

ternal News

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pendent Order of Odd Fellows in this city held a meeting on Friday night at their hall on ... At the meeting an invitation was read from the Trail lodge ... The ball will on February 18. The Rossers have accepted the invitation to be expected to invade the city on next Thursday, as several initiations taking place at night. The invitation was accepted.

and lodge of the Deborah are planning to bring about one of their dances within a week. The last dance given by the highly successful affair. It was the last of the ladies to try and next dance even more successful than the last one.

chapter, Order of the Eastern ... invitations for a grand ... which they intend giving at ... on Wednesday evening. A nice program of dances ... arranged for the occasion and ... may be expected by those ... enough to be present.

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NING IN YUKON. ... Large Amount of Winter Work Going on.

N, CITY, Y. T., Feb. 11, via ... There has been a large in- ... w- ... Fully 25 per ... work is being done this win- ... Hunker Creek continues ... industry. Many immense ... being operated. Over 350 ... working on Last Chance, ... a small tributary to the Hum- ... all parts of the country ... reports. Four boilers ... Duncan last week over the ... use in developing that new ... ous.

... who believe in the second ... bedrock theory have located ... mediate neighborhood of the ... atal shaft, which proved a ... and have some immense dumps ... convince passersby of the ... of dirt below the level ... ginal channel known as the ... This is the first working ... bedrock and the wash- ... watched with intense inter- ... through the pannings show this ... atum of gravel rich.

... interest is now being shown in ... and large operations are ... piation. There are certain to ... large plants working within ... William Nolan, mine superin- ... of the North American Trans- ... and Trading company, has ... side to study hydraulic mining, ... California, Oregon and Idaho

WHITAKER WRIGHT. ... ons to the Fund for Prosecu- ... tion Expenses.

ON, Feb. 14.—As the public ... has refused to take up the ... of Whitaker Wright's manage- ... the London & Globe Finance ... a committee of shareholders ... on got together for the purpose ... g a prosecution. A fund of ... required for expenses, and a ... large proportion has been ... It is to be hoped that the ... will be proceeded with, for more ... judge characterized certain doc- ... and the disinclination ... public officials to undertake a ... is looked askance at. Few ... know not slow in suggesting that ... of the public prosecutor ... the desire to shield individuals ... that would inevitably ensue.

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BROS.

DUBLIN, Feb. 16.—At a meeting of the Irish parliamentary party John Redmond was re-elected leader and a resolution was passed to the effect that in view of the rumored intention of the government to depart from the text of the new land bill from the terms adopted by the recent land conference the party places itself on record as announcing that these terms are the lowest the tenants could accept.

MR. JOHNSON LEAVES MEN ARE LEAVING DOWN BY THE SEA MORE COAL TROUBLE TALKED PROTECTION

MANAGER OF THE GREENWOOD SMELTER TO RETIRE THIS MONTH. GREENWOOD BUSINESS MEN CONSIDER AMALGAMATION PROPOSAL.

GREENWOOD, Feb. 12.—The Greenwood Progressive Association held a general meeting yesterday. There was an excellent attendance, and organization matters were first dealt with, after which the question of amalgamation with the Greenwood board of trade or not was very lengthily discussed. The preponderance of opinion seemed to favor the proposed amalgamation, notwithstanding that some of the members of the association were not pleased with the stand the board of trade appeared to have taken. The main difficulty in the way of amalgamation seemed to be the board of trade's initiative fee of \$10, but a substantial reduction or its entire abolition is probable if an accession of strength in the shape of the 30 or 40 members of the association be thereby secured by the board. A committee was appointed to discuss matters with a committee of the board, and the meeting ended with an understanding that if the amalgamation will result in the objects of the association being carried out the two organizations will likely join hands and work together for the benefit of the town in particular and the district generally. It is a matter of report that Paul Johnson, E. M., general manager of the B. C. Copper company's smelter, is to retire from that position by the end of the current month. Mr. Johnson has not announced his plans, but it is a fact that his connection with the local smelter is to cease shortly. He completed last August a three-year engagement with the B. C. Copper company, and since then has been in its service under a month-to-month arrangement. He designed and constructed the smelter, which, since it commenced the reduction of ores in February of 1901, has made a general record that has seldom if ever been equalled in the history of copper smelting, taking into account the quantity of ore reduced without barren fluxes and the low cost of smelting. It was hoped that Mr. Johnson would remain to eventually carry out the original plans formed in connection with the Greenwood smelter, viz., to make it equal to a daily treatment capacity of 2000 tons and to equip it with a bessemerizing plant so that it might convert its own matte into blister copper, but events have determined that the realization of these intentions shall be left to others. However, Mr. Johnson will have the satisfaction of knowing that he leaves behind him a well-earned reputation as one of the most successful metallurgists to operate a smelter in British Columbia.

GREENWOOD NEWS.

The New Council—Question of Mining Claim Sales.

GREENWOOD, B. C., Feb. 11.—The city council met Tuesday night with the new mayor, Mr. Ralph Smiles, in the chair for the first time. The city officials holding office at the close of last year were re-appointed to same salaries as before. C. E. Arthur's withdrawal from the position of one of the city health commissioners was received, and the question of submitting another name to the government for appointment in his stead was held over. A letter was read notifying the council, in reply to its request that the sale for non-payment of taxes of crown-granted mineral claims within the limits of the city municipality be not proceeded with pending the making of an application to the provincial legislature to pass a bill exempting from such sale any crown-granted minerals claims that had been sub-divided into town lots and sold as such, that Mr. John Kirkup, tax collector for the district, had been instructed to proceed with the sale of the claims. It was decided to telegraph the premier requesting that he cause a place and to communicate with members of the legislature with the object of obtaining the remedial legislation asked for in the council's earlier communication to the provincial government.

The members of the last board of license commissioners for the Boundary Creek license district, which embraced all the country between Greenwood and all the Columbia river and Rock Creek, have been re-appointed. They were W. B. Townsend, J. P. Rossland, H. B. Cannon, Grand Forks, and E. Jacobs, Greenwood. Provincial Corstable L. A. Dinmore, of Grand Forks, is again chief license inspector for the district.

James D. Sword, E. M., has returned to Greenwood on his trip to Central Idaho, where he examined some mining properties. He expresses the opinion that eventually there will be some good gold mines in that section, the claims he examined having strong veins of ore carrying values in gold that would pay well for work.

J. C. Haas, M. E., has put two men at work on the Golconda, in Smith's camp, southwest of Greenwood, and will shortly increase the number to five. A deep of development work has already been done on this property, on which there are some promising ore croppings. A tunnel, intended to cut a ledge at a depth of 275 feet below the surface has been run 280 feet, and several prospect shafts sunk. The work now being done is surface prospecting.

IRISH LAND BILL.

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PARTIAL EXODUS OF IDLE COAL MINERS FROM EAST KOOTENAY. SUGGESTION THAT MR. ROBINS BE ASKED TO ACT AS ARBITRATOR.

(Special to The Miner.) NELSON, Feb. 16.—A number of the coal miners from the mines now closed by the strike in the Crow's Nest Pass reached Nelson yesterday, but had nothing new to tell regarding the situation there, beyond that rumors were plentiful that action would be taken by the government to bring the strike to an end at an early date. Besides those directly connected with the mines, a large number of railway employees are now beginning to feel the effects of the strike, as the men employed on coal and coke trains, barges, etc., through the Kootenays are all being laid off. Some of the smelters are still running, but at all of them large reductions in their working forces have been made. At Morrissey and Michel, where the only source of supply is at the company's store, the strikers will feel the pinch first, and most of the men who can are leaving these points. (Associated Press.) NELSON, Feb. 16.—In view of the serious situation created by the strike of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company's employees, which threatens to close down every smelter in Kootenay and of all the principal shipping mines, it has been suggested that the government should exercise its influence to the end of securing a settlement of the dispute by arbitration. The name of Mr. S. M. Robins, former general manager of the Nanaimo collieries, is mentioned as being in every respect a man well fitted for the task, both as a successful mine manager and as one who for years maintained the friendliest relations with his employees.

ORIENTAL NEWS.

VICTORIA, Feb. 16.—According to mail advices from Kobe, a Japanese Buddhist priest, who left there six years ago to penetrate the forbidden L'Hasse, in Tibet, has returned, having accomplished his purpose, but suspicion being attracted toward him he was compelled to fly for life. He traveled via India and at Darjeeling he remained two years to acquire the Tibetan language. Then disguising himself as a Lama, he cut himself off from friends, and after a journey which occupied a year and was marked by great hardships, his life being imperilled many times, he reached L'Hasse, and remained there two years before becoming an object of suspicion. He fled and after almost unsurmountable difficulties escaped to India and thence again to Kobe. He has since learned that some of those who aided him in L'Hasse have been imprisoned. The object of the pilgrimage was to obtain information about religious subjects. Advices received here from Manila say that Captain Curran of the Philippine constabulary left there on January 12 for the United States, being dismissed and ordered home on account of his wife having blackmailed Chinese gamblers and lawless characters in the name of the police. Captain Curran was ignorant of his wife's doings. Jao Yng Chi, governor of Anhui, transferred from Chinese Turkestan, died of disease at Kaomi, Shantung, on January 16th. Italy has asked the Chinese government for a concession to establish a wireless telegraphic service between Peking and Taku.

BOUNDARY PROGRESS.

THE EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN HAND AT THE GRANBY SMELTER.

PROSPECT OF A NEW COKE SUPPLY BEING MADE AVAILABLE.

GRAND FORKS, B. C., Feb. 12.—Lime and brick are being hauled to the Granby smelter in connection with the proposed enlargement of the plant. Two additional furnaces, making six in all, are to be installed this spring. Before the end of June the smelter will have a treatment capacity of 2200 tons daily, or 15,400 tons weekly, or at the rate of 800,000 tons annually. The electric plant is also to be very considerably increased. Additional transformer capacity equivalent to 1200-horse power will be added, thus affording a total of 1700-horse power transformer capacity. This only relates to the power supplied by the Cascade Power company. In addition the Granby company has a total of 1100-horse power developed at its own power house on the North Fork of the Kettle river.

The output of blister copper now amounts to about a thousand tons monthly. With the two new furnaces installed, the production of blister copper, which is refined in New York, will reach 1500 tons monthly. The Rock creek coal lands, west of Midway, have been acquired by the Ashnola Smelter, Limited. A four-foot seam of coking coal has been exposed. Development work will be started immediately. The work will comprise the erection of a battery of coke ovens. Construction operations on a twelve-mile section of the Midway & Vernon railway are to be started this spring, thus connecting the coal fields with the C. P. R. and the Great Northern at Midway. The coal areas were crown granted by Robert Wood of Greenwood seven years ago. The coal and railway projects will involve the expenditure of nearly a million dollars.

A TELEPHONE CABLE TO BE LAID BETWEEN MAINLAND AND ISLAND. HOP GROWERS FIND PROSPERITY—BURRARD ELECTION PROTEST.

A telephone cable connecting the Lower Mainland of British Columbia with Vancouver Island will be laid by the New Westminster and Burrard Inlet Telephone Company upon the completion of negotiations for the purchase of the cable. In speaking of the proposed cable Dr. Lefevre, one of the directors of the telephone company, stated that as figured at present the cost of the cable and connecting land lines between Vancouver and Victoria would be in the neighborhood of \$180,000 or \$175,000. The undertaking is a large one for any corporation to handle, but the company is certain that with the present business offering and the natural increase in the future the cable could be made to pay. It is the company's intention to ultimately bring Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Victoria and other points on the island into telephonic communication with such distant points as Nelson, Rossland, Spokane, Seattle, Whatcom, Tacoma and other cities on the Sound. The laying of cable across the Gulf of Georgia is the primary means to that end, and afterwards will come the connection of the Kootenay line with those of the coast. A large meeting of Mr. Foley's supporters was held in Vancouver, when it was decided to protest Mr. Macpherson's election. Sir Hilbert Tupper has given his opinion to Mr. Foley's committee that the fact that the returning officer did not get the ballot boxes at Atlin in time to have the election in Atlin on the same day as in the rest of Burrard annuls the election. Besides this members of the committee at the meeting hinted that sufficient evidence outside of this irregularity was at hand to successfully protest the election.

