexation to Brazil.

A QUEER BARGAIN. One Brother Sells His Wife to Another Brother for a Watch.

COBURG, Ont., Dec. 22.—Mrs. George A. Reynolds is under arrest here charged with bigamy, and her brother-in-law, Walter Reynolds, is also in custody under charge of inciting her to commit bigamy.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE POPE

ROME, Dec. 23.—There was a picturesque gathering in the pope's private library at noon today when all the cardinals, living in Rome gathered there to present the pope with their Christmas greetings.

All the visitors were gorgeously robed. A remarkable fact was that, with the exception of Cardinal Sanstefano and Cardinal Pareochi, all the assembled prelates appeared to be exceptionally well animated and full of plans for the future.

The pope spoke at some length in reply and expressed keen sorrow at the fact that his jubilee year was embittered by painful events, referring evidently to the divorce bill. The pontiff, in this connection, remarked:

"What they want is the fall of Christian order and the reconstitution of the states on the basis of pagan naturalism."

The pope pleaded for the spread of Christian democracy, "on the lines preached by the church to oppose the seditious socialistic democracy, which acknowledges no God."

After receiving the apostolic benediction the cardinals withdrew.

SCHWAB'S GIFT TO THE POOR. The Steel Trust's Head Orders Christmas Money to Be Distributed.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 22.—Oliver Wren, C. M. Schwab's private secretary, arrived yesterday in Braddock from New York. Wren called on Justice of the Peace L. F. Holtzman and told him Mr. Schwab desired to distribute a fund among the worthy poor of Braddock on Christmas. Wren also visited Homestead and told the same to Burgess J. Clyde Miller. There will be a meeting of all the pastors of Braddock and the burgesses of both places to ascertain who shall participate in Mr. Schwab's gift.

The amount to be given is not known. Wren said he received a letter from Mr. Schwab three days ago and Mr. Schwab wrote that he was in splendid health.

AMERICAN CAPITAL. Five Hundred Millions of Dollars in Gold Invested in Mexico.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Five hundred million dollars in gold is the amount of American capital invested in Mexico by 117 American companies, firms and individuals, according to estimates carefully prepared by Consul General A. D. Barlow of Mexico City.

PRESIDENT ASKED TO ARBITRATE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The formal proposals of Great Britain and Germany that President Roosevelt arbitrate the Venezuelan dispute were not at hand when the cabinet met today, but it is stated they will reach Washington within a day or two.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the president to decline the invitations to act as arbitrator. This comes from newspapers, from public men throughout the country, and from senators and representatives in Washington.

Senator Cullom, of the senate committee on foreign relations called at the state department today with a bundle of telegrams from prominent men in Illinois, all protesting energetically.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—An important and lengthy communication, dealing with the British views of the arbitration of the Venezuelan dispute, was made by Foreign Secretary Lansdowne to the United States charge d'affaires, Mr. White, this evening. It was transmitted immediately to Washington.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Lord Lansdowne's communication contains no final decision, further than a lengthy statement of what is expected by Great Britain.

Notifications have been received at the foreign office here from Germany and Italy that the announcements of their blockade of the Venezuelan coast have been gazetted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Great Britain's response to the president's suggestion that the issues involved in the Venezuelan troubles be referred to The Hague tribunal had not been received in Washington up to 9 o'clock tonight. It is expected the first thing tomorrow morning. The delay in transmitting the reply, which is presumably quite long, no doubt being due to its reduction to cipher.

THE WASHINGTON CABINET. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The meeting of the cabinet was prolonged to more than two hours.

Who was out of the city. Secretary Hay brought to the meeting practically nothing relating to the Venezuelan situation. No response has been received to the president's original suggestion to the powers, that they consent to refer the Venezuelan controversy to the arbitration of The Hague Tribunal, and no formal request had been received that the president is to act as arbitrator of the difficulty.

That such a request would be received formally and officially is now practically assured. It is known that the president and all members of his cabinet at first preferred that the whole question should be referred to The Hague Tribunal. It is understood that the president's plan, if he determines to arbitrate, contemplates the appointment of a board of arbitrators. He will not confine this important undertaking to any one man, nor does he feel able himself to share the vast amount of time necessary for the examination in detail of each of the many claims that would be presented against Venezuela.

GRANBY'S TROUBLES ARE OVER

PHOENIX, B. C., Dec. 23.—The Granby smelter seems to have had a run of hard luck in getting its two additional furnaces at work. First, for months coke was short, then there was not sufficient water power. When Cascade power became available about two weeks since all trouble was thought to be at an end, but after a few days' run the accident happened at Cascade that tied things up.

Last week Thursday repairs had been made and again four furnaces were put in blast and shipments of 1500 tons of ore per day were begun from the company's mines in this camp. In less than 24 hours, however, a transformer and a motor or two were burned out at the smelter, and shipments were reduced to the two-furnace rate at once.

The last damage is not so serious, however, as reported, and as repairs have been completed by taking down a transformer from Phoenix the entire plant will once more be blown in tomorrow and fifty cars of ore daily sent out from the mines here.

The officials of the smelter now hope that troubles incident to the inauguration of the new \$500,000 plant of the Cascade Water & Light company are finally over, and that a long run at the smelter will be the result. This will mean the employment of 200 additional men at the company's mines here.

unsympathetic where they are required to deal with such an essentially American subject as the Monroe doctrine. It is true that on its face the arbitration proposition contains nothing that indicates that this doctrine is to be attacked, but so complex and numerous are the questions that will come before the arbitration that it is apprehended here that the famous doctrine can scarcely be kept from consideration.

Another reason that animates the cabinet officers in their inclination toward their acceptance is their conviction that an inordinate length of time would be consumed if the issue is taken before The Hague Tribunal. The machinery is sufficient, but ponderous and difficult to put in motion.

First, there must be arranged a basis of arbitration. The arbitrators must be selected by the parties to the case, and these in turn must choose an umpire, and while this is going on the blockade would continue with its ever present danger of active hostilities and all attempts at arbitration. On the other hand, if the president undertakes the settlement he can get rid of all red tape and start the work within a few days.

WILL MINE FOR ZINC ORE ONLY

(Special to The Miner.) The Lucky Jim mine will be started up in a few days by some Kaslo and Whitewater people on zinc ore only. The lead ore will be left in the mine for the present. The lessees expect to ship to Europe and are now negotiating for freight rates.

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The princess's brother, the Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, is said to be with her, but nothing can be ascertained as to her whereabouts.

