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LIFE IN FERNIE

Not a sound, and election only a week ahead.

S. Slinn leaves for the east Thursday evening.

O. N. Ross is in the field for aldermanic honors.

R. R. Robertson of Nelson was in the city yesterday.

The Eagles will install their new officers this evening.

BORN—On Dec. 29, the wife of R. B Hammond of a son.

Barney Mooney returned Saturday from a trip to Spokane.

The Odd Fellows will install their officers Thursday evening.

Colonel Herchmer, of Calgary, spent the holiday season in Fernie.

A. P. Chenette has changed his mind in regard to leasing the Roma hotel.

Just a plain drunk saved a blank in police court circles during holiday week.

S. Slinn has an assortment of Okanagan apples which he is selling for $2 a box.

Mrs. T. H. Whelan is in Spokane visiting her aunt, Mrs. P. Whelan, of that city.

F. J. Mitchell is in the east visiting friends and buying more stock for his Fernie store.

A stove for sale at this office. Must be sold cheap in order to make room for new goods.

BORN—In Fernie on December 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. McLennan, twins, a boy and a girl.

When you feel blue read Float, and then send it to some melancholy friend in the cent belt.

Miss Sullivan left Tuesday morning for a couple of weeks visit with her sister at Maynook.

The Waldorf hotel will be opened for business on Friday, with all its appointments first-class.

One million tons of lead are annually produced in the aggregate by all the lead mines of the world.

At the Manse Mrs. W. J. Blundell receives callers the second and third Tuesdays of each month.

The photographic work now being done by J. F. Spalding is a restful pleasure to the artistic eye.

Mrs. D. Willis of Carbonado spent a few days last week at the Manse, visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blundell.

Some big locomotives are working on the C.N.S. One pulled a hundred empty cars into Swinton the other day.

Mike Davis, who had his leg broken last week while working in the woods, is progressing favorably at the hospital

The Bank of Commerce expects to move some time this month into its new and palatial home on Victoria ave.

G. B. McMillan of Nelson and Mr. Perkins of New York were in Fernie this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle

The event of the season has occurred in Fernie. The post office moved last night. Thank God, Mulock and Johnson.

John Gibbs, charged with rape by a young girl of Coal Creek, was committed last week to stand his trial in Nelson.

Joseph Winchester, the well known contractor, is spending the winter at his home in Spokane. He will return in the spring.

Harry Nash left on Saturday for Phoenix, where he has a deal on for the sale of mineral claims in which he is interested.

Nat Darling was in the city this week delivering a few lectures upon the cigars that have made British Columbia famous.

Alex. McLeod recently returned to Fernie, after a long visit at his old home in Nova Scotia. He went to work at Frank last week.

Away west in Nelson when the electric lights grow dim, the city is illuminated by the people smoking Kootenay Belle cigars

The Misses Grace and Lora Bagley entertained a few of their friends Friday evening. A very pleasant time was spent by all.

The Royal Seal is smoked all along the Crow, but it cannot walk. Have the barkeep reach it to you the next time you buy the cigars.

The Italian band serenaded in the streets on New Year's day, and delighted the people with many selections of excellent music

The brush of the painter touched the interior of the Fernie Cigar Store this week, but the odor of the varnish left no mark upon the goods therein.

Pat Whelan is on a visit to Wallace, Idaho. He is interested along with his brother, Judge Whelan, in some mining properties about four miles from Wallace.

If there were as many marriages in Nelson as there are in the Coal metropolis, Dave Robertson of the former city would have baby carriages all along the front of his store.

At Cutler, near Sudbury, Ontario, S. P. Dawson will wed Miss Ethel Foster today. Mr Dawson is one of Fernie's most energetic contractors, and will make his home in this city.

After expending $2,000 in building improvements last year, C. O. D. has a few dollars left, although he took a resolution on New Year's day to only sell for cash in the future.

George B Garrett has been appointed C. P. R. agent at Slocan City. George is one of the most obliging and faithful officials in the employ of the C P. R, and deserves rapid promotion.

W. J. Blundell and Charles Richards are up to date. In their stores can be seen the Toledo Computor. It weighs goods and tells the price at the same time to both buyer and seller.

Grant Downing of Jaffray returned from Lethbridge this week, where he had been visiting his wife who is ill in the hospital at that town. Mrs. Downing is on a fair way to recovery.