The Trades & Navigation Report of the Dominion government for the fiscal year ending last June, just published, shows that Victoria is now the second port of the Dominion, being second only to the great port of Montreal, and next year the report will in all probability show that Victoria stands first in the point of tonnage entered and cleared from this port. Last year Victoria's tonnage entered inward was but 3,821 tons less than that which would have been made up by the arrival of but one more of the large liners which call at this port than that of Montreal. Hop growers in this province are feeling just now as if they contemplate the rising market and the sales of their crops carried over from last fall. The present price offered for No. 1 hops is 33c per pound, which is higher than it has been for several seasons and allows a handsome margin for growers' profit. The British Columbia hops last season were extra good and the business foresight of some local growers is likely to be rewarded by profitable sales. For some years the industry in this province languished, largely on account of lack of capital, though the aphid and depressed market conditions were also important factors. Within the last year or two, however, there has been a steady improvement. Fields, which had not been operated for some time have once more been taken in hand and those in the vicinity of Agassiz and Chilliwack are now furnishing a considerable acreage of hops and far superior to those raised in Washington and Oregon. This fact, now well established, was recognized by capitalists in Portland, Or., who have invested a good deal of money in the section above referred to. Not only have they reclaimed the yards which had been lying idle near Agassiz, but they have purchased a considerable acreage near Chilliwack, and have already shipped seven or eight carloads to eastern markets. The Vedder hop yard, Chilliwack, has been purchased by Portland people for \$17,000, or about \$500 per acre. Over \$26,000 was realized from the recent sale of the Thomas McNeely estate farm at Ladner. One of the finest farms in the country is thus parcelled out to resident and non-resident purchasers who were fortunate enough to get from 45 to 160 acres each at an average of \$55 per acre. The live stock realized \$6,000. Another group of fine farms near there will be similarly auctioned on February 17th, viz., the estate of the late John Kirkland. United States revenue cutter Grant and launches Guard and Scout are after an Indian smuggler. The customs officers learned that the Indians are taking Chinamen from British Columbia to Seattle at so much per head. The Chinamen are carried on big war canoes and disguised as squaws, and when the boat arrives in Seattle it is met by a number of real squaws and the disguised Chinaman is taken away to a hiding place. The Indians receive from \$50 to \$150 for smuggling one Chinaman across the line. It takes three days to make the trip, and as a rule the British Columbia agent furnishes three or four Chinamen for a Seattle trip. Only a few days ago the government officials learned of this latest smuggling scheme, but got to work immediately, and are watching all Indian camps along the Sound.

Thomas C. Gray, a well known Vancouver commercial man, is in the city.

THE B. C. GAZETTE.

The following new proclamations appear in the last issue of the B. C. Official Gazette: The A. E. Howse Company, Limited, has been granted a certificate of incorporation. All taxes collectable for the Nelson assessment district are due and payable for the year 1903 at the office of the local assessor and collector, Nelson. Certificates of improvement have been granted to the Keystone and New St. Maurice mineral claims. Both are situated in the Grand Forks mining division. Sinclair and Gordon, a Vancouver dry goods firm, has dissolved partnership. An extra of the Gazette contains an announcement that the legislative assembly will meet in regular session on March 12th. Delegates Selected From Various Points in Cariboo. ASHCROFT, B. C., Feb. 16.—Cariboo delegates to the miners' convention to be held in Victoria in February 25 have been elected as follows: Barkerville 2, Stanley 1, Quensel 2, Alexandria 1, Soda Creek 2, Hundred and Fifty Mile 5, Horseshy and Harper's 2, Bullion 4, Keithley and Snowshoe 2, Quensel Forks 1, Quensel Lake 1, Lac La Hauche 2, Eighty Three, Clinton 3, Lillooett 4, Ashcroft 4, Total 38. Sanson, Prior and McInnes are to hold a meeting here on Wednesday. E. B. McDermaid, auditor for the city of Nelson, is a guest at the Hotel Allan.

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NANAIMO MINERS DISSATISFIED WITH NEW COMPANY'S ACTION. A MEETING HELD YESTERDAY TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION.

(Special to The Miner.) NANAIMO, Feb. 15.—A meeting of the miners employed by the Western Fuel company was held at the opera house this morning and was attended by upwards of six hundred men. The mines are idle today, and the steamer Wye-field which is taking on cargo at the company's wharf, is unable to obtain coal today. As the meeting was secret it is not known what decision was reached. James Baker of Nelson, representing the Western Federation of Miners, is here and it is thought his presence will assist in a satisfactory settlement of the present difficulty. The difficulty between the miners and the Western Fuel company arises out of the extra allowance for men using safety lamps having been cut off by the new company. It was contended on the part of the men that the use of safety lamps interfered with their getting out as large a tonnage as would be the case with ordinary lamps. The new Vancouver Coal company allowed extra remuneration of 25 cents a day to those using these safety lamps. Upon the taking over of the collieries by the Western Fuel company this was cut off, it being announced at the time that the new lamps were to be introduced, which account of their improved character, would not lower the amount capable of being mined by those using them. The arrival of James Baker was awaited by the men to settle the difficulty.

YMR NEWS.

Incorporation Favored—Doings of the Mines—Waterworks Company. YMR, Feb. 14.—Thursday night at a meeting of the Citizens' Association the matter of incorporation was discussed and the following resolution was moved by A. B. Euckworth and seconded by J. W. Masterson: "That it is not to the best interests of Ymir to incorporate at the present time." To this an amendment was made by J. W. Ross and seconded by M. Tate. "That the Citizens' Association feel that it is desirable to incorporate. The amendment carried by a majority of seven. A public meeting will be held on the 20th inst. of property holders to get their views on the subject. The Porto Reco group, owned by the Canadian Pacific Exploration Syndicate of London, England, which company was dissolved in November last, has been sold to a Scotch syndicate, and it is intimated that as soon as the snow goes off work will be resumed on the property. The Wilcox company has made an offer to purchase the mine, and in addition shipped to the Nelson smelter a carload of concentrates. No official returns have been sent out, but it is understood that there is a good margin of profit left after deducting all expenses. Owing to the wagon road being blocked with snow, Mr. White, the manager, states that he will have to close down till spring when, a large force of men will be put to work. The recently installed mine has proved a success. The generator for the Active Gold Mining company has come to hand and is being taken up to the mine. Last Tuesday the annual meeting of the Ymir Waterworks company was held, at which a ten per cent dividend was declared. The control of the company is now in the hands of J. W. Ross, who owns over one-half of the stock. Last night the local lodge of Masons tendered G. H. Barnhart, who is going away, a banquet. Mr. Barnhart for the past four years has been superintendent for the Ymir gold mines.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

VICTORIA, Feb. 13.—A special Gazette this afternoon announces that the house will meet for the transaction of business on March 12th. Cures Grip in Two Days. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. On every box 25c. This signature, E. W. Grove.

THE KOOTENAY DELEGATES ON THE SILVER-LEAD QUESTION. MET SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AT VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 12.—An influential meeting of British Columbia business men was held in this city today for the purpose of laying the united views of mining and business interests of British Columbia before the senators and the local members of the Dominion house upon the present condition of the silver-lead mining industry. W. H. Malkin, president of the Vancouver board of trade, presided, and among those present were: Senators Templeman and Reid, Ralph Smith, M. P., R. G. Macpherson, M. P., F. G. Foley, G. O. Buchanan, president of the associated boards of trade of eastern B. C., representatives of the boards of trade of Fernie, Fort Steele and Nelson, presidents of the Liberal clubs of Rossland, Nelson and Sandon, representatives of several trades and labor councils and of other bodies, in addition to local business men. The present condition of the silver-lead mining industry of the province was fully reviewed and the need of a protective tariff upon lead and its by-products discussed and conceded. The delegates from the Kootenay districts pointed out that American lead miners are protected by a 2.75 cents per pound tariff, whereas lead and its products from such cheap labor countries as Mexico, Spain and Germany are allowed to come into Canada almost free of duty. This resulted in reducing the price of the Canadian mineral to less than half that ruling in the United States, yet the price to the ultimate consumer was practically the same on both sides of the line. The effect of this was that the silver-lead industry of British Columbia had practically been killed. In 1900 the output of British Columbia lead mines was 31,000 tons, but this year it would not exceed 5000 tons unless protected by the tariff. In camps which employed 2000 and 3000 men in 1900 barely 200 or 300 men were employed today. The effect of this was the depopulation of towns and the closing down of business houses in whole sections of the country, and a consequent decrease of the trade done by Kootenay and Siocan towns with eastern manufacturers and merchants. After the delegation from the interior had presented its case, the senators, members of parliament and others present addressed the meeting, all speaking strongly in support of the effort the mining interest are putting forth to induce the government to increase the present duty upon lead and its by-products and thus save an important Canadian industry from total extermination, an industry that a few years ago, before the American protective tariff operated so detrimentally against it, exported over one and a half million dollars worth of lead per annum. Resolutions in favor of a protective duty were passed. A strong feeling exists regarding the lease of Dead Man's Island to Theodore Ludgate for sawmill purposes. This city council held a special meeting this morning, when a committee was appointed to interview Premier Prior tomorrow on his return from Ottawa. The claim of Vancouverites is that Dead Man's Island belongs to Stanley Park, and that the government should not attempt to rob the city of its attraction to tourists and a pleasure resort of the citizens.

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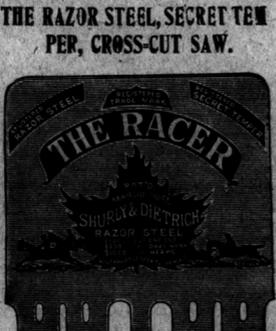
ANLEY MORRISON, M. P., Makes a Positive Statement. VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 12.—In addressing the Liberal association here last night Anley Morrison, M. P., said he was in a position to say that Chinese would be excluded from Canada by a Dominion government bill at next session. Steamer Amur from Skagway reports that when bound north on January 7 she was signalled by the light keeper of the U. S. light on Five Finger Rocks, and have to off the light house. The keeper and his assistant came off and reported that they had been living on flour and what fish they could catch for a week and were on the verge of starvation. They were very anxious regarding one of the assistants, who went away a month before in the long boat towards Petersburg to secure food. He had not been heard of since. The Amur supplied the lighthouse keepers with food. German bark Schurbek has arrived 24 days from Santa Rosalia to load lumber at Chemalun for Liverpool.

MANITOBA GRAIN.

A Value of Over Fifty Millions on Last Year's Production. WINNIPEG, Feb. 13.—The report of the department of agriculture, which was laid on the table of the legislature by Hon. Mr. Roblin yesterday, points out in its introduction that the province has had two seasons of unusual prosperity and the community of farmers is the rugged pillar around which every commercial enterprise twines. The foundation of this pillar rests upon 25,000,000 acres of grain. The value of agricultural products raised during the year is estimated at over \$50,000,000. "This is a remarkable production for 41,000 farmers," says the report. Another feature is that lands throughout the province, as in the Territories, have largely increased in value during the last two or three years. Yesterday's grain receipts of C. P. R. points totaled 105,000 bushels, and 39 cars of wheat were taken east for the lake elevators.

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A BRIGHT FUTURE.

There is no section in the mining world that has a brighter future than Southern British Columbia. The onward march of development can be observed all over the face of the country from the Rocky mountains to the Similkameen, and from the southern boundary line to Cariboo. From every point that has been prospected in this vast area good tidings of the discovery and development of valuable mining properties are coming in so frequently that it is difficult to keep in touch with them owing to their large number. So extensive are the deposits of mineral that it almost seems that the country is paved with gold, silver, copper and lead. The deposits are being opened with great energy, and judging by the number of railway charters which the next legislature will be called upon to grant, this rich and extensive mining section is to be fairly gridironed with roads, so that every portion will be made accessible and, as a consequence, its different varieties of ores placed in a condition so that they can be marketed. New smelters are promised here and there, and these with those that have already been constructed, will give the miner an opportunity to have his ore reduced at points not too remote from the places of production. Besides this, many points hitherto too remote from transportation to have their products marketed at a profit are being brought into closer touch with the railways. This will result in an increase in the output and an enlarged employment of men, not only in mining and smelting, but in the other industries that are germane to mining, such as the making of machinery and the furnishing of all sorts of supplies and products used in mining and smelting, and by the people engaged in those occupations.