It is officially explained that the princess's disappearance is due to mental derangement. There is little doubt, however, that it was caused by domestic discord growing out of her husband's relations with an actress of the Dresden court theatre. It is stated here that the princess frequently threatened flight on this account, and that she was incensed at her father, the Grand Duke of Tuscany, for counselling her to forgive her husband. She is said to be "envenomed." It is rumored here tonight that the princess was accompanied by the French tutor of her children.

ITALY'S MINISTER RETURNING. ROME, Dec. 23.—Signor DeRiva, Italian minister to Venezuela, is returning to Italy.

GENREAL SANTOS WELCOMED

Large Crowd Gathered to Get a Glimpse of Herrera.

COLON, Dec. 22.—Benjamin Herrera, a former commander of the revolutionary forces in Colombia, arrived here this morning from Panama to welcome Gen. Vegas Santos (late military director of the revolution), who arrived here from San Jose, Costa Rica, aboard the steamer Labrador. Vegas Santos is bound for Savannah, whence he will proceed to his home in the department of Santander.

A large crowd gathered at the station to catch a glimpse of General Herrera. He is of small stature and of unassuming manner. He received a cordial welcome from the prominent liberals.

LEGAL QUESTION DECIDED. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The question of the effect of a murder on a life insurance policy which was issued upon the life of a murderer was today passed upon by the United States supreme court. The court affirmed the decision of the court of appeals, holding the policy invalid, on the ground that to sanction of payment under the circumstances would be contrary to public policy.

A FARMER BURNED TO DEATH. OAKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 22.—Henry Baker, a farmer who lived several miles from here, was burned to death Saturday night, his charred remains having been found in the ruins of his barn, which was destroyed by fire. How the accident occurred cannot be surmised, as the deceased lived alone.

FIRE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A fire that started from an unknown cause tonight in the piano factory of Ernest Gabler & Brothers did damage estimated at \$500,000. The tenants were driven from their adjoining tenement houses, and a panic ensued among the inmates of the New York Trunk School, directly in the rear of the factory.

The forty-four boys in the school were removed to a place of safety. A watchman was somewhat burned and a passerby was struck by a falling cornice and sustained a fracture of the skull.

NORTH VICTORIA BYE-ELECTION

(Special to The Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 23.—The first bye-election of the Prior government was held today in North Victoria. The only constituency heard from on Vancouver island north of Saanich gave Patterson, opposition, 61, and Robertson, government, 46. Saanich is Patterson's stronghold, hence it is likely the election will be close. Returns from the island precincts are expected per steamer Uman about midnight.

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DR. ADOLPH LORENZ. Held a Clinic at the Children's Hospital in Boston.

AGED COUPLE MURDERED

ALMIRA, Wash., Dec. 22.—Judge Lewis and his wife, an aged couple, have been found murdered in their home on a lonely road six miles south of here. The motive was robbery, as the safe in which Lewis was known to have kept a large sum of money had been broken into and emptied. They had been killed with an axe, which was found nearby. There is no clue to the murderer.

QUARANTINE RAISED. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The quarantine against Connecticut on account of the epidemic of the foot and mouth disease in New England was formally removed today by an order issued by Secretary Wilson. The order takes immediate effect and permits cattle, sheep or other live stock to be shipped out of the state without restriction, the disease being stamped out.

ORDER OF CINCINNATI. President Loubet of France Elected to Membership.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Colonel Asa Bird Gardner, secretary-general of the Society of the Order of Cincinnati, has received from President Loubet in acceptance of membership in the order. The president said it was doubly agreeable as a souvenir of the glorious alliance of arms which united two nations in the war of the American revolution, and as a new and particular testimony of the bonds of friendship which have never ceased to exist between France and the United States.

SCHOONER IN DISTRESS. SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Dec. 22.—The schooner R. A. Plummer, 24 days from Gray's Harbor, lumber laden, for South America, has just arrived in port. During a storm several of the men were washed overboard, and one D. Baker was drowned. The captain and three men are the only active members left on board.

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TO BUSINESS AT LAST

Silver-Lead Mine Managers Have Tackled Lead Problem With Energy--Delegation En Route to Ottawa at Present Moment.

The silver-lead miners of the Slocan have at last taken united action in the matter of presenting their claims for assistance to the federal government. Much to the surprise of all, action in this direction was deferred month after month until it seemed to outsiders that the men who were to be benefited were indifferent to the situation. Possibly there was a method in this policy, but at all events when the silver-lead men really approached the subject they manifested a most creditable measure of energy. Not only was a resolution passed setting forth their requirements, but a delegation was appointed to visit Ottawa, in company with William A. Gallier, M. P., there to place before the administration the facts and statistics relating to the industry. The delegation is already on its way east, and the success of its mission will be awaited with interest.

The resolution passed by the silver-lead miners was as follows: "1. Whereas, the silver-lead industry of British Columbia, notwithstanding the usual richness of the ore, the proved continuity of the veins, and the favorable natural conditions of mining in the province, is, and for some time has been, in a declining condition, which, if not accelerated, will end in total stagnation. And

"2. Whereas, the lead mining camps of the United States, and particularly those in the adjoining state of Idaho, are, and for years have been, enjoying great prosperity, due to a protective tariff concerning the home market. And

"3. Whereas, the silver-lead mining industry has been for some years of national importance, and, unless allowed to decline, will speedily attain to a much greater degree of importance, benefiting by its increased expenditures the trade and advancement of both Eastern and Western Canada. And

"4. Whereas, our domestic market for the manufactured products of lead is chiefly supplied from the products of ores mined in Mexico and Europe; where the labor cost of production is much lower than in this country; a condition of affairs permitted by the wholly inadequate protection afforded by the existing tariff, while the prices of white lead, lead pipe, sheet lead and shot, in the Dominion of Canada, are approximately equal to the prices charged for the same commodities in the United States, all to the detriment of the producers, consumers, and transporters of title or no protection is afforded to the lead in this country. And

"5. Whereas, under the existing tariff, lead producing industries, whilst adequate protection is afforded to all other industries of equal importance, known to us. And

"6. Whereas, these conditions result in the exportation of a preponderance of our crude ore and bullion, the former to American smelters and the latter to the markets of the world; there to enter into competition with the products of cheap European and Mexican labor, and the surplus product of the protected lead industry of the United States.