The death rate from accidents in coal mines and quarries is greater in the United States than any other country. The rate per 1000 persons is 3.25 in United States; 1.93 per 1,000 persons in Germany; 1.21 in England, and but 1.09 in France.

There are 281 names on the voters' list in the city. Over 100 names were put on last Saturday which worked a hardship on some of the local printers They were forced to soil the Sabbath by working overtime in order to get the list printed in legal time.

The erection of the sawmill at Elkmouth will proceed when the machinery arrives from the east. The enterprise is guided by McInnes, the Cranbrook butcher, and a company of Nova Scotians. When completed the mill will cut 30,000 feet of lumber a day.

Mrs J. MacDonald of the Empire boarding house is spending a few weeks at the Halcyon Springs on Arrow lake, with a view to becoming divorced from her rheumatism. Her many friends hope that she will be benefitted by her visit to the most celebrated springs of West Kootenay.

The bachelors of Coal Creek gave a ball in that lively town Monday evening. Barney furnished the music and several guests from Fernie were present and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, especially with the celebrated dance entitled "Pat in the Alley."

R. Brechin, of Vancouver, organizer for the Orangemen, was entertained by his brethren at the King Edward hotel on Monday evening at a banquet. Robert Moore made an excellent chairman and the evening swiftly passed in song, speech and goodfellowship.

J. S. Thompson is agent for the Crow's Nest Southern in Fernie. He will move his family from Canmore in a short time. On and after the 10th the C. N. S. will run a regular train for passengers, and in a short time the service will be direct to Spokane.

Tom Marks and his excellent company opened a week's engagement at the opera house Monday night to a good house. This is one of the best companies we have had in Fernie for years and no doubt they will play to full houses during the week as there's a change of play nightly.

L. J. Francis, otherwise known and described among the fraternity as "Grassy," arrived on the Crow train Monday evening, deposited his union card with the Father of the Chapel Tuesday morning and started to work on THE LEDGE. His many printer friends between Los Angeles and Alaska will be pleased to know that he has decided to cast his anchor in the Coal Metropolis of B C.

Constable Sampson, one of the most efficient officers in the employ of the B. C. Government, is to be transferred from Morrisey Mines to Coal Creek, while Fred Lorsh will take his place The people are exceedingly loth to part with Officer Sampson at Morrisey Mines which speaks volumes for his career in that town. At present there is no lock-up in Coal Creek, and now that the government is putting an officer at that point it would be a worthy and generous act on the part of the coal company to immediately provide quarters for any persons that may be arrested in Coal Creek

Nelson is expected to fall a week from tomorrow when Houston will have charge of the works, and his enemies will have holes in their bank accounts, that they cannot plug with white pants or editorials from the opposition press. The sentiment is intense and money easy for bets. Houston has turned the Tribune inside out and is bound to win. He is the strongest man in Nelson for the position of mayor, a fact easily proven by the intense hatred handed to him by a certain element in that city. If he was a weak milk and water shuffler he would cut no more ice than a dirty deuce in a new deck. Because he is strong his opponents become frenzied with fear as the day fatal to their hopes comes closer. With Houston for mayor Nelson will soon again be a progressive city. At present the muss is too thick in that burg.

DIFFERENT IN POPLAR.

In order to get gold, or think they are going to get it, people will suffer all kinds of hardships and privations, Those familiar with the early days of Bodie, Butte, Leadville, Dawson, Yale, Deadwood and other noted camps, will be much interested in reading the following news from Nevada:

Frightful conditions prevail in Goldfield, the new mining camp in the southern part of Nevada. An epidemic of diphtheria, smallpox and black pneumonia is raging. It is impossible to get medicines, food, water, building material and other necessities into the camp on account of the 60-day embargo on the freight at Reno, due to congestion.

Pneumonia is taking men off in a night, and no effort is being made to isolate smallpox patients. The supply of coffins is insufficient. Corpses are permitted to remain above ground for days at a time.

Hundreds are sleeping in thin tents. The rush into the camp continues and unless building material is brought in soon conditions will become appalling

Hold-ups are of nightly occurrence, and a veritable reign of terror is expected this week, when a large number of leases expire, forcing operators to shut down for lack of equipment. Lease holders openly threaten to jump valuable claims, and owners are preparing to defend the properties with their lives.