One of the side issues that will spring up in connection with the development of mining in this section will be that of farming. The fertile valleys that lie between the mountains here offer excellent agricultural possibilities. Those that are not now occupied by farmers will be, and they will be systematically tilled for the reason that the mines in the mountains close by offer the best market for farm products of all kinds. The raising of cattle, too, will find large vacant areas here and there suited to his business, and will make it profitable with so good a market as that given by the mining population.

With an assured increase in the output of the precious metal mines, a certain augmentation in the number of men employed, with a large market for the products of the farm and the range, a better business for the merchant, professional man and banker, and plenty on all sides, as great as the prosperity of Southern British Columbia is at present, it is certain to be infinitely greater in the years that are to come.

THE COPPER MARKET.

The copper market gains steadily in strength. Lake copper is now firm on a basis of 12 3-4 cents the pound, with other grades in proportion. A feature of the situation is the scarcity of offerings. During the past month producers have held the whip handle without question, and they have not been slow to take advantage of their position. It is known that consumers of the middle states have within the past few days scooped the market with a view of getting concessions, but without effect. On every hand there has been uniform firmness, and it is conceded that an imperative order for any great amount of copper, deliverable during the next six months, could not be obtained at ruling prices. It is freely predicted in various quarters that the metal will advance to 13 cents and above within the immediate future. A number of the principal producers are apparently sold up well into future months, and yet it is claimed that some of the heaviest consumers have not yet stocked up. The statement in a current weekly market letter that lake copper is now selling on a basis of 13 cents the pound might be all right one

week from now, but at the moment it is premature. Copper is still obtainable in certain quarters at 12 3-4 cents, and according to New York advices a few small speculative lots have been offered at 12 5-8 cents. Copper interests are quite generally agreed that 13 cent copper is not far away, but it is not yet here.

SUCCESS OF THE MINING ASSOCIATION.

The people of British Columbia have at length awakened to the necessity of devising a means whereby the maladministration of their affairs shall be stopped and whereby the splendid resources of the Province shall be developed on sensible lines.

The organization of the new mining association, with representatives of all the interests affected by the welfare of the mining industry, will create a power in the land which must be listened to by any government in power.

Local branches of the association have already been formed in many districts. Delegates have been selected at Revelstoke, Fort Steele, Aspen Grove, Nicola Lake, Texada, Camp McKinley, Lillooet, Ashcroft, Cowichan and other places. At Victoria and Vancouver the number of available delegates has been found to be so large that the only question is what limit is to be assigned to the number admissible.

The delay which has occurred in appointing delegates from Rosslund, Nelson, Grand Forks, Phoenix, Greenwood and the Slokan, has been due to the desire of the executive committee that Mr. Hobson, the leading spirit of the movement, might have an opportunity of being present at the meeting to explain the objects of the association and to give his personal experience of the benefit which accrued to all the inhabitants of California by the formation of the California Miners' association.

It is indeed a very pleasing compliment that Mr. Hobson has paid to the Kootenay district, in selecting it as the single district of British Columbia wherein he would personally address the public during the few days he has at his disposal. It is to the working classes especially that he wishes to speak. Had it been possible for him to be present a little earlier, the fiasco at the little Ymir meeting could not have occurred, as all the requisite information about the movement would have been given to those half dozen wiseacres and they would not have so stultified themselves.

Most of the cities of Kootenay will hold their public meetings next week, and there is not a shadow of doubt that a strong and enthusiastic delegation from each will assemble at Victoria on the 25th.

THE BOUNDARY TREATY.

Some predictions were falsified by the U. S. senate promptly ratifying the treaty respecting the Alaskan boundary. Now the vexed question will go before the tribunal provided for, to consist of three jurists representing Canada and three representing the United States. The character of the proposed tribunal is a most unusual one, since there is no provision for an umpire, and a decision either one way or the other can only be reached by one of the representatives being convinced that the opposing case is right. If the three men on each side hold out there will be no decision, in which event the United States will of course hold on to the territory. Some politicians and papers on the other side assume that no matter what may be the strength of the Canadian case there is no chance of any one of the U. S. commissioners recognizing its validity and agreeing to a verdict in the least degree favoring Canada. On the other hand, they say, the commissioners to be appointed by the Imperial government will likely be ready to accede to the United States' contentions. That is to say, the United States may win, but cannot possibly lose. This way of talking seems to carry a gross insult to the prospective commissioners on the American side, who are represented in advance as unjust and hopelessly prejudiced. The jurists to be nominated, say these people, are to be men whose decision will be arrived at in advance and whose ears will be hermetically closed to the evidence on Canada's side, however strong it may be. In short, they are to be actual rascals. That is surely a shameful thing to say in advance of men who are expected to deal with a grave international question, and it would be wrong to accept such a reflection on the national character as correct until there is evidence in its support. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer's valuation of the morals of American jurists may possible be right, but we should prefer to assume that three honorable men will be appointed, who will deal with the matter in a judicial spirit. The evidence may go so decidedly against the Canadian case that only a verdict in favor of the United States will be possible. In that event the Canadian-commissioners may be depended on to approve such a verdict, and Canada will have to yield to the inevitable as gracefully as may be. We have surely a good right to expect that the same spirit of fairness and justice will prevail among the American commissioners.

FOOLISH SCIENCE.

Christian Science is rapidly progressing. To its utter contempt for disease it has added supreme contempt for law. Man's ailments being mythical, imaginary and altogether unworthy of material attention, man's laws are likewise but a state of mind; a mere "claim." In fact, perhaps the most foolish laws of all are those of the health board. With narrow-minded ignorance and medieval superstition, they were framed as safeguards against epidemic, contagion and other human fancies, the absurdity of which step becomes at once apparent. Disease not existing, contagion through its spread is impossible. Epidemic, consequently, can never occur. Hence, the laughable position of the health authorities and the absolute indifference with which their orders may be received. When the man who breaks a leg gets up and runs away, when teething tots intuitively cry for Mother Eddy's portrait, when ambulances, abandoning liniment, carry copies of "Science and Health," then may we expect this novel understanding. Until then, however, health laws are here to be obeyed and the Christian Scientist who deliberately disregards them, as do those who fail to report contagious disease, merits the severest punishment which the law is capable of inflicting. In so far as Christian Science is a religious belief, this country's freedom gives it full sway. In a like measure, liberty protects the man who wishes "Science" to cure his appendicitis. As a religion, Christian Science has equal rights with Methodism, Catholicism or any other sect. As a cure for illness, also, it may exist as long as homeopathy and osteopathy, if it gets enough support. But—when Christian Scientists endanger the health and life of people outside their own cult by loftily disregarding public rules and regulations, they sink to the level of lawlessness and enter the criminal class.

Christian Science, according to its devotees, recognize the Divine law only, but it is a poor compliment to Divinity when law breaking, in human affairs, is made a part of the faith. The healer, in that case, is a brother to the healer. Disease may be mythical and ailments imaginary, but there is nothing either mythical or imaginary about a jail. It is distressingly material and totally unresponsive to persuasive treatment. The healer has found this out. Will the healer take the hint?

There are all kinds of rumors about what we shall see when the legislature meets," says the Victoria Times. We are told the strength of the government in the house will surprise us. Nothing that the most brilliant political imagination can picture as likely to develop when the two factions—or whatever number of factions there may be—meet can possibly surprise us, or anybody who knows by experience the peculiarities of the politicians of British Columbia. Their ways are indeed past finding out. Our eyes would not open a fraction wider if we beheld as in a dream the member for Alberni clothed in robes of dignity and dealing out even-handed justice from the speaker's chair. It would not disturb us in the least if we beheld the member for Delta and his friend the premier in perfect harmony if it came to a vote of want of confidence in the government. It is said Mr. Gilmour will henceforth be a "steady" supporter of the administration. That would not cause a great disturbance, because the member for Vancouver has hitherto leaned with a considerably stronger bias towards the government than in the direction of the opposition. It was assumed that because Mr. Gilmour has hitherto been a devoted disciple of Mr. Joseph Martin he would follow his leader whithersoever he went. Mr. Martin has declared his uncompromising opposition to the administration of Colonel Prior, but the only follower he has left of what was once a devoted band has been discreet in his utterances to the point of saying nothing at all. When a politician in British Columbia has nothing to say it is as well not to classify him. The safe course is to leave him to do that himself. The crux of the situation lies in the fact that the majority of the members of the house do not want a general election just yet. The complexities of the political situation will furnish a sufficient number of them with an excuse to keep the government in power, incapable though it may be of passing measures necessary to the welfare of the country. The public may as well curb its fancy, watch and wait for developments. Our opinion is the same as that of our sage contemporary, which sees the eleven hoof of politics in everything. We are certain there is politics in the legislature.

BOYCOTT'S NEW DIGNITY.

Boycott is no new word in American affairs, but it has received a brand-new dignity at the hands of one Dowie. Mr. Dowie, who founded a religious community in the neighborhood of Chicago and called it Zion, is a simple, puritanical soul. His community was to have been self-supporting but somewhere in the mechanism a cog lost its place and the head Zionist got in debt.

His creditors, Chicago business men, endeavored to collect, whereupon the reverend gentleman called them all "miserable curs" and announced that a Christian boycott would straightway be declared against them. Brother Dowie no doubt was greatly vexed, as indeed he might well be, considering the character of the insult offered. He owed men money and they actually demanded payment! Such a display of worldly grossness any first-class Zionite would resent. When the sect withdrew from the world, they supposed it generally understood that they withdrew as well from worldly obligations. Of course, a shopping tour to the world might be made occasionally, but under no circumstances was celestial Zion to be soiled by earthly bills or charged accounts. This system, of course, is not original with the Zionites, but other people who employ it are known by a different, and far less charitable, name. A Christian boycott, moreover, is utterly beyond their means. It is rumored that Brother Dowie intends settling further west, but if any settling is to be done, Chicago deserves first call.

THE OTTAWA PROGRAM.

It is announced that the Dominion government will meet on March 12th. If the Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe is well informed, as he certainly should be, some of the items in the session's program will be as follows: 1. A bill for the redistribution of constituencies. 2. A bill to revise the Railroad Act and to provide for the appointment of a railway commission. 3. A bill for the compulsory arbitration of disputes on railways. 4. A bill for the revision and consolidation of the acts relating to telegraph and telephone companies. 5. A bill to amend the Militia Act. 6. A bill for the adoption of cattle guards on railways.

TRAIL SMELTER POLICY.

Apologists for the Trail smelter management entertain the peculiar idea that they set up a sufficient defence when they abuse and lie about The Miner. Even if their statements with regard to this paper were true instead of being false, what bearing could they possibly have upon the smelter question? Here is the plain proposition that by following a reasonable and judicious course the owners of the Trail smelter could ensure that practically all the ores of this district would be treated in Canada instead of switching a large percentage of them across the border. That the suggested reduction of the freight and treatment rate would reduce the direct profits from the Trail works may be perfectly true, but the owners of the smelter are also the owners of the railway, and the railway profits would increase in ratio with the increase in population that would certainly result from a liberal smelter policy. The Miner is not concerned with the advantage to be gained by this or that mine. It is concerned with the prosperity of this district and the upbuilding of Canadian interests generally. To that end it has urged and will continue to urge the adoption by the C. P. R. of such a policy as would secure the defection of the Canadian side as much as possible of the work that now goes southward. That policy would at the same time render feasible the development of properties now idle and would generally increase the resources of the district to a very substantial extent. It needs no acute mind to perceive how much that would mean for the district, for the whole country and for the C. P. R. itself. There is surely much significance in the fact that instead of endeavoring to combat this proposition on its merits the apologists for the policy that now prevails offer nothing but puerile sneers at The Miner and a quantity of wish-washy nonsense that has nothing whatever to do with the question. The Miner would be satisfied if the higher authorities of the company could be induced to give their attention to the subject, for there would then be a good prospect of its being considered on broad and liberal lines, narrow and shortsighted considerations being thrust into the background, where they should be. The little people who now attack this paper with their little weapons would then be obliged to take a very sharp turn.

YELLOW RESPECTABILITY.