"7. Therefore, we, the silver-lead miners of the East and West Kootenay districts of British Columbia in convention assembled do hereby recommend and respectfully urge the enactment of a tariff act which will afford ample protection to the producers, manufacturers and consumers of lead thereby creating and fostering a new and expansive home industry calculated to benefit all classes by the stimulation of natural trade and commerce.

"Having in view the interests of the producers, manufacturers and consumers of lead, we would recommend a duty equal to that imposed by the United States. Viz: "On lead in ores, 1 1/2 cents per pound.

"On lead in bullion, pigs, bars, and old lead, 2 1/8 cents per pound.

"On lead in sheets, pipe, shot, etc., 2 1/2 cents per pound.

"On white lead, etc., 2 7/8 cents per pound.

"On all other products of lead as provided in the Dingley Tariff Act of July 24, 1897.

"Provided always that if at any time it shall be proved that a combination has been formed for the purpose of unduly increasing the charges made for smelting lead ores produced in Canada, or for refining or making lead bullion, or if the charge for smelting and refining in Canada is proved exorbitant, then the governor-general-in-council may at his discretion permit the admission into Canada of lead bullion smelted and refined, or smelted or refined in foreign countries, from Canadian lead ores, upon payment of an ad valorem duty of 15 per cent upon the cost of such smelting and refining."

The Sandon convention was certainly representative, as will be seen from the appended list of mines represented. Of course, the nature of the vote on the resolution is not given. The lead men in attendance were:

Mine	Manager
Ruth mine	Geo. Alexander
North Star	J. L. Parker
Cork mine	P. J. Maris
Florida mine	P. J. Maris
Ivanhoe	P. J. Hickey
Reo.	J. M. Harris
R. E. Lee	A. J. Alexander
Payne Con. M. & Co.	A. C. Garde
St. Keverne	A. C. Garde
Krao Ainsworth	A. D. Wheeler
Whitewater	A. D. Wheeler
Pontiac	C. F. Caldwell
Stranger	P. V. Molson
Molly Gibson	Bruce White
Red Fox	G. H. Aylard
Kimisky	A. B. Fletcher
Monitor	M. S. Gintzburger
Vancouver	R. W. Rathburne
Slocan Star	Byron N. White
Rambler Cariboo	W. E. Zwicky
Ainsworth	H. Giegrien
Province	H. Giegrien
Wakenfield	C. T. Cross
Hewitt	C. T. Cross
Vancouver and B. C. General Explo-	
ration Co.	C. T. Cross
American Boy	Thomas McGuigan
Antoine	J. James Anderson
Copper Cliff Group	N. J. Cavanaugh
Comstock	Wm. Hunter
Great Western	D. G. Forbes
Silver Cup	D. G. Forbes
Traine	D. G. Forbes
Metropolitan	J. A. McCrossen
Queen Bess	W. G. Scott
Bozun	W. H. Sandiford
North Western Mining Syndicate	
Idaho	W. H. Sandiford
Hartney	C. S. Jenkins
Mercury	W. S. Drewery
Home Rule	H. Moran
Thunder Hill	T. H. Moran
Washington	J. L. Retallack
Soho	J. S. C. Ryan
Enterprise	J. S. C. Fowler
St. Eugene	Jas. Cronin
Goodenough	John Keen
Slocan Reciprocity	John Keen
Home Rule	John Keen
Last Chance	L. E. French
Slocan Sovereign	Geo. F. Ransom
Blue Bird	Geo. D. Potter
Windermere	R. R. Bruce

OF TO OTTAWA.

The delegation which has gone to Ottawa to present the convention's claims includes Byron N. White of Sandon, George Hughes of Alamo, George Alexander of Kaslo, James Cronin of Moyie and S. S. Fowler of Nelson. These men should make as strong a presentation of the lead industry's case as can be expected.

Did Its Very Best Under the Circumstances

Fire badly damaged John Jacob's shack on Columbia avenue west yesterday morning. The occupant, who is familiarly known as "Jakey" was asleep in his domicile, but was aroused in time to save such of his possessions as were threatened. The fire caught from a defective chimney flue. An amusing incident transpired in connection with the alarm. One of the teams was out for exercise when the big bell boomed out, and the animals were immediately headed for the fire. As the horses were galloping at top speed toward the station, the leading strap that held them together broke, releasing the team together. The intelligent equine never swerved from his course, but bolted straight for the hall and for the door on the side of the building where his wagon stands. Of course the door had not been opened,

Decision Rendered in Long-Standing Case

His Honor Judge Forin has given judgment in the appeal from the small debts court in the matter of Thomas vs. Burns, an action that has dragged its way through various minor courts for some months and elicited more than ordinary interest among the local legal fraternity. The matter just decided having been an appeal from the small debts court there is no further recourse, and the case will probably reach an end via further proceedings in another chapter of the issue in the small debts court.

The judgment filed yesterday by His Honor was as follows: "I was prepared to give judgment at the trial of the case in this city, but in deference to the statement of the counsel for the respondent that he could produce authorities to show that he had a right to proceed against individual assets of one of the partners before having first proceeded against the firm's assets, I reserved judgment. I was surprised at the statement of the counsel for the respondent that

The Grand Vocal Concert Given Last Night

The opera house was filled to the doors last night on the occasion of the concert given by the Church of the Sacred Heart. No event of the season was more thoroughly appreciated. The program was musical throughout, with one exception, and the music was all classical. Mrs. Fitz-Patrick wielded the baton, and the chorus of nearly 50 voices was under perfect command.

The concert opened with Gloria in Excelsis Deo, from Farmer's mass in B flat. It was a perfect rendition of a difficult piece of music—one of the masterpieces of musical composition—and one that the people of this city have not had the opportunity to listen to often. The ladies and gentlemen who appeared on the stage last night have been practicing several weeks, and they showed that the time had not been mis-spent. During the rendition of this piece a duet was introduced by Miss Katie Purcell and Joseph Thoms that was greatly enjoyed.

The next on the program was a piano solo by Miss Cyprine Le Blanc, a little miss not more than 10 years of age, and right well she handled the keys.

The soprano solo, "Sing, Birdie, Sing," by another little miss, Miss Rose O'Hearn, showed a voice of great sweetness and under perfect control for one so young.

A violin solo, "Storm Legion," by Mrs. Harry Patten, was another gem of the evening. As an encore she played the "Last Rose of Summer," and the music that came from the "king of instruments" filled the large room with the softest melody.

A vocal duet, "Venetian Boat Song," by Mrs. Melnes and Miss Hatfield, closed this part of the program.