Goldfield, like Tonapah, is wide open and the gambling spirit infests the place Money is easy, prospectors are constantly bringing in tales of new discoveries on the Nevada desert, and it is with difficulty that the law-abiding element have maintained their control.

Recently there has been an epidemic of petty thievery and crime. It has been found necessary to protect all store fronts with iron wire in order to keep the lawless from breaking the glass and entering. With the winter and the closing of many mines, the rough set has been increased by an exodus to Goldfield as well as to Tonopah. There is no way of shipping the toughs out of the town except by driving them on foot, and numerically they have become too strong for the authorities to attempt this.

The prevalence of disease is due in a large measure to the water, which is vile, and to the absence of hospital accommodation and medical treatment. Very few doctors have located in the vicinity, and they have more than can can be attended to. Frequently a man, lying around in a drunken stupor, is far gone with smallpox or some other disease before it is discovered, and it is then too late for anything except funeral services.

The present population of Goldfield exceeds 4,000. The town is without a natural water supply, all water being brought in wagons and sold by the gallon by peddlers.

Goldfield is situated in Southern Nevada, 30 miles south from Tonopah, in the center of what promises to be, considering the amount of development work done, the richest gold country in the world. Most of the claim owners were prospectors in Tonopah, and none of the claims have been worked for two years. The growth of the town has been like that of a mushroom, and the facilities are entirely inadequate to accommodate the constantly increasing population.

PLACER MINING.

Although gold is found in many of the smaller tributaries of the Columbia river, Canyon creek, entering into the Columbia a few miles south of Golden, and Quartz creek, fourteen miles west of Donald, are streams of probably the most importance in this district where placer mining is being carried on to any considerable extent. These streams rise within a short distance of each other in the Selkirk range and flow in opposite directions, Canyon creek taking a southerly course, and Quartz creek running north and entering the Columbia near Beaver. In summer these streams are swollen, precipitous mountain torrents, being fed from glacier ice. Canyon creek is the larger of the two streams. Through the high, rocky bench lands and hogs' backs bordering the mountain range, especially on Canyon creek, deep and immense canyons have been cut by the streams. At the mouth of these canyons the principal mining operations are carried on. In the upper reaches of the creeks considerable portions of the bedrock are swept clean and here and there immense boulders encumber the streams which in times of heavy floods are swept farther down.

Gold-washing on Quartz creek has been in successful operation for a number of years, and the ground being worked is from ten to twenty feet deep. The gold is fairly coarse, and is found on a sloping slate bedrock pitching from the canyon toward the Columbia valley, and the ordinary methods of washing are here followed of shoveling the auriferous material into sluice boxes, the bottoms of which are laid with round pole riffles to catch the gold.—Golden Star.

Associated Boards of Trade

A despatch from Rossland says: A. R Mackenzie, secretary of the associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia, has issued a notification to the Boards of Trade of Cascade, Cranbrook, Fernie, Fort Steele, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Kaslo, Moyie, Phoenix, Trail and Rossland, notifying them that he had been instructed that the next annual convention will be held in Nelson, probably in January or February, when a number of subjects of importance to the district will be introduced for consideration. Among these will be the following:

The organization of the department of mines as a branch of the Dominion service. The imposition of a duty on rough lumber coming into Canada. The encouragement of the production of zinc. The preservation of the remains of our forests from destruction by fire. The cancellation of the reserves on land. Greater attention to the surveys of provincial land, with the object of guarding against the issue of duplicate titles to the same land. Assistance to a Coast-Kootenay railway and to the Kootenay Central Railway.

North Star Mine

The North Star mine, which in the early days of Southeast Kootenay attracted the attention of capital to this district, has been a constant producer and shipper since 1895, and up to 1902 was the largest dividend paying mine in British Columbia.

The North Star mine has paid dividends to date aggregating $750,000. The mine has produced [illegible] tons of ore, which has been shipped.

The North Star continues to be one of the shipping mines of the Fort Steele Mining division. This condition has been brought about by the increased prospecting and development of the ore body. There is considerable activity at the mine, and a contract for the shipment of 1,500 tons of ore was made last month. There is ore enough in sight to continue shipments for another year. A large amount of ore is blocked out, which will be shipped, if it will stand the present price of treatment under the current price of lead and the government bounty.