An article in the Criterion upon Yellow Journalism by an "Ex-yellow journalist" analyses the peculiar features of a literary creation which is supposed to be essentially modern, but which the writer points out has been in existence for many years. He cites the New York Herald, the old Cincinnati Enquirer and various other newspapers in support of his assertion. Incidentally the writer says that the enormous circulations gained by these newspapers have in no way interfered with the prosperity of the more staid and respectable newspapers. On the contrary, the yellow journals have, by their picturesque methods, created armies of new readers, the overflow from which naturally drifts

ward the more sober and reliable journals of the day, so that, in the capacity of bush-beaters, the yellow journals are slowly contributing to the growth of their more reputable brothers. The article goes on to inquire into the peculiarities of these journals and the causes of their undoubted success, for which the reader may be referred to the article itself. The conclusion which he draws is that there is merit in the yellow journal scheme, and he seeks to find a means of applying it to a more reputable use, without adopting its more glaring faults. Of this he says, in conclusion: I believe that such a thing is possible, but not on the lines which the respectable thinkers have been generally inclined to follow. You cannot print a paper with small headlines and no pictures, have it speak respectfully of the Northern Securities merger and severely of the arrogance of labor unions, and expect to circulate it largely on the East Side because it sells for a cent. Your respectable paper, if it is to reach the masses, must be yellow in so far as the attractiveness of its headlines and pictures are concerned. It must not be afraid of big headlines or pictures, although both might advantageously be toned down somewhat, as even the original yellow papers are discovering. You must not lay too much stress on delicate taste. You must not be afraid to shout instead of speaking in gentlemanly undertones. You must not hesitate to criticize corporations and millionaires when they do things opposed to the public interests. When there is a strike you must not instantly assume that the strikers are wrong and summon the governor to call out the militia. What you may do in the way of improvement is to refrain from printing a story until you know it is true, to make accuracy instead of record-breaking celebrity the supreme requirement in your news room, to give somewhat less prominence to the starker and more to the brighter side of life, and to refrain from dragging family skeletons into the light unless there is some public reason for the exposure. These things will not impair the popularity of your paper, and if, with them all, you could convince the masses that you were honestly concerned about their interests, you might manage to make the reformed yellow journal pay its way—the only test of genuine success.

WEST YALE. Politics in West Yale is becoming decidedly warm. The government is on trial in a constituency where the strength of the opposition is, for various reasons, great. The chief of these is the fact that C. A. Semlin has been induced to take up an attitude of hostility to the Prior government. It is a very great pity that it is so. It is a very great pity that Mr. Semlin should have succumbed to the influences which made such a complete failure of the government which bore his name, but whose policy he did not direct, and should have thrown the weight of his personal popularity in West Yale into the scale for men who are popular neither in West Yale nor anywhere else in British Columbia. He has done so, however, with the result that while Charles Semlin, prime rancher, could probably be elected without any difficulty, Charles Semlin, ex-premier of British Columbia, stands a very fair chance of being defeated. The people of British Columbia of all sections, grades and classes were thoroughly dissatisfied with the Semlin government. They have no desire to see such a government in power again. It is not likely that the election of Mr. Semlin would restore or aid in restoring any such combination as the Semlin government was made up of. But, if elected, he would be a member of an opposition quite as incoherent and unstable as that government was, and be quite as incapable as a member of the opposition, as he was as premier, of reconciling the disagreements of his coadjutors. The spectacle of Mr. John Oliver of Delta and of Mr. Richard McBride of Dewdney stumping West Yale in favor of Mr. Semlin's candidature is one to cause a smile. What in the wide world has Mr. John Oliver in common with either Mr. McBride or Mr. Semlin? And what in the wide world has Mr. Semlin himself in common with either of them? These are questions which the electors of West Yale must be prone to ask themselves, and the answer that they are likely to make is that they would be false, both to the interests of the province and to their own if they elected a member of an opposition made up of such incongruous elements, however excellent a man he might be in himself and apart from political considerations.

Returns from far-away Yukon show how rapidly that district is being rescued from primitive conditions. During the calendar year 1902 there were registered 139 births and 138 deaths. Of the latter 21 were accidental, 3 murders and 4 suicides. One hundred and two marriages were celebrated in the same period. There are now nine schools in the Yukon receiving government support and giving tuition to 375 pupils. They are located at Dawson, at White Horse and on the creeks. Since gold was discovered, followed by the mad rush to the Klondike in 1897, the Yukon gold output has amounted to \$80,500,000. Last year 6,056 mining licenses were issued and 4,461 renewed, while 2,040 claims were relocated and 1,195 new placer claims recorded. The quartz claims recorded for the past twelve months numbered 1,135, indicating that that branch of the mining industry is receiving much more attention than formerly. Still, there are better opportunities for the prospector in Kootenay than could ever be expected in the Yukon.

THE SLOCAN STAR.

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AROUND THE DISTRICTS

Notes of Progress From Parts of the Great Interior.

Work in the Mines and Lumber Camps--Deals Reported.

The news from various points in the mining districts would seem to indicate a busy and prosperous season if there were no artificial obstacles to hinder work.

THE SLOCAN.

The Highland mine at Ainsworth is shipping ore regularly and has a number of men at work.

From all accounts the Highlander at Ainsworth will resume work at an early date.

The Sunlight, another Ainsworth property, is also working and a small force of men are working at the No. 1 mine.

The Blue Bird is shipping some ore to Idaho grows richer as development progresses.

The Co-operative Store at Spokan City has gone the way of most of the present-day co-operative institutions.

The Hartney is working a small force. The property has experienced some doubtful periods, but the present manager is greatly encouraged by recent developments.

Weekly shipments are being made from the Fisher Maiden, and the property is developing satisfactory to the management.

The Hewitt mine will remain closed until the concentrator plans now under consideration are settled upon.

R. F. Green, M. P. P. for the Slocan, has been visiting Vancouver Island lately on political business.

J. M. Harris of Sandon received a telegram from his solicitors in Nelson to the effect that the appeal in the case of the Star Mining company vs. Byron N. White company has been dismissed by the full court with costs.

This was an appeal on the part of the Byron N. White company against the decision given the Star Mining company recently, by which they were given permission to examine the underground workings of the Slocan Star property.

The Slocan Star will shortly ship on a large scale as the B. N. White company have just closed a contract with the trust smelter at Denver, Colo., for the entire output of their properties.

The terms of the contract are said to be favorable. Sandon played off its annual bonspiel last Tuesday.

EAST KOOTENAY.

About ten days ago "Edward," the chief of the Tobacco Plains Kootenays, at the ripe age of 90, passed away.

He was under the impression that in the settlement of the boundary line at Tobacco Plains the U. S. government had taken more land from "King George" than belonged to them.

He fought many a hard battle with the Bloods and Blackfeet and was well known by the "Wolfers of the Plains" at Whoop-up and Stand-off. He was buried at the reserve and his funeral was largely attended by the Indians and many of the settlers.

The double mill that is being put in at Meadow Creek by the East Kootenay Lumber company will be ready for sawing lumber between the 15th and 20th of this month.

The tie mill machinery is expected early next month and will be installed without delay, as the company is anxious to get at its contract for 750,000 ties for the C. P. R.

James Nelson and partners, who have been developing the Copper Cliff mineral claim at Isadore canyon, are running a tunnel to tap the vein at a depth of 70 feet. The shaft is down 40 feet with a good showing of ore.

The machinery for the big Wardner mill includes a double cut band and circular mill, a planing mill and a dry kiln of large capacity.

The plant should be in full operation by the middle of May. The total capacity of the mills will be 150,000 feet in ten hours.

The company owns an immense body of timber, estimated at 600,000,000 feet. It is yellow pine, tamarack and fir. The yellow pine and tamarack being especially fine and clear and will make the best of shop lumber and building material.

John Breckenridge of Cranbrook is president of the company. William Carlin of Fort Steele vice-president, Peter Lund of Cranbrook managing director, secretary and treasurer.

J. B. Donald, who built the telephone line from Grand Forks to Camp McKinney, is now operating a telephone line in Alberta. N. W. T.

THE BOUNDARY.

The Washington & Great Northern have dived all the right of way between Curlew and Midway. The location survey between the latter point and Molson, is being run.

The tiling reverberatory furnace at the Cranby smelter is now in operation. It is used as a storage for molten matte, which is drawn off and used in the converters as occasion may require.

J. Jaskulek, principal owner of the Faithful-Surprise mine, near Danville, states that extensive development work is soon to be started on that property. A long tunnel, 900 feet in length, is to be run into the hill, giving a total depth on the vein of 300 feet.

The Cariboo mine, Camp McKinney, earned \$26,000 last year from the proceeds of the ore treated.

Of this sum \$50,000 was used in development work, \$50,000 was applied to payment of dividends, and the balance placed in the reserve fund, which now amounts to \$50,000.

Chris Tobiasen is doing assessment work on the Senator in Summit camp. The Morning Glory mine, Republic, is to resume shipments to the Granby smelter.

A Spokane syndicate has offered \$150,000 for the Lone Pine-Surprise mine at Republic.

Superintendent Goodell of the Boundary Falls smelter says the second furnace will be blown in as soon as an ample supply of coke is secured.

The Electric Light company at Phoenix has put in the three new street lights ordered by the city council—one on Knob Hill avenue and two on Brooklyn avenue.

Three more are to go in on upper Knob Hill avenue. It is understood that the rock work in connection with the grading of the approaches to the proposed V. & E. bridge near the C. P. R. bridge, and below the smelter dam, will be started within a week or so.

The building of the smelter spur and the line to Phoenix has been awarded to Simms & Shields of St. Paul, who will sublet to other contractors.

Information has been received that the Dominion Copper Co., owning the Brooklyn group of mineral claims in this camp, has practically decided to issue \$100,000 in bonds. It is understood that this was decided on at a meeting of the company recently held in Toronto.

Half of the proceeds to be devoted to wiping out the indebtedness of the company, and the balance of \$50,000 to be held as a cash reserve.

Joseph Bassett has his contract for 1,000 cords of wood for the Snowshoe mine well towards completion.

S. H. C. Miner, president of the Granby company, and a party of eastern shareholders are expected to visit the Boundary early in May.

REVELSTOKE AND LARDEAU. On the main line one million dollars will be spent this year in improvement on the C. P. R., and a large proportion of this will be circulated in Revelstoke and vicinity.

With such a bright and cheerful outlook for the surrounding country, Revelstoke as a city has good reason to be proud of her position and prospects.

There is a constantly increasing activity in the lumber camps along the Arrow Lakes.

Twenty-five buildings have been erected in Camborne during the past seven months.

The Lardeau, especially the Fish river district, stands in special need of railway facilities.

THE OKANAGAN.

The report comes from Nicola that a deal is likely to be made between the Nicola Valley Coal and Iron Co. and the Nickel Plate mine in the Hedley Camp, whereby a large area of Nicola coal lands will pass under the control of the latter.

Five seams of coal, ranging in width from five to eleven feet have been discovered and explored to some extent on the ground in question, which is situated about 35 miles from Spence's Bridge. The coal belongs to the same geological age as the Collins Gulch measures in this district.

The Fairview Corporation, which are opening a new shaft on the Slocan mine, have struck at 60 feet from the surface ore averaging \$9.50 per ton.

The Granby company recently purchased the Ironsides fraction claim from Alex Douglas. It adjoins the Banner claim, one of the Granby group, and was secured largely for its timber.

Machinery for the 20-stamp mill for the Nickel Plate mine, Camp Hedley, is being hauled from Penticon. The foundations for the mill have been completed by J. A. Munson, the contractor.

The body of John McEachren, the Otter valley rancher, has been recovered. McEachren lost his way in the snow about two weeks ago.

CARIBOO.

The rich sands of the Cariboo country hitherto discarded, have been assayed by the provincial mineralogist and found to carry high values in gold.

This means much for the Cariboo district placer miners who spring up there upon the receipt of the news. Strange as it may appear, it had not been until this year that any one has thought of assaying the black sands for values.

The provincial mineralogist this year took a quantity of the sand that has been thrown aside and assayed it with the results above stated. There is any amount of land in the Cariboo that will now be worked for gold.

The area is large and will make an immense placer mining field. For a number of years the Cariboo country has been known to be rich in minerals, but little placer mining has been done. It is now thought placer workings will assume important proportions in the district.

KAMLOOPS DISTRICT.

Definite news has been received that Wentworth F. Wood has been successful in floating the Python Mining syndicate with a capital of \$7,500,000.