The curtain was lowered and when it was raised again the audience saw the large chorus grouped once more for the rendition of Leonard's Mass in B flat—Kyrie, Gloria Credo, Sanctus, Ag-

A Big Pay Roll at Bonnington Falls

The West Kootenay Power & Light company is making excellent progress with the work at the Bonnington Falls power house, and the result of the operations to date is noticeable. The lamps in good order are used. In the course of the next few days the lights should be at the standard, being allowed up to the registered candlepower now.

The company is expending from \$2800 to \$3000 per month in wages at Bonnington, and a wing dam now being constructed will further increase their outlay.

The statement is made that the canal leading from the river to the turbine pits contained no less than seven feet of debris, which had gathered there in the past four or five years. In places the boulders had gathered into ridges, which very seriously restrict the flow of water and have caused the present

FAMILY GETS NOTHING

Jury's Verdict in Action Against Le Roi No. 2 Is Set Aside on Points of Law--Judge Expresses Sincere Sympathy.

The verdict for \$5000 damages against the Le Roi No. 2 Mining Company in favor of the Hoskins family has been set aside by Mr. Justice Martin. The court took the position that the verdict could not stand under the law, and in accordance with his decision on this point set aside the jury's finding, ordered judgment for the defendant mining company with costs, thus disposing of the matter. It is understood that an appeal will be entered, and that the next hearing of the case will be before the full court at Victoria on January 6.

The case is of considerable local interest, and the details will be followed with more than usual attention.

On the completion of the evidence and addresses by counsel, the court drafted a series of questions for the jury to consider. The questions submitted by the court and the answers thereto by the jury, were as follows:

"1. Have the defendants, or their servants, done anything which persons of ordinary care and skill under the circumstances would not have done, or have they or their servants omitted to do anything which persons of ordinary care and skill under the circumstances would have done?"

"Answer—Yes.

"2. If yes, what was it?"

"Answer—Failure of the defendant company to provide proper and accurate working plans of the Annie shaft, showing the distance between the roof of the 300-foot level and the bottom of the Annie shaft.

"3. Have the defendants or their servants by such act of commission or omission caused injury to the plaintiff?"

"Answer—Yes.

"4. If you find in answering the first question that the company or its servants were guilty of any act or omission, who was or were the person or persons, if any, who did such act or

Notes of Interest in Local Fraternal Circles

The week past has been an eventful one in local fraternal circles. Most of the lodges have had a fair amount of business transacted outside of the regular routine matter that comes up each week. A couple of the ladies' lodge gave dances and other lodges held election of officers or started to prepare for the time when the present officers step aside to give place to the newly elected officers.

This week has been a busy one with the members of the Sons of St. George. Tonight the order holds a regular meeting to listen to the reports of the various committees appointed to look into the project of floating a public library in this city for the use of the citizens of Rossland. Among the reports that will come up, is one on the proposition of securing the books to fill the shelves long left vacant at the library rooms at the fire hall. Books, according to some members of the order, will be secured, some by donations of prominent citizens, others by setting aside a certain sum for purchasing them. During the week the order has had men working in the library rooms over the fire hall, where the order will meet in the future, putting in the necessary fixtures, etc. The work of putting in the fixtures has not progressed far as yet, but the members think they will have everything arranged within a comparatively short time.

Two very enjoyable dances were given during the week by two well known fraternal organizations, namely the Rathbone Sisters and the Order of the East-ern Star. Both dances were well attended and were ably directed by the committees in charge. The dance given by the Rathbone Sisters was the second annual one given by that society in this city.

The branch of that well known society, the Young Men's Institute, in this city has doubled in point of membership since its organization. The society has been vexed during the year over the choice of a hall to hold their meetings, the present hall not proving satisfactory. A couple of months ago, the society, finding that nearly all the halls in the city where the other fraternal organizations hold their meetings, were a trifle too large for their purpose, secured the hall over the Maple Leaf on Columbia avenue. The hall is small, but cozy and just fitted the needs of the organization. The society will hold a meeting at their hall next Monday evening to nominate officers for the ensuing term. The election of officers will not take place until the Monday following.

The Rossland Lodge, No. 26, Independent Order of Oddfellows, is reported to be in an extremely flourishing condition and taking in new members constantly. At the next meeting of the Oddfellows Monday, the subject of having a joint installation of officers of the Rossland and Trail lodges will be brought up. Many members of the Rossland lodge think it would be a good idea to arrange for a joint installation, but if Trail wishes to have a separate installation, the Rossland lodge will have to hold a double installation, one at Trail and one at Rossland.

HOCKING VS. LE ROI NO. 2

In the reports of the case in which Mr. Justice Martin refused to enter the verdict of the jury, but, instead, ordered judgment for the defendant company, an injustice has been done Mr. J. M. Turnbull, well known in Rossland and vicinity, and who is now engaged with the Canadian Smelting Works at Trail, as chemical and engineer.

It was shown in the evidence that Messrs. R. H. Stewart and J. M. Turnbull had been in the company's employ as surveyor and engineer, and that both were thoroughly competent and efficient officials. It appeared that the absence of a vertical projection of the Annie shaft misled the management, who, without particular inquiry, accepted a statement in an old report of the estimated distance between the bottom of the Annie shaft and the 300 foot level of the Josie. From the verdict of the jury it has been seen that the entire blame for this has been laid upon the shoulders of the company. It was, indeed, this very finding, together with the jury's pronouncement that the failure to provide proper working plans was the company's fault that led Mr. E. P. Davis, K. C., to move for judgment in defendant's favor, as all these findings were common law findings and could not make the company liable under the Employer's Liability Act.

The jury at no time said that either Mr. Stewart or Mr. Turnbull was at all to blame. As a matter of fact Mr. Turnbull was not in the company's employ for a year previous to the Hocking accident.

Following the decision in Woods vs. C. P. R., 30 Sup. Canada 119, the judge gave judgment for defendants, the case will be appealed to the full court.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. (Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.)

FIERCE STORM

After Raging With For 36 Hours in the morning, Colorado, N. Sas--Railway Traffic

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 20.—After raging with relentless fury for 36 hours the blizzard subsided early today. The wind continues to blow, however, and the snow is drifting heavily. The Union Pacific is snow-bound between Cheyenne and Sydney, where several passenger and mail trains are tied up. From Cheyenne west the road is open, but trains are running far behind schedule time and it is necessary to run rotary plows ahead of each train. Nothing has been heard from the Centennial stage, which started out from Laramie yesterday morning. The driver is an experienced plainsman, however, and it is believed he has stopped at some ranch.