A HOCKEY TRIUMPH.

On Monday evening Fernie defeated Blairmore at Hockey, the score being 6 to 2. A game will be played next Monday in Fernie between the champions and Macleod. The citizens should turn out next Monday in large numbers and encourage the local team in every way possible. It takes money as well as ice and enthusiasm to make a hockey club a swift success. Put your hand in your jeans and help the young men who are making Fernie famous by their rapid and expert movements on the ice.

THE M. F. & M.

A Buffalo firm sent several men from Chicago last week to put in the interlocking and signal system for the M. F. & M. railway at Fernie. It will take about fifteen men three weeks to complete the work. When completed traffic will be interchanged by the C. P. R. and G. N. R. over this short and independent line without any danger of collisions in the crossing of tracks by rival trains. Since the M. F. & M. railway commenced business on December 15, between Coal Creek and Fernie, everything has worked with the utmost satisfaction to all concerned.

Provincial Police Court.

Seven people were before the provincial bar of justice in the city during December, and $87 was the amount paid in fines. Herbert Williams was sent to the asylum for being insane, and John Gibbs was up for rape and having carnal knowledge of a girl under 14 years of age. He was committed for trial at Nelson. The extreme limit for rape is hanging and for the other offense life imprisonment. It cost John Atkinson $10 for having one match in his pocket while working in a coal mine. The other cases consisted of three drunks, five assaults, one theft, one peddling without a license, one for not paying poll tax, and another for being a frequenter of a disorderly house.

City Police Court.

During December there were 24 cases in the city police court, and the fines and costs amounted to $355. Five drunks, seven gamblers, and three cases of carrying firearms furnished most of the business One man was punished for the terrible offense of riding on a C. P. R. train without a ticket, while an Ethiopian was the first case before the court of frequenting a house of shattered fame

A Worthy Tribute.

Talking about coke and the C. P. R., the Rossland Miner says: "It speaks volumes for the Canadian Pacific people that they are giving the Boundary smelters, which are 100 miles farther west from the source of the coke supply, the same rate and consideration as is accorded their own works at Trail."

Elk Exterminated.

J. A. Tait of Spence's Bridge, guide and hunter, in talking about the preservation of game recently, a matter in which he takes great interest, made the statement that he believed a great deal of the destruction by Indians could be prevented if the game laws were explained to them. He says the Elk once so plentiful on the mainland, have been exterminated solely by the Indians, and unless prevented will do the same with other game. The best hunting grounds in the province are, he says, at the headwaters of the Stikine. He is engaged to take sportsmen there next year.

Strike at Coleman

The United Mineworkers declared a strike at Coleman last Saturday and called out their men. The company operating at Coleman has refused to recognise the union, or arrange a schedule with the miners.

The Total Output

During 1904 the Crow's Nest Coal Co. mined 741,000 tons of coal at its three collieries, Coal Creek, Michel and Carbonado. Part of the production was turned into 244,000 tons of coke, and the balance shipped as straight goods.

CITY COUNCIL

The council met Tuesday evening Until April 1st it was agreed to pay Mr. Wilks $50 a month to look after fire hall, engines and hydrants.

For all city work exceeding a cost of $10 it was made law to call for tenders

The council agreed to consider a telephone proposal from Mr Hammond

The report of the finance committee was adopted, and considerable other business transacted, but the reporter received it too late for this issue.

Council adjourned until January 9.

The Kootenay Central.

The following dispatch from Vancouver to the Manitoba Free Press makes interesting reading and proves beyond question what The Star has already said with reference to the commencement of work of construction in the spring:

It is believed that the Kootenay Central railway will form a link between the Great Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific. Until that time comes, however, it will be a valuable adjunct of the C. P. R., extending from that company's main line at Golden to Fort Steele and on to Jaffray on the Crow's Nest branch. This transportation, work on which is expected to start in the spring, will change the Columbia and Kootenay valleys from fields of depression to activity. The C. P. R. has expressed its intention to advance the claims of the Columbia River valley as a tourist resort and this line will make the communication there much easier.

Fake Advertising.