The company is composed of prominent American and Canadian capitalists, and will erect a large smelter on the Mission Grounds and operate the Homestake group at Adams lake and the Python and Lost Chord groups on Coal Hill.

Mr. Woods is on his way back to Kamloops in company with the chairman of the syndicate, and it is understood that operations will be commenced immediately on his return.

The Kamloops Jockey club is advertising a three-quarter mile dash for British Columbia foals of 1901. The local agricultural association will give \$150.00 towards the purse. The purse is offered for the purpose of encouraging the breeding of thoroughbred horses, a most laudable object and one which should receive the support of all horse breeders.

CITY NEWS

ANNIVERSARY.

The anniversary ball of the I. O. O. F. lodge of Trail will be held on Friday, February 20, instead of the 18th as announced in Sunday's Miner.

COMING HOME.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay company, sailed from Liverpool for Canada on Saturday. He will arrive in Rossland about the first of March.

POLICE COURT.

A man named Scott was convicted of assault at yesterday's session of the police court. It proved that on Friday last Scott struck a man named Hartie in the Alhambra hotel. A fine of \$25 was levied.

WILL REPEAT.

The Dramatic Club has arranged to repeat the farce-comedy "Jane" at Trail on Tuesday night next.

SQUARING UP.

The executive officers of the winter carnival committee are engaged in making the last collections and finally squaring up all accounts in connection with the celebration. They state that it will not be possible for several days to make a statement as to the financial affairs of the committee.

IN QUOD.

Bartlett, the Northport man charged with the possession of valuable material stolen from the Northport smelter, is in jail at Colville, the county seat of Stevens county. He is held there pending trial before the county court. Bail was not secured by the prisoner.

GOOD SMOKER.

The Sons of St. George held a pleasant smoking concert in the public library last night. The entertainment was well patronized, every seat in the premises being occupied. The program was contributed by Messrs. Hooper, Shilcock, Lewis, Coleman, Townsend, Wyles, Lawler, Rickards, Nelson and Summers.

LOST AT POKER.

A few days ago the police took in charge a drunk who asserted at the police station that he had dropped \$25 in a poker game at the Headquarters saloon, corner First avenue and Washington street. The police investigated and were about to proceed against the owner of the saloon when a change of ownership took place.

STARTS TODAY.

Active operations will be resumed at the Giant today, after a short shutdown. The cylinder in the compressor plant was damaged, and power could not be secured for the machinery, hence the brief cessation of mining. The repairs were executed at the Le Roi machine shop, and the Giant management expects to have everything running as usual today.

CHAMPION WRESTLERS.

George Gefford, champion Cornish wrestler of Great Britain, and John Tipton, champion of the same style in the United States, will meet in a match at the international next Saturday night for a purse of \$200. A large audience will be present, and it is expected that the match will be the best exhibition of wrestling ever arranged in Rossland. Considerable money has been wagered on the result.

BOTH BUSY.

John H. Mackenzie, late general manager of the Le Roi mine and Northport smelter, is understood to be in Spokane with a view to interviewing Great Northern officials there in regard to the promised coke supply for the smelting plant. He is expected home before the end of the week. Mr. Parrish, the new general manager, is in Greenwood. His mission is that of interviewing the management of the smelting concern in regard to the boundary for the purpose of securing concerted action in regard to the situation at Fernie, Michel and Morrissey.

ASSOCIATED BOARDS.

H. W. C. Jackson, secretary of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia, has sent notices of the approaching convention at Fernie to the boards at Rossland, Nelson, Grand Forks, Cascade, Phoenix, Cranbrook, Kaslo, Moyie, Fort Steele, Trail, Greenwood, Fernie, Kamloops, Vernon, Revelstoke, Golden and Wilmer. If there are other chartered boards in the district it is the privilege of such boards to send their presidents and two delegates each to the convention. The Rossland board will hold a meeting at an early date to discuss matters for presentation to the associated boards convention. A resolution regarding the duties on diamond drill apparatus will probably be introduced.

THE TRUANT CASE.

The truant officer has taken decisive action with respect to compelling the attendance at school of children whose parents refuse to send them to the public educational institutions as required by the Education Act. From time to time it has been pointed out that parents seriously hampered the corporation and did the schools no justice in not insisting upon regular attendance by their children, but the matter was not ventilated in court until recently when an aggravated case came under the attention of the authorities. A Mrs. Ogg, residing in the Cook avenue school district, refused point blank to send her three children, all within the ages specified in the School Act, to the public schools, and an information was laid under the Act. The case was heard in the police court, and Mrs. Ogg's explanation was three-fold; first, that the schools were no good, second, that her children learned to swear at school, and third, that they were being taught by Charles Hayward, a teamster. The explanation was not satisfactory to Judge Boutbee, who suspended sentence for a week, during which period Mrs. Ogg will have an opportunity to send the little Oggs to school.

WEATHER IS SEVERE

COLD WAVE AND STORMS REPORTED FROM MANY POINTS.

TEMPERATURES ARE LOW OVER ALL THE WESTERN STATES.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Reports today show an extensive cold wave covering the west from Texas to Lake Superior and extending into the Rocky mountains. Williston, N. D., with a record of 42 below, is distinguished as the coldest spot in the country. In the mountains of Wyoming the temperature ranges from 28 to 40 degrees below. Mining operations have ceased, cattle are perishing and many small camps are entirely cut off from the outer world.

The greater part of Kansas is covered with snow. Many points in the south report heavy sleet storms, which have delayed traffic and interrupted telegraphic communication.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—After a day of sleet and drizzling rain, snow began to fall in this city tonight. The fall was heavy and fast, and at 11 o'clock has reached a depth of three and one-half inches. The storm will not cause any delay to the elevated railroad, but the street car lines had some difficulty in keeping up to their schedule time.

Dispatches received tonight from east, north and west show that these sections of the country are beset with storms of either snow, rain, or cold weather. These dispatches briefly summarized the fall of snow in the different districts: Reno, Nevada.—Coldest in many years. Topeka, Kansas.—Severe cold weather. Some counties in the state almost out of coal.

Salt Lake, Utah.—Temperature zero and under. Heavy cattle losses. Santa Fe, N. M.—Five below. Snow all over the state from two inches to two feet deep.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Snow ceased, but intense cold prevails all over the state. Jacksonville, Fla.—The wind blew 77 miles an hour, every wire except the one used by the Associated Press is down, and it is impossible to get news from the state. Very cold weather is predicted.

Memphis, Tenn.—Blizzard of sleet and snow, stops trains and street cars. Similar conditions exist in Arkansas and Northern Texas.

Bowman, Ga.—A wind storm demolished houses, killing and injuring a number of persons.

Nashville and Chattanooga swept by gale accompanied by rain and snow.

Pittsburg, Pa.—A severe snow storm tonight suspended all traffic on street car line and heavy wind prevailed.

BOUGHT AT SPOKANE.

Report Concerning Bank of Montreal Real Estate Investment. (Special to The Miner.)

SPOKANE, Feb. 16.—The statement is made here that the Ferrisdale block, an eight-story structure at the corner of Riverside avenue and Stevens street, has been acquired for the Bank of Montreal, which will shortly open a branch of its business here for the purpose of conducting the financial business of the proposed branch of the Canadian Pacific through the state, with terminals at Spokane.

J. S. C. Fraser, manager of the Rossland branch of the Bank of Montreal, was asked as to the accuracy of the foregoing report. His response was: "I have not heard of it, and don't think it's so."

THAT OLD PAIN AGAIN.

Gnawing, Piercing Pains that Almost Make You Scream.

It is your old enemy, rheumatism, come again with the winter to torture you. These pains, remember, are caused by bad blood, you may ease them by rubbing with liniments and outward lotions, but cannot get rid of them in that way. Rheumatism is caused by bad blood and the only certain way to drive it out of the system, is to enrich your blood by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. There is no case of rheumatism Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will not cure if given a fair trial.

By making new, rich red blood and strengthening the nerves they strike out at the very root of such diseases as rheumatism, sciatica and lumbago. We give one case out of thousands to prove the truth of this statement. Mr. A. G. Lacombe, of Sorel, Que., says: "For five years I was a victim to the tortures of rheumatism. At times the pains in my knees, shoulders and hips were almost past endurance. Often I could not dress myself without assistance. I tried many remedies but I never got more than temporary relief until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I used altogether eight boxes, and since taking them I have not had a twinge of the trouble. I feel better in every way than I did for years before. I would strongly advise every rheumatic sufferer to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial." Remember that only the genuine pills will cure—imitations can't cure. Therefore see that the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" is found on the wrapper around every box. Sold by all medicine dealers or sent post paid at 50c per box or six boxes for \$2.50 by writing direct to Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

J. L. G. Abbott is expected to return from the coast about the end of the week. Mr. Abbott's Rossland friends join with The Miner in extending sincere condolences in the sad bereavement he has suffered in the lamented demise of his mother.

Erastus W. Matthews, manager for British Columbia of the Dun Financial Agency, is in the city for a few days on business. Mr. Matthews is making a tour of his territory.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON BONANZA

The Bonanza Gold Mines of Rossland, Limited, Owns a group of the richest gold mines in Rossland District. The property will be equipped with a mill this summer and the company will be the next in the Province to

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THE STOCK MARKET

The tone of the market during the week was somewhat varied, some stocks showing marked strength, while others were distinctly weak. Payne and Bonanza moved up briskly, the former rising to 29 1/2 in the sales and the latter going to 25 asked and 24 bid in the last day's quotations.

Centre Star dropped two points from 32 1/2, and Rambler sold on the last day at 29. Nearly all the other stocks remained at the old figures. The week's business was rather light, partly on account of the holiday time. The transactions for the week amounted to a little more than 42,000 shares.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Asked, Bid. Includes American Boy, Black Tail, Ben Hur, Bonanza, Canadian Gold Fields, Cariboo McK., Centre Star, Fairview, Fisher Maiden, Giant, Granby Consolidated, Lone Pine, Morning Glory, Mountain Lion, North Star (E. K.), Payne, Quilp, Rambler-Cariboo, Republic, San Foll, Sullivan, Tom Thumb, War Eagle, Waterloo (As. pd.), White Bear (As. pd.).

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James Lawrence, the well known Nelson hardware man, is in the city.

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CARNIVAL VISITORS

A party from the Trail smelter consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Lebarthe and Messrs. Binay, Blabock and Kam...

The star player on the Pincher Creek hockey team is T. J. Moore, accountant for the firm of Lavalle & Co., general merchants at Pincher.

Andrew Larson, general superintendent of the mines owned by the Rossland-Kootenay company, returned yesterday from a brief visit to the mining camps of Idaho and Montana...

A. W. Smith is another old-time Tacsland business man who is visiting here during the carnival. Mr. Smith is a member of the well known firm of Thomas & Smith...

Robert Kenyon Keller, manager of the Hume Hotel at Nelson, is in the city for the carnival and incidentally to renew old friendships formed at the period when he was connected with Hunter Bros. establishment...

Paul Johnson of the Greenwood smelter arrived here yesterday from Nelson. He was preceded several days by Mrs. Johnson, who is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Strickland at the Bank of Montreal chambers...

M. Shea, a popular ex-Rosslander now residing at Spokane, is here for the carnival. Mr. Shea was largely instrumental in booming the carnival among his southern neighbors...

T. J. Finucane, manager of the Greenwood branch of the Bank of Montreal, arrived yesterday in order to be present at the carnival. Mr. Finucane has resided in the Kootenays since the early days...

Among the Northwest Territories delegation headed by J. A. H. Schofield are Messrs. Creighton and George Turnbull of Medicine Hat...

Cyril I. Archibald, captain of the Nelson hockey team, is one of the Queen City's bright young business men. He has been identified for some years with the Seward Lumber company...

The merry-maker of the Northwest Territories delegation is Jonas Jones, described by his friends as "the notorious Jones Jones." He is an auctioneer and a breeder of fine trotting stock...

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Walker are the guests of Mr. Walker's sister, Mrs. McInnes. Mr. Walker since leaving Rossland has been the Spokane representative of the Reddin-Jackson company...

looks to see Spokane real estate double in value within the next eighteen months and has, therefore, refused to sell. As one of the principal shareholders in the Reddin-Jackson company...