Conservative stock men say this is one of the worst storms for the stock interests that has prevailed in this section in many years. There have been no reports of lives or stock lost but it is too early yet to hear from the outlying districts.

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Want Saloons Raised

A thousand dollars per annum, payable strictly in advance, looks like a rather steep figure for a liquor license in Rossland, but it is strongly advocated by several leading saloon men, and their arguments in favor of the movement are backed up by plausible reasons.

It is maintained that under the present regulations, whereby the applicant for a license may obtain one for the asking and upon payment of a quarter's fees, has resulted in the establishment of twice as many saloons as the town can afford with any margin of profit for the people in the business. The circumstances are such, however, that every one in the trade is hanging on and waiting for brisker times in the hope of reaping a profit from that branch of their business.

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Wrestling Mat For C

That this Christmas will not be allowed to roll by without attempting to arrange something in a sporting way is now an assured fact. Everything in the way of sports during the past year and a half and now there is more than a half chance of such an event being pulled off.

A short time ago there arrived in the city John Tippett, from Cornwall, England, who comes here as a wrestler of no mean merit in the old country. Tippett is said to be the second prize man of England in a wrestling way, having won that honor at numerous wrestling competitions there. He is now working in the War Eagle mine, and it was on that understanding that a match with another man was talked of.

Billy Dunstan, a miner in the Centre Star, is the one that has been picked out as Tippett's opponent. The contest has, therefore, assumed the aspect of a War Eagle mine vs. Centre Star. Dunstan is a Cornishman who has been in the United States for some time, his

B. C. Mining M

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"The tax is levied upon the gross output of the mines, after deductions have been allowed for freight and treatment. Most of the mining men feel that in the earlier stages of the mining industry, taxation of this kind should not be imposed, but if it is felt necessary by the government to levy a tax somewhat upon these lines, the tax should certainly be levied upon profits—upon dividends declared—and not upon the gross output of the mines. The tax as levied today bears much more heavily upon the low grade mines than upon the high grade ore. When in Victoria about a month since, I had interviews with members of the government, who gave me to understand that they favored meeting the views of the mine owners, who are anxious to have this tax removed or readjusted. It must not be supposed that because mine owners object to this particular tax, that they are anxious to evade all taxation, for as a matter of fact those who are resident in the mining districts pay a large proportion—nearly one-third—of the total

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The blizzard was general throughout eastern Colorado and Wyoming and western Nebraska and Kansas.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 20.—The worst snow blockade for years is being experienced on the lines of the Burlington & Elkhorn in the western part of Nebraska.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 20.—A blizzard has been raging for 24 hours and railroads are either blocked or badly delayed.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Dec. 20.—Yesterday's blizzard was the worst ever known here. It is believed that considerable loss of life will result.

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money. A section of the people in the business strongly advocate a revision of the license regulations whereby an annual fee will be placed at \$1000, which amount shall be payable strictly in advance.

Saloon people claim that their business is entirely overdone, and that there will be no opportunity to turn over a profit for years to come unless some steps are taken to reduce the number of license-holders.

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A meeting of the two men will be held shortly, when the final arrangements for the match will be completed along with the drawing up of an agreement between the two men relative to the manner of the wrestling, etc.

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taxation of the province of British Columbia. Some of this money comes back into the mining districts, and is spent in opening up roads, in building bridges, and in other ways.

For some time past there have been rumors of an impending amalgamation between the Le Roi and Le Roi No. 2 companies, continues the publication, and even the terms of the amalgamation have been suggested in certain unofficial quarters, but, as readers are aware, all official cognizance of the matter has been denied.

HELSCHER SHOT HIS SWEETHEART

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 19.—Miss Voltairine Leclyre, a noted anarchist and a teacher of languages, was today shot and mortally wounded by Herman Helseher, a former pupil, who is in custody.

Love affairs is said to be the cause of the deed. When arrested Helseher's only explanation was: "We were sweethearts, she and I. She broke my heart, and deserved to be killed."

Miss Leclyre is 38 years old, and her assailant is 35. The shooting occurred on the street in broad daylight and was witnessed by a score of people.

Many men today working on new processes of concentration that I have not the least doubt that before long some satisfactory method will be found for treating the great, low grade ore bodies of the camp.

In regard to the Boundary? are some conditions there, as you know, are somewhat different from Rossland, and the outlook is altogether encouraging.

Has the Snowshoe company decided to erect its own smelter? "The matter is under consideration, but nothing definite is yet settled."

Mr. McMillan concluded the interview by regretting the present unsatisfactory condition in the B. C. market in London, but he expressed the hope that it would not be long before confidence will be once more restored.

ASK PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO ARBITRATE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt has proposed to the allied powers that the Venezuelan dispute be submitted to arbitration at The Hague tribunal.

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COAL FAMINE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Convinced that something must be done to end the coal famine, Mayor Low has sent letters to officials of the different coal carrying roads asking for facts concerning the situation.

NO DONATIONS TO RAILWAYS

WINNIPEG, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade today a resolution was introduced urging upon the Dominion government and parliament that no money donation or bond guarantee be granted by parliament to the Grand Trunk Pacific or the Canadian Northern railway for extensions of railways in the west.

THE CANAL QUESTION UP AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—After a session of less than three hours, the senate today adjourned until January 5 next. Today's session was largely given up to an address by Senator Morgan upon the question of the construction of an isthmian canal.

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REPORT

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Wholesale trade is quieting down as the stock-taking season approaches, and what activity is noted by jobbers is in forwarding supplies of goods needed to reinforce stocks of retailers, depleted by what is conceded to be the most active holiday trade on record.

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BLOCKADE'S BEEN DECLARED

Venezuela's Intercourse With the Outside World Will Be Restricted After Dec. 25th Until She Makes an Effort to Pay Her Indebtedness

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Rossland Scenes For English Lectures

Before the close of the present winter a magnificent series of views of Rossland will be thrown on canvas throughout the United Kingdom.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Frederick DeLitzsch, who occupies the Assyriological chair in Berlin university, intends to employ the results of his recent researches in Babylonian in two lectures to be delivered before Emperor William, the first showing the Babylonian origin of the new testament ideas, and the second demonstrating the Babylonian conceptions in Jesus' view of life.