Under the above heading the Calgary Herald very properly remarks:

The retail section of the board of trade very earnestly discussed the question of fake or snap advertising last week. There was an unanimity of opinion that provokes the suspicion that some of the Calgary merchants have been taken in on these devices in times past, probably of no very recent date. Leading business men present unhesitatingly declared that in many cases these schemes are little less than hold-ups and that the trade should confine their advertising strictly to newspapers in the future.

It is an illustration of business men's minds operating in the same channels to mention that in the replies received by the editors arranging the Alberta press convention for next month, from the newspaper makers of this part of the Territories, nearly every one contained some reference to the fake advertiser and the necessity for suppressing the pest.

When two such important elements of the business world agree upon the necessity for a change in advertising methods, it proves that the subject is worth careful investigation. These snap advertisers, with souvenirs, hotel registers, bill boards, directories and what not, have no interest in the permanent prosperity of the country. They are fly-by-nights.

NO YELLOW IN SILVERTON

Chinamen have never been able to obtain a cuchold in the Slocan, owing to the aversion of the inhabitants towards the rat and rice mastication. A couple of Chinks have been employed in New Denver for some time, but this has caused little comment, as they have been kept well under cover by their employers. Monte Davys of Nelson leased the Emily Edith near Silverton this winter and put in a yellow crew, his miners refused to work with a Chink behind the range. The agitation led to a public meeting in the camp and the vote went against the employment of Chinks. The Slocan Drill says that Davys left for Nelson vowing that he would close down the Emily Edith and Emily Edith if he was not certainly permitted to employ a Chinaman. Davys should not exhibit his yellow appendage in public to play even with his facial anatomy, and would do well to remember that it is always better to conform to the majority views of a community, no matter whether a man is working a mine, a newspaper, or the public.

Customs Returns

Customs collections made at the outport of Fernie, B. C. for month ending December 31st, 1904.

Value of goods imported:

Dutiable	$317.00
Free	71.00
	$718.00
Duty Collected	$282.60

Inland Revenue collections for month of December 1904:

Spirits	$818.85
Malt	106.37
Cigars	180.00
	$2268.22
Total collections	$3325.81

ALONG THE CROW

BLAIRMORE.

From The Times.

The poles of our new telephone system are rapidly being put into place and the wires will soon be strung and the new system ready for operation.

James Boyle, brother-in-law of H. Howard, was in town a few days this week. Mr. Boyle has charge of the erection of a sawmill near Elko.

Mr. Barker, who has lately had charge of the school here, is leaving. He has been offered a school in B. C. but has not yet decided to take it.

The big tipple being erected at No. 1 camp of the Lille collieries is well under way, and when completed will give that colliery a chance to properly handle its output.

On Wednesday a meeting was held in Coleman for the purpose of forming a separate school district. All who attended were in favor of the movement, and Alex. Cameron, Rev. R. A. Robinson and Frank Graham were appointed to act as trustees as soon as the government sets the boundaries of the new school district.

MOYIE

From the Leader

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Rader and daughter were up from Morrissey Mines this week on a visit.

Andy Johnson is now in the Coeur d'Alenes. He is contemplating returning to Moyie to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore will have charge of the Manhattan hotel dining room after the first of the year.

Edward Barr, a blacksmith at the St. Eugene, and Miss Birch, for some time employed at the Manhattan hotel, were united in marriage at Cranbrook last Saturday. They will make their home in Moyie.

E. H. Small having purchased the Cosmopolitan hotel in Cranbrook has tendered his resignation as local customs officer. Harry White of that town has been recommended as his successor by the Cranbrook Liberal executive.

Gus King, while looking after the installing of the pump and pipe at the St. Eugene one day this week, accidentally scratched the thumb of his left hand on the thread of a pipe Blood poisoning set in and his hand and arm became much swollen and for a time his case was somewhat serious. However the danger is now over and Mr King is out and on duty as before.

MOYIE'S BIG MINE.

The $75,000 dividend which was declared at the meeting of the directors of the St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Co. in Toronto on November 8th last, was paid on the 15th December. There are several stockholders in Moyie, Cranbrook and other East Kootenay towns and they received their cheques during the past few days. This is the third dividend the company has paid and makes a total of $[illegible]

The new Worthington compound duplex pump, which was recently installed, is doing good work and is giving excellent satisfaction. It works with the usual ease and throws water at the rate of 250 gallons a minute. The water is forced to the top of the mill in a 11 inch steel spiral pipe, and the pipe between the pump and the mill is lined with some material. The pump is used for water for all purposes and the mill is no longer depending upon the flumes. However the flumes will be used when the water is plenty, at which time the pump will be slowed or shut down entirely.