The Nelson hockey team has no more enthusiastic supporter than Harry Wright, mining recorder for the Nelson division and assessor for Nelson and Rossland...

L. B. De Veber, manager of the New Denver branch of the Bank of Montreal, is another participant in the carnival festivities. Prior to taking charge at New Denver, Mr. De Veber was accountant for several years in the Rossland office of the bank...

W. Le Maistre is here from Revelstoke attending the carnival festivities and looking up his many Rossland friends. Mr. Le Maistre has been practicing law at Revelstoke since severing his connection with the firm of Daly, Hamilton & Le Maistre...

R. R. Hedley of the Hall Mines smelter, Nelson, is in the city. Mr. Hedley is taking a keen interest in the attempts that are being made to promote the welfare of the smelting industry of Southern British Columbia...

J. A. H. Schofield is here with the Pincher Creek hockey team. Mr. Schofield is a nephew of Judge Schofield of this city. This is his first visit to Rossland and he is very agreeably impressed with the interest and wealth of the Rossland camp...

William Davis of Nelson is spending the week-end in Rossland, and his friends here were more than pleased to note his arrival. Mr. Davis is an Englishman who made several successes on the Rand, where he spent fifteen years prior to coming to British Columbia...

Slocan City has a good representative at the carnival in the person of Robert J. Kirkwood, a fine sample of the successful prospector. Mr. Kirkwood went into the Slocan City mining division a decade ago and as a ground-floor prospector got in on half a dozen "good things"...

Mayor Schofield of Trail is in the city manifesting his usual kindly interest in the welfare and happiness of the Golden City. Next to Trail, Mayor Schofield probably thinks more of Rossland than any other place in southern British Columbia...

A. H. Buchanan, manager of the Nelson branch of the Bank of Montreal, is in the city attending the carnival. Mr. Buchanan is one of the oldest residents of Nelson. He established the first bank there and has seen the city by the Lake grow from a small hamlet to a flourishing community of over 5000 people...

maintained a policy on the part of his bank that has encouraged local enterprise to a really remarkable extent. It was Mr. Buchanan who came over from Nelson in April, 1896, and opened the first bank in Rossland...

C. F. Clough is another of the many Spokaneites attending the carnival. Mr. Clough is one of the leading real estate and financial agents of Eastern Washington. He is well known in Rossland since the camp first started and was one of the Spokane men who helped to bring the Trail Creek mines to the attention of the outside world...

Among the Nelson visitors is Robert Robertson, one of the most interesting figures in the commercial life of the Kootenays. Prior to coming here four or five years ago as manager of the J. Y. Griffin & Co's business in the Kootenays, Mr. Robertson was prominently identified with the produce industry of Ontario as an expert cheese maker...

DROWNED AT BONNINGTON.

An Estimable Young Man Went to His Death Yesterday.

Hugh McEachern, an employe of the West Kootenay Power & Light company of Rossland, was drowned yesterday at the company's powerhouse at Bonnington Falls. Deceased was a young man, unmarried, and a valued employe of the company...

McEachern was working about the intake to the canal. He stumbled over a coil of rope, fell fifteen feet to the rocks beneath and rolled into the swiftly flowing waters of the canal. The body was carried down stream for a couple of hundred feet within a couple of inches of the surface. Ropes were thrown by other men working along the canal, but it was evident that McEachern was stunned by the fall on the rocks, as he failed to avail himself of the proffered assistance...

Twelve minutes after McEachern fell, his body was taken from the water at the dam, and every effort made to secure a return of animation. These efforts failed.

Deceased was a native of Antigonish, N. S., and his family reside there. Telegraphic advices of the fatality were forwarded, and the body is held until instructions as to its disposition are received.

IF BABY COULD TALK.

"I am sure if baby could only talk," says Mrs. B. Gaffney, L'Amable, Ont., she would praise Baby's Own Tablets more than any other medicine I have ever used for my little one. This is the verdict of all mothers who have used Baby's Own Tablets, and it is the very best proof that no other medicine can equal them for the speedy relief and cure of the common ailments of little ones...

RAISING CAPITAL.

B. C. Electric Railway Company's Debentures Offered in London. MONTREAL, Feb. 16.—The Star's London cable says: The British Columbia Electric Railway company, which earned an increased dividend of nearly 4,000 last year, is raising capital to substitute a water power plant for steam power, on each of which change is hoped to obtain a still larger increase of revenue, especially from the sale of power.

Sperling & Co. today offered for subscription 2175,000 of 4-1/2 per cent debentures of 2100 each of the Electric Railway company's part of the issue of 2228,000, on each of which will be endorsed an additional security of 41-1/2 per cent first mortgage debenture of 2100 of the Vancouver Power Company, Limited, the bulk of whose capital it is proposed to acquire at par.

A. V. Mason, manager of the Nelson street railway, spent the closing hours of carnival week here and remained over Sunday.

"SKY PILOT" IS HERE

ORIGINAL OF RALPH CONNOR'S FAMOUS WESTERN STORY

IN ROSSLAND.

REV. HUGH GRANT OF PINCHER THE MAN—A MOST ARDENT HOCKEY PLAYER.

"The Sky Pilot," rendered famous by Ralph Connor in the breezy western story of that title, is in Rossland today. The original of Mr. Connor's interesting character is Rev. Hugh R. Grant of Pincher Creek, who is in attendance at the carnival as president of the Pincher Creek hockey team and an ardent supporter of amateur sport.

Mr. Grant is a native of the Ottawa district, and was educated at Queen's University, where he formed a friendship with the man who afterwards made him famous with a pen wielded under the name of Ralph Connor in "The Sky Pilot." Mr. Grant is identified with the Presbyterian denomination, and has lived in the prairie country for the past ten years. He is a believer in Christianity militant, and while he has a manner that rarely brings him foul of the rough souls with whom he is required to wrestle in the course of his pastoral duties among the stockmen, he has the reputation of maintaining his dignity when threatened, and the cowboy who starts to disregard the principles of Christianity by "going up" the person finds himself opposed to a man of splendid physique, always in perfect condition and no mean exponent of the manly art of self-defence. Seven years ago Mr. Grant organized the Pincher Creek hockey team and has served continuously as president from that day to this. He is a rattling good player, whose judgment at critical points makes up for any deficiencies in speed. In lacrosse he is equally prominent—in fact Rev. Hugh Grant is regarded as the father of amateur sport in Pincher Creek district. His devotion to healthful sports does not interfere with his usefulness as a spiritual guide, in fact the very reverse is the case, and "Padre" Grant is genuinely loved by young and old. His influence among the young men of the district has passed into a proverb. Unfortunately Rosslanders will not have an opportunity of seeing Mr. Grant play hockey here, as he played at Medicine Hat on the way into the Kootenays, and is allowing other players to uphold Pincher's colors in the Golden City.

Many of the incidents recounted in "The Sky Pilot" have exact parallels in Mr. Grant's career among the stockmen of Pincher Creek district, while others have been thus suggested to the author and altered by him to meet the needs of readers of fiction. "The Sky Pilot" of Mr. Connor's creation is inclined to the effeminate, and just here is where Mr. Grant differs from the reverend gentleman who adorns Mr. Connor's pages. The real "Sky Pilot" is a man's man in every sense of the expression, and that is why he has been so eminently successful in his ministerial career.

SIMPSON CASE AGAIN.

Preliminary Hearing Lasted all Day Yesterday in Police Court.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The case of H. W. Simpson, charged with attempted arson at his place of business on Columbia avenue, came up yesterday at the police court, and the hearing lasted all day. No conclusion was reached at 1 o'clock, when court adjourned until this morning at 9:30 o'clock. Counsel for the defendant stated that he would probably not attempt to establish a defence at this time inasmuch as the evidence submitted by the crown would likely satisfy the court as to a prima facie case, and further evidence would not be required at the present juncture.

The status of the Simpson case before the police magistrate is that an effort is being made by the crown to show that there is prima facie evidence sufficient to put the defendant upon his trial. If the crown succeeds in thus establishing a prima facie case, the police court has no jurisdiction other than to commit the defendant for trial. The point is, the police magistrate does not determine the guilt or innocence of the accused, and the decision arrived at today will not materially affect the standing of the defendant will undoubtedly be reserved until the trial proper is proceeded with.

Several witnesses were called yesterday by Charles R. Hamilton, who conducted the case for the crown. T. Russell Murray and Alexander Brown were placed on the stand to tell the story of the discovery of the fire, William Curphey to prove that Simpson was in his establishment at ten minutes to 7 o'clock on the night of the fire, Chief Guthrie, of the fire department, to describe the situation as he found it on examining the premises, and Constable Heaveney to give similar testimony. J. A. Macdonald, counsel for the defence, said, when the question of adjournment was under discussion: "I presume that the court has decided that a prima facie case has been established, in which event it will not avail my case to put a hundred witnesses on the stand. I will decide over night whether it is desirable to do so." Simpson's bail was continued.

TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT.

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—The chancellor today sent the reichstag a memorandum on tuberculosis treatment. Out of 10,000 deaths in Germany of persons between the ages of 15 and 60, 316 died from tuberculosis alone. The mortality of the whole population averaged 242 per 10,000 per year. The health office found that consumption can best be treated in special hospitals. The statistics of 1896 to 1901 showed that on the average out of a hundred cases treated 57.7 were dispersed, cured or improved, 2.5 as better, 3.1 as worse and that 0.4 died.

PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT

To the committee and executive officers of the Midwinter Carnival is due the heartiest commendation for their admirable work in connection with the celebration that closed last night. Only those who followed closely the reports of the numerous committee meetings and were in touch with the work of the committee and its officials are in a position to appreciate thoroughly the careful and painstaking manner in which arrangements for the celebration were made, and the unremitting labor entailed in bringing the carnival to a successful issue. The citizens who bore the brunt of the work richly merit the thanks of citizens generally for their efforts in promoting Rossland's most successful winter demonstration.

The members of the executive committee were: Mayor Dean, chairman; K. E. Mackenzie, honorary treasurer; J. Stillwell Clute, J. S. C. Fraser, Harry McIntosh, Lorne A. Campbell, N. A. Burritt, E. A. Rolf, C. O. Lalonde, C. V. Jenkins, A. D. Davis and E. S. H. Winn. His Worship Mayor Dean dispensed the hospitality of the city with an enthusiasm and geniality that commended itself to all who noted his efforts in this direction. The real brunt of the work naturally devolved upon the secretary, Archibald Burns Mackenzie, and to him is due a special vote of thanks. Mr. Mackenzie filled a breach, and it will be freely agreed that his indefatigable and enthusiastic efforts to make the carnival successful had their reward in the accomplishment of the end he sought to bring about.

"JANE" AGAIN.

Second Performance Drew Large House and Delighted All.

(From Sunday's Daily.) The matinee reproduction of the farce-comedy "Jane" at the opera house yesterday afternoon went off particularly well. The attendance was large, seating room being in demand, and the audience was quite as appreciative as the one which greeted the initial performance on the preceding Tuesday. The production was smooth and made even a bigger hit than on its first night. The members of the cast had the benefit of the opening performance, and took their parts with the thoroughness and precision of well trained professionals. From start to finish there was not a single hitch, and the members of the Dramatic club may congratulate themselves upon the admirable performance of their first essay in the theatrical line this season. Mrs. Corson in the title role again demonstrated the possession of dramatic talent of considerable power, and delighted the audience with her brightly and finished interpretation of the character. Mr. Wilson was equally as good as on the opening night, and Mr. Hooper again tickled the audience into repeated roars of merriment by his droll work in the comedy part. Miss Billing repeated the success she achieved in her comedy part on Tuesday night, and Mrs. Simpson was the deft and persistent Cockney dame that she delineated so cleverly on the opening night. Miss Shrapnell was charmingly gowned and performed the work allotted to her role with exceptional brightness and a marked grasp of stage business. Messrs Gray and Simpson repeated the successful work of the preceding performance. The proceeds of the performance go to the Ladies' Guild of St. George's church, and the society's funds will reap a substantial harvest as the outcome of the performance.

COME AGAIN NEXT YEAR

On behalf of the citizens of Rossland, The Miner extends its felicitations to the visitors from Trail, Nelson, Sandon, the Slocan, East Kootenay, the Territories and Spokane, who have been in attendance at the Midwinter Carnival.