INDICTED FOR FORGERY. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 20.—The grand jury today indicted Justice of the Peace Truman, E. A. Maxfield, his clerk, and former Constable Becht, on charges of forgery.

RAPIDAN, Va., Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt and his family are tonight the guests of Joseph Wilmer, who resides in a beautiful old colonial mansion about two miles from Rapidan station. The special train bearing the president and his party arrived here this afternoon.

close of the official day, as disclosed at the state department, was that the powers were waiting for an answer from the president to their proposal that he himself undertake to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty.

The president's answer can only be guessed at, for the officials decline to express any opinion of their own. However, it is believed to be a fact that the city's naval forces of the ports of La Guaira, Caracas, Guant, Cumana and Carupano, and the mouths of the Orinoco, is declared, and such blockade will be effectively maintained from January 1st to the 20th of December, subject to the allowance of the following days of grace for vessels sailing before the date of this notification from West India ports and ports on the east coast of the continent of America.

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IT'S "NEW" VELVET NOW

Mine Is Shipping \$40 Ore to Northport--Magnificent
Shoot Opened Up--Bright Outlook
for Future.

"The New Velvet" is the sobriquet which William Gray applies to the property under his management. He says that a few months ago the Velvet was regarded as almost hopeless--now it is a regular shipper of high grade ore, the best grade of ore shipped in quantity by any Roseland mine, and this happy result has been attained through the discovery of ore bodies that were unknown last summer.

On level No. 1, a few hundred feet below the surface, the ore shoot east of the main shaft has opened up in a most satisfactory manner. "I have from two and a half to three feet of ore that carries over two ounces of gold to the ton and the shoot is at least thirty-five feet in length," says Mr. Gray. "The formation extends right up to the surface, so that the Velvet is in this sense a 'grass-root' producer. The showing has been opened up to the 'table' shaft, and the ore maintains its width and value throughout. If any prospector had this show he would not part with his holdings for \$50,000. We have resumed shipping and are getting down a considerable tonnage of high grade ore. There are on the property about 1800 tons of fines which were taken out under the old management, and which I propose to ship at once. This ore will pay the company handsomely.

"We have lost, or partially lost, almost three weeks in connection with the resetting of the winding machinery. Much of the delay has arisen through the enhanced difficulty of handling concrete at this season of the year. The entirely completed shortly after the holidays we will be working a force of forty-five men. Shipments will then be

Mining Companies Will Pay All the Charges

The Roseland mine managers are complimentary about an arrangement for the use of the "Father Pat" ambulance when the apparatus is required to convey men from the mines. Managers Mackenzie and Ouldrey both undertake that their companies shall defray any expense entailed, while Manager Kirby says that the arrangement between his mines and the city physicians is that the removal of injured men will be looked after by the medical man, who, he believes, will be happy to enter into a satisfactory understanding with the city.

Communications were elicited from the managers in response to the letter sent out by Mayor Clute and published in The Miner a couple of weeks ago. The replies were:

LE ROI NO. 2, LTD.
John Stillwell Clute, Esq.,
Roseland, B. C.
I duly received your letter dated 8th inst. with reference to the use of the "Father Pat" memorial ambulance. In reply I have to say that I shall be very glad to join the other mine managers in agreeing to any reasonable suggestion that may be made as to providing horse and driver for the ambulance when required.

Probably the simplest course to follow would be to get a horse and driver from the nearest livery stable when the ambulance is called for by us, and charge us with the amount of the hire.
PAUL S. COULDREY,
Manager.

LE ROI MINING CO., LTD.
J. Stillwell Clute, Esq.,
Roseland, B. C.
Replying to your letter of the 8th

inst., which only reached me last night, I would say that the company would, of course, be quite willing to bear the expense entailed in providing a driver and horses whenever the ambulance was used in its service.

"What provision, if any, has been made looking towards the repair of the ambulance? Your letter is not clear upon the point. It would be well, I think, to have a definite understanding regarding the matter at this time. I would suggest that the contract which it is proposed to make with the livery stable for the furnishing of horses and drivers should contain a provision which would permit of its cancellation in the event of tardy responses being made to the calls turned in for the ambulance."

JOHN H. MACKENZIE,
General Manager.

WAR EAGLE AND CENTRE STAR MINES.
J. Stillwell Clute, Esq.,
Roseland, B. C.
Yours of the 8th was received yesterday too late for the reply requested for the council meeting.

We would explain that we are not the proper parties with whom to take up this matter. The care of injured men, including transportation to their homes or to the hospital, is, and always has been, the business of the physicians of the city, who are the only ones competent to look after it properly. I do not doubt that they will only be too pleased to take advantage of the improved means of conveyance and to make a satisfactory arrangement with the city council for this purpose.

E. B. KIRBY,
Manager.

CITY NEWS

HOIST FLAGS TODAY--Chairman McCraney, of the school board, promises that flags will be hoisted high on the city schools today in honor of the Christmas tide.

BAD RAILS--Yesterday's snowfall made bad rails on both lines running into Roseland. The noon train on the Canadian-Pacific was about four hours late. The evening train on the Red Mountain was an hour behind time and the night train on the Canadian Pacific was forty minutes behind its schedule hour.

PROGRESSING WELL--Thomas Fitzmorris, the aged conductor, who was taken to the hospital three days ago suffering from the effects of a paralytic stroke, is reported as being better. Fitzmorris was very low at one time and was, in fact, not expected to live. He has passed the danger point now and a rapid recovery is looked for.

POSTPONED--The December meeting of the Roseland board of trade has been finally postponed to the first Wednesday in January. At this session the principal topic will be the consideration of means for the abatement of the two per cent mineral tax, and it is expected that an interesting and instructive debate will ensue.

SWIPED A GANDER--Henry Watson is locked up at police headquarters on the charge of stealing a goose. It is alleged that Watson quietly took a bird from the hook where it was displayed at P. Burns & Co's establishment, and was making off with his swag when the deed was detected. Thereupon, it is further alleged, Watson dropped the bird into a snowbank and took to his heels. When under full sail he was run down and captured by Patrolman Stewart, who landed his prize in the cells. The case was adjourned for a day. Burns charged with stealing a pair of rubbers from the skating rink, was convicted of petty larceny, and sentence reserved for one day. Both men are strangers in Roseland.

The Greenwood Liberal Association, seconded the resolution, paying a tribute to Mr. Curtis's straight course and sincerity. The resolution was unanimously carried.