The celebration has been eminently successful, and to the visitors is due its success in no small measure. Fully a thousand people came in to participate in and witness the sports, and their patronage is thoroughly appreciated. From year to year Rossland's annual mid-winter carnival will be improved through the addition of new features of an appropriate and attractive nature. The Miner extends a hearty invitation to all visitors to the celebration of 1903 to return in 1904 and bring their friends along.

Rossland's latch string is always on the outside, and next year the Golden City will have a dozen milling plants actively engaged in the concentration of "low grade" ores. These will form an important addition to the show places of the camp. Come again; there will be a bigger and better carnival next winter!

CITY NEWS

SAD DEATH.—Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Creelman received the sad news yesterday of the death of Mr. Creelman's mother, at Upper Stewiacke, Colchester county, Nova Scotia. She was in her 84th year. Mr. Creelman has the heartiest sympathy of his many friends in Rossland.

TEN DAYS' STOCK.—A report from Trail is to the effect that the smelter has ten days' supply of coke and that the company's policy with respect to the operation of the plant will not be settled for some days until the situation at Fernie is definitely outlined.

CONCENTRATOR.—The management of the Big Four properties west of the city is in correspondence with the officers of several other properties adjacent to the smelter, with a view to ascertaining if concerted action in respect to the establishment of a milling plant cannot be arranged at a comparatively early date.

SAD JOURNEY.—Alexander Macdonald, of the West Kootenay Power & Light company, left last night for Avondale, N. S., with the remains of the late Hugh McEachern. The deceased young man's relatives reside at that point and desired that his remains be sent there for interment, which request the company immediately complied with.

NERVY DEER.—A story is to hand from Northport about a deer with nerve. Yesterday a deer came down out of the hills around the smelter town and trotted down the main street to the railroad tracks, where a freight train barred its progress. The animal leaped between the cars and ran along the river bank, while the sportsmen who had hauled out their shooting irons took pot shots. Finally the deer took to water, swam the river and vanished on the opposite bank.

PATRIOTIC.—The West Kootenay Power & Light company merits a hearty vote of thanks for their enterprise in connection with the lighting of the city during carnival week. As a starter the number of arc lights on Columbia avenue was doubled. The toboggan slide was illuminated with a couple of hundred incandescent lamps that give a fairy-like touch to the scene and make tobogganing possible after sunset. The company's offices were lit up, a pillar of electric lights and the Union Jack in colors being the principal features. The headquarters of the company was easily the most attractive point in the city.

BIG FUTURE.—The Miner is in receipt of a communication from Richard Cooper of this city containing information of an interesting nature regarding the prospect for the evolving of a large trade in spelter throughout the province and in Burnt Basin particularly. Mr. Cooper believes that Burnt Basin has a bright prospect of becoming one of the most important zinc ore producing sections of the Kootenays if surface indications can be taken as evidence of ore bodies at lower depths. The veins in Burnt Basin are, he says, well defined and in a lime formation and the ore carries zinc, lead and copper with gold and silver. He is satisfied that steady development with reasonably economical transportation would undoubtedly bring the section rapidly to the front as a profitable and regular producer.

The funeral services of the late August Feltz, who was recently fatally injured in the Kootenay mine, took place at the Baptist church in Wallace, Idaho, on Saturday last. A. B. Baird, the pastor, conducted the services. A large audience was present testifying to the esteem in which deceased was held. Gem Lodge, K. of P., of which the late Mr. Feltz was a member, had the services in charge. This was the first death in the lodge since its institution, but the Knights rendered their beautiful services at the grave with as much precision as though practiced in such work. On behalf of Mrs. Feltz The Miner is asked to extend thanks to all friends who gave a helping hand in her sad loss. Especially are thanks due to Gem Lodge K. of P. and to the Knights of Rossland and Wallace.

The case of the plaintiff in the action of McKelvey vs. Le Roi Mining company has been finally sustained. Everyone is familiar with the \$3000 damage suit brought by Larry W. McKelvey, an ex-employe of the Le Roi mine, against the company for injuries sustained while at work in the shaft. In the British Columbia courts the defence was sustained, but the provincial decisions were reversed by the supreme court of Canada on November 17 last. Application was made on behalf of the defendant company for leave to appeal to the privy council, and a despatch just to hand states that this application has been refused with costs. There is no further recourse from the last decision handed down, and the mining company will now be required to pay the verdict awarded.

Archie Cameron, of Salmo, and formerly of Rossland, left yesterday on a trip that will take him a distance equal to half the circuit of the globe. He goes from Rossland to Vancouver and Victoria, then south to California, east to Denver, Col.; north to Butte, Mont.; east again to Chicago, then to Toronto, south to Philadelphia and to New York, where he will sail for England and Scotland. Returning he will come direct to Rossland at the expiration of about nine months. The entire distance to be covered by the booking, which was arranged at the Canadian Pacific office here, is something over 12,000 miles. Mr. Cameron was a member of the syndicate of four men who held a bond and lease on the Queen property near Salmo, and ran \$50,000 worth of ore through the Yellowstone stamp mill in the course of a few months, making a substantial net clean-up.

THE STRIKE. In response to a received the following: Fernie, B. C., Feb. 18.—As it stands today, the strike is a protest against a wage scale. The Fernie working under a principle the 4th of A. though the union has tried to obtain have up to date by the management nothing could be done. There is not a wheel Morrissey or Miché SECRETARY. FERNIE, B. C., Feb. 18.—At Michel, Fernie is out on strike this morning. The public, but seems to be the rate at Morrissey, which is not sufficient to wage. The men are good wages, but have been sowing. Among the men for the meeting here was to go out there was a percentage of the mine number of the men learn, are opposed. General Manager To statement that the pared to resist the men, it need be HURTS OTHER I With the know, Eagle and Centre seriously hampered through a scarcity feared that the shipments from the series might have disastrous effect.

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A STRIKE IN COAL MINES

All the Crow's Nest Collieries Are Closed Down.

Wages Question at Bottom of the Trouble.

FERNIE, Feb. 11.—News reached here this morning that the strike at the mines of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company at Fernie, Michel and Morrissey had at last broken out, and that all the men had quit work this morning.

A leading striker was seen by your correspondent, and he declared that the strike had been under consideration for some time. He also said that the company must have been fully aware that it was coming on, as it had been talked of freely for the past month.

The causes had been fully investigated by officers from the Western Federation of Miners, and they had been promised the hearty support of the federation in their strike.

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The situation in connection with the strike of coal miners in the employ of the Crow's Nest Coal company remains unchanged. At Fernie, matters are at a standstill. No overtures have been made by one side or the other, and a day or two will likely elapse before negotiations between the conflicting interests actually get under way.

The strikers' case. In response to a request The Miner received the following dispatch last night: Fernie, B. C., Feb. 11.—The situation at the mines today is this: The Morrissey mines have been working under a protested wage scale since November 1st.

THE COMPANY'S VIEW. FERNIE, B. C., Feb. 11.—The miners at Michel, Fernie and Morrissey went out on strike this morning. The causes of the strike have not yet been given to the public, but the main reason seems to be the rate of 40 cents a ton at Morrissey, which the miners claim is not sufficient to give them a living wage.

HURTS OTHER LOCAL INTERESTS. With the knowledge that the War Eagle and Centre Star mines were seriously hampered to a serious extent through a scarcity of fuel, it was feared that the sudden cessation of shipments from the Crow's Nest collieries might have an immediate and disastrous effect upon the companies'

operations. Fortunately it develops that the danger of this is not as serious as might generally be believed at first glance.

No new developments have cropped up in connection with the unfortunate labor trouble that has tied up the coke and coal supply of the Kootenays. The reports from Fernie yesterday were to the effect that but little had been done in the direction of bringing the divided interests together.

Reports from the various sections of the Kootenays and Boundary affected by the strike indicate that the consequences of a protracted deadlock are fully realized. In the Boundary particularly the situation is regarded as critical, for Boundary people experienced the results of fuel shortage last summer.

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WHAT THE MEN SAY

THE UNION'S ATTITUDE IN REGARD TO THE CROW'S NEST STRIKE.

BAD FAITH AND OPPRESSIVE METHODS CHARGED AGAINST COMPANY.

The Miner is in receipt of the following letter setting forth the coal miners' side of the dispute: Editor Miner: The men and boys working in and around the mines and coke ovens of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company at Morrissey, Michel and Fernie all came out on strike on the morning of February 11th, and there is not a wheel moving in either of the three camps.

After a six weeks' strike, and on August 4, the Gladstone Miners' Union, No. 76, of the W. F. of M., entered into an agreement with Mr. Tonkin on behalf of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, and clause five of that agreement in part reads as follows: "If at the expiration of two months from date of this agreement the Union shall signify in writing to the company after a vote by ballot among the employees employed by the company underground, that they are dissatisfied with the extra time underground, the company hereby agree that this agreement shall be at an end; and thereafter a day's work shall consist of one eight (8) hour shift."

THE DAY THEY SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT Mr. Tonkin told the committee that he intended in the near future to draw up a scale of prices which he wanted the committee to sign on behalf of the union. He assured the committee that he would not cut prices, or in other words that the prices would remain as they were when he came.

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THE RESERVED COAL LANDS

Report That the C. P. R. Is Moving to Acquire Them.

Ministers at Victoria Said to Favor the Railway.

SPOKANE, Feb. 18.—A report is current here that the C. P. R. is taking advantage of the Fernie coal strike to press its claims for the acquisition of East Kootenay coal lands now held in reserve by the provincial government.

There is another rumor here to the effect that Hon. Mr. Wells secretly visited Spokane recently and was here for several days negotiating with Spokane capitalists for the sale of the same lands that he is said to be pledged to deliver to the C. P. R., the Spokane men having offered Mr. Wells better terms.

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PERHAPS COAST FUEL

SUPERINTENDENT MARPOLE DISCUSSES THE PRESENT FUEL SHORTAGE.

MAY HAVE TO BRING VANCOUVER ISLAND COKE TO KOOTENAY.

R. M. Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., accompanied by District Superintendent Downie, was in town for a few hours yesterday.

Although his trip is one of general inspection, the prime object of Mr. Marpole's visit is to arrange, if possible, an adequate supply of fuel for the West Kootenay and Boundary mines and smelters. He is greatly concerned over the suspension of the metal mining industry in Southern British Columbia for an indefinite period.

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Wood's Phosphorine. The Great English Remedy. Sold and recommended by all druggists in Canada. Only reliable medicine for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc.

OTTAWA COAL COMBINE. The next meeting of the city council will be the most important for many months. A motion will be presented requiring the city to prosecute the members of the alleged coal combine.

DEVILIN MENTIONED. He May Succeed Lynch as Member for Galway. MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—The Star's London cable says: The name of Charles Devilin, Canadian government agent at Dublin, is favorably discussed as the Nationalist candidate for Galway.

ACCUSED HER OF PERJURY

Judge Forin Administers Stinging Rebuke to a Witness.

Says a Female Witness Lied From Start to Finish.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

I am satisfied there has been a deliberate attempt at falsifying and will report the matter to the attorney-general as to whether the plaintiff shall be proceeded against for perjury.

The matter in hand was that of O'Brien vs. Pluman and Hartington. All the parties come from Trail. In November, 1901, the plaintiff, Mrs. Kate O'Brien, sold the furniture of the Klaser hotel at Trail to the defendant, who agreed to give in payment cash to the sum of \$400 and four notes of \$50 each.

After Mrs. O'Brien had concluded her evidence, Judge Forin denounced the testimony as false. Opening with the remark already quoted, The Hon. continued that Mrs. O'Brien's evidence was honeycombed with falsehood.

Before closing the case Judge Forin indicated his intention of ruling for defendants in regard to the \$40 claim.

EIGHT KILLED.

Fatal Explosion in an Ohio Factory Yesterday.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 16.—A special from Foster says: Eight persons were killed and four injured by an explosion in the Peter and Fox explosives factory today.

MURDER IN BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, Feb. 17.—Charles T. Mohring, a brother of former Assemblyman Mohring, was fatally stabbed at his home on Filmore avenue today.

THE HUMBERT CASE.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Mme. Therese Humbert, the central figure in the Crawford millions litigation, has complained of suffering from an affliction of the heart caused by confinement in her cell, and the presiding judge of the court before which the case was to be tried has ordered a medical examination of the prisoner and postponed the proceedings which were set for today.