THE STOCK MARKET

The report of yesterday's session of the stock exchange is as follows:

Stock	Asked	Bid
American Boy	4	3
Ben Hur	8 1/4	6 1/4
Black Tall	3 1/4	2
Butte & Boston	2	1
Canadian Gold Fields	3 1/4	2 1/4
Cariboo McKinley (ex-d.)	12	11
Centre Star	26 1/4	25
Dardanelles	3	2
Deer Trail No. 2	1 1/4	1 1/2
Fairview	5 1/4	4 1/2
Fisher Maiden	3 1/2	3
Grant	2 1/4	2 1/2
Gold Ledge	1	1 1/2
Granby Consolidated	\$3.50	3.25
Homestake (As. pd.)	3	2 1/2
Iron Mask (As. pd.)	4	2
Jim Blaine	2	1 1/2
Lone Pine	3 1/4	3 1/2
Morning Glory	1 1/4	1
Mountain Lion	1 1/4	1 1/2
North Star (E. Koot)	8 1/4	7 1/2
Payne	8	7 1/2
Princess Maud	5	4 1/2
Quilp	30	27
Rambler-Cariboo	34	29
Republic	7	5
San Paul	14	10
St. Elmo Con.	2	1
Sullivan	4 1/4	3 1/2
Tom Thumb	5 1/4	4 1/2
War Eagle Con.	19 1/2	18
Waterloo (As. pd.)	6	5 1/2
White Bear (As. pd.)	2 1/4	1 1/2
Wonderful	2 1/2	2

Waterloo, 500 at 5 1/2-c. 500 at 5 3/4-c.; Cariboo (Camp McKinley), 2000 at 17 3/4-c.; Payne, 500 at 7 3/4-c.; Homestake, 1500 at 3-c.; Rambler-Cariboo, 1500 at 32c. Total, 6500.

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MINES OF THE REPUBLIC CAMP

The Quilp, Trade Dollar, Lone Pine, Surprise and California.
(Republic Pioneer-Miner, Dec. 23.)
The Quilp--The Quilp mine is the principal point of activity in Republic camp today and it is pleasing to note that the working force this week was increased to 87 men. Last week Superintendent Angus shipped 16 carloads of ore to the smelters, of which ten went to Grand Forks and six to Tacoma. This week twelve carloads went to Tacoma and ten were sent to the Granby smelter at Grand Forks. The mine is being vigorously operated, as the following progress shows: The crosscut on the No. 5 level is in close to 290 feet; the ground broken into this week is harder, but there is as yet no change in the formation. The winze going below the No. 4 level is now down 75 feet following the hanging wall and still in good ore. The north drift on the No. 4 level is now in 100 feet from the winze and still going ahead in ore. The upraise above the No. 3 level is up close to the No. 2 level, but not yet holed through. The upraise over the adit level is now heading 36 feet above the adit floor in a splendid body of \$20 ore. With a half dozen mines like the Quilp operating with equal vigor the camp today would be a very lively one.

The Trade Dollar--The south drift on the 300 foot level of the Trade Dollar mine was run to the end and the company's ground last Wednesday evening, the Ben Hur people having driven the last 21 feet in excellent shipping ore, the assays of which run from \$30 to \$18 per ton, the last of which was the result of a sample from 42 inches in width of the face that ran \$47.32 per ton, the gold running in proportion of one of the former to two of the latter. During the year the Trade Dollar camp has sunk 124 feet of its double compartment shaft and drifted 240 feet on the vein.

Lone Pine-Surprise--The working force at the Lone Pine-Surprise has been increased to 12 men, 10 of whom are on the day and two on the night shift. Development continues on the lower, and ore is being stopped on the upper level. The east drift on the lower level is in 75 feet and following the hanging wall in fine ore. It passed through a cross-break in the vein a couple of days ago, and now appears to be in the pay shoot, which was always believed to go down from the locality of the 10 foot winze on the upper level. A shipment of 100 tons of ore was sent out today to the Granby smelter, and it now appears that the shipments can be increased without straining an effort beyond the employment of more men to break down the ore. Yesterday some fine specimens of quartz were counted on the upper level that furnished some fine specimens of quartz that carries both native silver and gold, the former being plentifully scattered over the rock.

California--The shaft on the California mine was finished to the 500 foot level last Wednesday, and since then Superintendent Delbridge has had a crosscut started northerly, towards the hanging wall of the vein. He has nine four-horse teams engaged in hauling ore to the company's bin on the Washington and Great Northern siding. Five cars of ore that were shipped last week and appeared to have been sidetracked were received at the Tacoma smelter last Saturday, but up to this writing no returns had been received from it. The last haul from it was that it was being sampled. Yesterday four carloads of ore of average value were shipped to the Hall Mines smelter at Nelson, B. C.

WILD HORSE CREEK

Placer Operations During the Past Year.
(Fort Steele Prospector.)

It is with great satisfaction that we can this year again point to the rapidly increasing importance of the placer mining interests on Wild Horse Creek. The yearly output, while in itself not inconsiderable, is yet large in comparison with that of former years. There have been, during the past year, in the neighborhood of 150 men working on Wild Horse creek, and the placer mines have been placed on a paying basis. During the past year several prospecting tunnels have been run to determine the existence and value of the gravel overlying what is supposed to be the old channel of Wild Horse creek. Several attempts have been made to bottom the deep channel of the main creek by means of shafts from the surface, but was abandoned on account of the excessive flow of water through the gravel, yet, even in the short distance sunk it was discovered to contain gold in paying quantities. Nip and Tuck--On the Nip and Tuck owned by D. Griffith, and leased to a Chinese company, work has been concentrated chiefly on the lower portion of the bench diggings. The gold obtained was coarse and well washed. The bedrock was found to be hard and worn smooth and to be without crevices. Good pay was struck, and while the total amount of the output cannot be ascertained, it is said to be in the neighborhood of eight or ten thousand in gold. The company are now engaged in cutting a bedrock flume through solid rock, which will be completed by the time operations commence in the coming spring. Invicta--The lease on the Invicta ground expired this season. Several parties are now engaged in trying to secure a new lease, an offers amounting to from \$200 to \$500 have been tendered. Cariboo--Robert Dore with a small force is now engaged in running a tunnel to tap an old channel on the west side of the creek. The gravel now coming from the tunnel will be washed as soon as the season permits. A Chinese Company--The result obtained from the working of a Chinese company, on the east side of the creek near the mouth of Boulder creek, goes far to confirm the opinion that another auriferous channel exists, running parallel with the main creek. During the many years that placer mining has been conducted on Wild Horse creek the river bed has filled with tailings, which have been successfully worked by a Chinese company by means of a bedrock flume.