PROMOTION FOR BERESFORD.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—It was said in the lobbies of the house of commons this afternoon that Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford had been informed that he may be offered the command of the fleet. Replying to inquiries on the subject, Lord Beresford was quoted as saying that the matter was entirely unsettled.

KILLED HIMSELF.

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CONVENED AT FERNIE

ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE CALLED TOGETHER FOR MARCH 18.

SERIES OF INTERESTING RESOLUTIONS ALREADY BROACHED FOR CONVENTION.

The "Business men's parliament of the interior" will meet next month when the associated boards of trade of Eastern British Columbia convene at Fernie on March 18th.

The Rossland board of trade will probably be called together at an early date for the purpose of preparing resolutions for submission to the associated boards. It is likely that certain representations of the coke and coal supplies for the country will be combined in a resolution.

The Rossland board of trade has indicated its intention of making several recommendations to the associated boards. The first of these relates to forest fires. The Kaslo board will urge that the provincial government take steps to make immediate provision for the prevention of the forest fires that annually sweep through the country.

Kaslo will recommend that the provincial government be requested to acquire a tract of no less than 100,000 acres of pine lands of East Kootenay to be held as a public park. Most of these lands are now held under railroad grants or under other reserves.

The establishment of an experimental apple orchard in the Rocky Mountain country by the Dominion government is another of the Kaslo board's recommendations. The federal government maintains the experimental farm at Agassiz and the desire is to inaugurate tests in apple growing in the higher altitude of the mountain country.

Kaslo's fourth resolution is that the executive be instructed to call a convention to be attended by two delegates from each legally constituted board of trade in the province to be held at Kamloops on a date to be fixed by the executive of the associated boards.

THE VENEZUELAN CASE.

A British Bluebook Issued Setting Forth Details.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Venezuelan bluebook, issued this afternoon, shows that after a conversation between Foreign Minister Lansdowne and the German ambassador, Count Wolff-Metternich, on July 25 last the former said: "We should be quite ready to confer with the German government with the view of joint action."

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—Chancellor von Buelow sent to the reichstag today a memorandum of the settlement of the Venezuelan disputes. He summarized the terms of the protocol and concluded that diplomatic relations with Venezuela would be resumed at once.

APPROVES MONROE DOCTRINE.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—Ernest von Wildenbruche, Emperor William's favorite contemporary poet, and sometimes for that reason called the court poet, has written an article on "Germany and the Monroe Doctrine," in which he says it is clearly in a line with Germany's interest and policy to join with the United States in maintaining the doctrine, and expresses the hope that the United States will extend her authority over all Latin America.

GROWING RATHER OLD.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—Russian newspapers claim that a man in a hospital at Tomsk is 200 years old. They say this statement is supported by documents. The man has been a widow for 123 years. He had a son who died in 1824, aged 90 years. He remembers seeing Peter the Great. He is bedridden, but mentally sound.

NEGROES TO BE HANGED.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 17.—Four negroes convicted of murder will be hanged in Mississippi tomorrow. Alexander Smith will be executed at Poplarville, Thomas Swow at Raleigh, Emanuel Walker at Indole and Joseph Campbell at Yasco City. Governor Longino has finally refused to interfere in any of the four cases.

HOCKEY IS ALL OVER THE POWERS

NELSON WON'T PLAY HERE UNDER ANY CONSIDERATION.

A SHABBY OFFER FOR VICS TO VISIT QUEEN CITY.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Nelson won't play hockey any more in Rossland this season. This was the answer returned to the management of the Victoria team as a reply to the overtures for a game on Friday.

Yesterday afternoon a telephone message was received from Nelson to the effect that Rossland's proposition for a game on Friday had been turned down. The Vics offered \$50 per cent of the gross gate receipts or \$100 in cash for a match here, but Nelson's reply was that their men couldn't get away.

Manager Murphy then took his \$500 roll and hastened to Nelson to clinch the offer. By telephone yesterday it was learned that Nelson had again made qualifications that are practically certain to put an end to the negotiations.

The nomination by the Sultan of Edhem Pasha to the command of the troops employed in quelling the insurrection in Macedonia, says the Marquis de Fontenay, marks the gravity of the situation in that part of the world. For Edhem is the field marshal who led the Turkish troops to victory in the war with Greece, signally defeating the Greek army, and would have captured Athens, had he not been prevented by the Sultan in deference to the pre-emptory demands of the great powers of Europe, notably Russia.

COURT SAT LATE. Special Session of County Court Last Night.

Midnight oil was burned at the court house last night. His Honor Judge Forin's duties call him elsewhere, and it was necessary for him to finish the local docket as rapidly as possible.

In the case of Charles Weller vs. Bridgeford & Herring the action was dismissed. Defendants set up a contract to do certain work for \$2,500 and the plaintiff put in a bill of \$11 for the work. The court held that a contract did exist, and the action must fail.

KINDLY ACT.—Walter Hooper underwent an operation at the Sisters' hospital yesterday morning for the reduction of the thigh fracture sustained on the Washington street toboggan slide Saturday.

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IN CONCERT

A Joint Note to Turkey Makes Demands for Reforms.

Prospects of Serious Outbreak Occurring in Spring.

VIENNA, Feb. 17.—The Neue Freie Presse announces that the Austro-Russian note was submitted to the cabinets of Berlin, Paris, London and Rome, and that it will be presented to the Porte on February 19 unless the powers require a revision of it.

The reform proposals are chiefly of an administrative and financial nature, such as the Porte has hitherto promised but never executed. Another new feature is the appointment of a governor, not necessarily a Christian, who shall have authority to act without referring to the Porte in every contingency.

Count Maurice de Boudaria, who has been charged with forging the name of J. Pierpont Morgan for a large sum, is well known by the older government officials in the government here. The count was a clerk in the public works department in the years of 1885 and 1886.

THE TURKISH GENERAL.

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LIGHTNING STRIKES UP.

The cause of death by lightning is the sudden absorption of the electric current. When a thundercloud which is highly charged with positive electricity hangs over any certain place, the earth beneath it becomes abnormally charged with the negative electric current, and a man, animal or other object standing or lying directly beneath the spark of the first order, to be an upright, honest and brave Turk of the old school—that is to say, of the school to which Osman Pasha Ghazi, the hero of Plevna, belonged.

POLITICAL MATTERS.

The Election Cases—Settlement of Coal Troubles Wanted.

VICTORIA, Feb. 17.—The arrangements for a saw-off between Prior and Patterson, which were practically concluded some time since, are all off again. Today the government pressed for a date for the Patterson case to be heard to be set at once, but Judge Drake refused. Premier Prior himself is ill and confined to his house.

A MANITOBA FORGER

ELEVATOR TICKETS STOLEN AND BANK ADVANCES SECURED.

A RAILWAY ENGINEER PERISHES IN A SEVERE BLIZZARD.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 16.—Within the past two days a serious case of forgery has developed at Brandon. Some time recently a number of grain tickets were stolen from the books of E. O'Reilly at Chater.

Another elevator company at Forest is known to have had tickets stolen also. The number of tickets in this case was six, and on these the Imperial Bank at Brandon advanced \$1,100. The authorities are now on the trail of Patterson, endeavoring to effect his arrest.

The body of J. F. Vance, travelling engineer of the C. P. R., who perished near Battleford on Friday, reached Saskatoon today and will be taken to Strathcona for burial. Vance had left his team on the morning of Thursday, and in the storm of the afternoon had missed the tent, wandered about all night and was only found by a searching party at sunset on the evening of Friday, alongside the track.

Henderson's directory for Winnipeg, issued today, places the present population of the city at 63,560.

Count Maurice de Boudaria, who has been charged with forging the name of J. Pierpont Morgan for a large sum, is well known by the older government officials in the government here.

THE MADIANA WRECK.

Passengers and Crew Had an Uncomfortable Experience.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Quebec line steamer Pretoria, which arrived today from Bermuda, brought eleven passengers and forty-nine members of the crew of the wrecked steamer Madiana. Edwin Ives, of Montreal, N. J., tells an interesting story of the experiences of the passengers. They were awakened, he said, by the officers, and after searching deck and donning life preservers returned to their state rooms to secure their belongings.

COUNTY COURT TODAY.

The List of Matters For Monthly Sitting Commencing This Morning.

County court opens at the provincial building this morning at 10:30 o'clock. His Honor Judge Forin will preside. The list of cases set down for hearing is as follows:

Judgment Summons: Ruth Creal vs. Belle Burns, \$117.25; M. Burns vs. D. Thomas, \$43.56; Hunter Bros. vs. Margaret Yates, \$147.90; Alex. Gilchrist vs. J. G. McCallum, \$189.06.

Adjourned Cases: Luff et al vs. Truswell, \$129 rent; K. L. Burnet vs. Mary A. Owens, \$70, stands for settlement; A. Scott vs. G. R. and A. Wilcox, \$38.07 on promissory note; J. R. Macaulay vs. Hugh McGuire, \$24.50 for wood.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

F. G. A. Torrington, Conn.—The controlling interest in the Evening Star is owned by G. E. McAulay of Spokane, Wash., who expended a considerable sum of money some three years ago in exploration and development without satisfactory results.

M. & C., Kingston, Ont.—So far as we are aware, there has been no change in the situation respecting the Fairview. The projected deal for the disposal of the property to an English syndicate seems to have fallen through, but we are unable to give the exact status of the company's affairs at this juncture.

M. H. R., Munsville, N. Y.—Please write again giving the name of the first company you ask about more distinctly. We are unable to recognize the name in its present form. If you refer to the Primrose mine in the Lardeau district, we are credibly informed that it is being steadily developed with a splendid ore showing.

T. C. K., Winnipeg, Man.—The Deer Park mine was owned by the Deer Park Mining company, which spent all its capital in developing the property without satisfactory results. The Deer Park company was then formed, and this concern took a bond on the Hungry Man group on Rover creek. Some \$4000 was expended on this property, after which the bond lapsed. The concern is moribund, and so far as we are aware is out of existence to all intents and purposes.

E. D. S., Belvidere Road, Quebec—Kendall's work on British Columbian mines consists of a series of articles published in the E. C. Review of London, Eng., and afterwards brought out in book form by that journal.

E. H., Newark, N. J.—We are informed that the mine owned by the company you name is being operated steadily and that shipments of excellent ore are being made to the Trail smelter. The mine is credited with being in good shape so far as plant and other facilities are concerned and to have a considerable tonnage of ore in sight, much of which is high grade.

C. H. B., Schaghticoke, N. Y.—The total value of the shares which a company is entitled to issue under its articles of incorporation: 2. The shares held by the company to be sold as a means of securing capital for the development of the property and its equipment of the tramway system; 3. Shares issued to a party or parties for services rendered in connection with the formation of a company or for purchase or part purchase of a property acquired by the company; 4. Shares issued at a figure lower than the ruling market price or the intrinsic value of the stock; 5. Such shares would certainly be entitled to all profits distributed, in fact they are exactly on the same basis as any shares issued by a company; 6. Probably at five cents if purchased through a Rossland broker; that address through a reliable broker can be obtained from the advertising columns of The Miner. The property is not now on the active working list, largely because heavy snowfall prevents economical work.

W. G. W., Wetaskiwin, Alta.—We believe the property you mention will be opened this spring, and that its prospects for profitable operations are excellent. The second property is not being worked at this time. One reason is that its shafthouse was destroyed by fire last summer and has not been replaced yet. A shortage in the company's treasury possibly accounts for its inactivity, but we believe arrangements are being made now to place a large block of treasury stock at a good figure, which will mean a resumption of operations on a larger scale than at any time in the past.

STANDS FOR TRIAL.—The Simpson case came up again at the police court yesterday morning. No evidence was offered for the defence, and Judge Bouthlet stated that on going through the evidence carefully as submitted the previous day he had concluded the evidence adduced by the crown satisfied the defendant upon his trial. Accordingly a commitment was entered. During the afternoon the defendant appeared before His Honor Judge Forin in the county court sittings, pleaded not guilty to the charge of arson and elected for speedy trial. His honor stated that the date of the hearing would be fixed later. Meanwhile the defendant is at liberty, the previous bail bonds being renewed.

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