Cornish Wrestling Match Arranged For Xmas Day

Great interest has been aroused in the city over the Cornish wrestling match which is to take place in the city on the afternoon of Christmas day. Sunday afternoon a meeting of the two contestants and several interested parties occurred at one of the well known local hotels, where final arrangements for pulling off the match were completed, along with an agreement as to what rules and regulations were to govern the affair. Besides arranging the rules the forfeit money amounting to \$200 was also posted. The referee was named at this meeting.

Curling Club Not in It With Rink Employes

"Hoot mon!" said Caretaker Williams, as he gazed distractedly through the fringes of Judge Nelson's flashiest tam o'shanter at the canny McPhail doing a Highland fling at one end of the curling rink, while Chief Donald Guthrie was yelling at him in good, broad Scotch to "soop her up." By the time the Hon. Caretaker Williams had caught two dozen glimpses and three good looks at the end of the rink through the choicest tam o'shanter in town and had exclaimed "hoot mon" a few times, he concluded that things were coming his way, and joined with the canny McPhail in a Highland fling over all that was left of the rink that started out with the approved purpose of making the skating rink employes look like a little less than thirty cents in plugged Canadian nickels.

Polling Booths Selected-- Election Officials Named

The municipal elections take place by statute on January 15th. The nominations eventuate, also under statute, on the 12th of January. Nomination day is Monday and election day is Thursday. The regular session of the city council last night it was decided by resolution that all nominations should be received at the city offices. The nominations will include candidates for the mayoralty, aldermanic board and school trustees, three of the present members of the school board retiring this year. Polling places were selected as follows:

East Ward--Store of Busch, plumber, Columbia avenue.
West Ward--City Offices.
The city clerk will be returning officer. In this capacity he will conduct the nomination proceedings, and be general manager of the election. Deputy returning officers were appointed as follows:
East Ward--Francis C. Lawe.
West Ward--Judge William B. Townsend.

Now it is up to aldermanic and other candidates to go on record as to their intentions. The day of the glad hand and winning smile has dawned.

Curlers Play First Competition Tomorrow

The members of the Roseland Curling club are rapidly preparing for the first club competition, that of the presidents vs. vice-presidents, which takes place Christmas day. It is the intention of those at the head of the club to play off all the matches on one day if possible, but whether it will be possible or not is a question that the members will have to solve among themselves. Yesterday hours in which to play the matches were assigned to the various skips, with the request that they have their men on the rinks promptly on time, so that there will be no delay in any of the matches.

The rink will play off their matches in the following order and during the hours named:

11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
Ross Thompson Col. G. M. King
J. B. Johnson N. F. Townsend
Rev. C. W. Hedley E. B. Kirby
J. S. C. Fraser, skip A. MacNeill, skip

H. G. Oliver Prin. McTaggart
Kag. Wilson John Robinson
(Substitute) W. M. Wood, skip
B. Barker, skip W. M. Wood, skip

2 p. m. to 4 p. m.
E. Croteau Macey Crow
Dr. Milloy J. Lewis
W. McKay J. M. McDonald
F. W. Prety, skip J. Macdonald, skip

7 p. m. to 9 p. m. open.
Matches during these hours have not been fully settled, most of the members of the rink having engagements which would make curling out of the question. A couple of matches will, however, be arranged so as to fill out the full schedule of games. A couple of matches may be played off tonight instead of Christmas day, which may have a tendency to keep those hours free from games.

9 to 11 p. m.
Norman McInnes James Hunter
George Kerr Martin Dolan
Dan Bruhn Robert Grant
E. A. Rolf, skip D. Guthrie, skip

Match for the other rink not arranged for this hour.

MERRY CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT GREENWOOD

(Special to The Miner.)
GREENWOOD, B. C., Dec. 23.--The annual installation of officers of Greenwood Lodge No. 23, A. F. & A. M., was in place last Saturday evening, 27th inst. The officers for the ensuing year are: W. M., J. S. Birnie; I. F. M., Wm. G. McMyrn; S. W., F. M. Elkins; J. W., A. M. Whiteside; secretary, D. A. McKenzie; treasurer, Wm. G. McMyrn; Tyler, George Cunningham. The installation of officers will probably be held until Christmas day. The head of the contract for the erection and completion of a frame school house at Ebbot has been awarded to Bunting & Dempsey, of Greenwood, who are at present engaged in completing the Greenwood school house. Gus Erickson has returned from Spokane, where he went lately to have his right eye attended to. The doctor found that there was no chance of saving it so the eye was taken out. Fortunately the left eye was unharmed at the time the right eye was injured, and has not since been affected by the sympathetic weakness that sometimes follows in such cases. Mr. Erickson will not be able to resume his work at the Greenwood smelter until some time next month.

SMITH CURTIS AT GREENWOOD

(Special to The Miner.)
GREENWOOD, B. C., Dec. 23.--The political meeting held here last night by Smith Curtis, M. P., was, in spite of several counter attractions, largely attended by all classes. Mayor Naden presided. Mr. Curtis spoke for an hour and a half, and held the close attention of his audience, who frequently applauded him. He dealt with local matters and then took up the political questions that had arisen, showing that he had always adhered to the principle of responsible government, and that this had led to his parting with his old leader, Joseph Martin, who, with other Martinites, had gone over to Dunsuir and supported his schemes for his own private advantage and for the advantage of the C. P. R. and of railway grafters. He showed how Martin had voted against government ownership of the Coast-Kootenay, and against railway aid being by way of loan and many other principles for which he pretended to stand. The speaker showed that this reckless disregard of principle and the running of the government for private ends were what had brought the legislature into disrepute, and that the cure was for the electors emphatically to condemn at every opportunity the guilty members. He declared that having found Martin utterly unprincipled and unreliable, under no possible future circumstances would he trust him again. He turned down such men as the only real cure for the political ills afflicting the country. Mr. Curtis briefly touched on the labor legislation enacted, and finally invited the electors to criticize or otherwise express their views upon his course at Victoria. Mr. McKinnon, merchant of Ebbot, who works hard at the general election for the Martin platform, spoke bitterly of Mr. Curtis's services and moved that the meeting heartily approve of the political course of the representative of the Roseland riding, Mr. Curtis, in the legislative assembly. Mr. J. R. Brown, barrister, president