There are again nearly 300 men on the payroll. While the mill was running on half speed owing to the scarcity of water, a large reserve of available ore was accumulated, and much of this is stopped and there will not be many more men put on. The St. Eugene is starting the new year with everything in shape, and 1905 promises to be a record breaker for the big property. Leader.

WILD HORSE PLACERS

The placer camps of Wild Horse are situated four miles from the town of Fort Steele and can be reached by an easy trail or wagon road.

The Invicta Gold Mines, Ltd., control about a mile and a quarter of hill diggings on the northwest side of the creek, also extensive claims on the southeast side. During the past year the company have leased their ground to several Chinese companies, who have thoroughly prospected the gravel, and the large amount of work done with the most satisfactory results, has earned for Wild Horse creek a place among the richest mining camps in British Columbia.

The Chinese companies have secured leases for the coming year, and are now engaged in making extensive preparations for operating during the coming season. A considerable amount of lumber will be used in repairing old flumes and building new ones. Large quantities of logs have been cut, which will be used for riffles in the old and new flumes.

The gold found on Wild Horse creek is coarse, and nuggets from $10 to $30 are common. The largest piece taken out in 1904 was valued at $65. The total output of the creek is estimated between $25,000 and $30,000.

The Nip and Tuck placers, owned by D. Griffith, have also been leased by a Chinese company. New pipe lines were laid during the past year, and a flume cut in the bedrock for nearly 300 feet. In fact, the whole workings were reconstructed, at a great expenditure of time and labor. The company operated two giants, and moved a large amount of gravel at a considerable profit.

A Chinese company, during the past year, worked the hillside just above the Nip and Tuck ground. They took out considerable gold—enough to pay the expenditure of the season and to put the workings in excellent condition for work next season.

Several Chinese outfits have worked the main channel of Wild Horse by wing dams and other methods of mining, and, if reports are true, have done exceedingly well.

John P. Larsen was engaged in running a drift in search of an old channel, and has taken out gold enough to pay expenses. He will continue work during the winter.—Prospector.

LATEST BY WIRE.

TOKIO, Jan. 3.—General Nogi today telegraphed the terms of surrender of Port Arthur. The officers will be given full liberty after promising not to take further part in the war. The non-commissioned officers and privates of the garrison to the number of twenty thousand will be taken prisoners of war. All material of any kind, except private property, is to become the property of the Japanese. The Japs will be in possession on the 3rd and the prisoners will march out on the 4th inst. By permission of the Japanese, General Stoessel today sent a dispatch to the czar, announcing the surrender of Port Arthur and asking the the emperor to send his commands.

TAMATINE, Jan. 4.—The division of the second Pacific squadron, which passed through the Suez canal, has arrived at Pastandava bay. The squadron which came around the Cape of Good Hope is at Antongi bay. It is supposed the two squadrons will rendezvous at Dilgo. A patch from Batavia says two Japanese cruisers are cruising off Java and a flotilla of Japanese torpedo boat destroyers are north of Buoris.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—An attempt is to be made tomorrow to secure the release of Nan Patterson on bail. Mr. Jerome will oppose the application

The Folk of The Future.

A well known alienist, says Science Siftings, asserts that all human beings will have gone insane within 700 years. He gives as the cause of increase in insanity, drink, over-indulgence in drugs, the mad rush for money, over-exertion, physically and mentally, the high nervous tension of life and the present condition of woman as wage earner and mother. He says: The society woman and the working woman both live a strenuous life of constant exhaustion. The gay life of pleasure of the society woman and the drudgery of the other are continually decreasing their nervous strength and energy, and when brain-fagged and physically exhausted they marry, they become the mothers of physical starvelings, who develop into men and women unfit for the burdens of life.

Silent for 300 Years.

A modern church built upon the site of an ancient one at Llandaff, Wales, has no bell. A farmer offered one that was once in one of his barns. It turned out to be one that had hung in the tower of the ancient church and had not been rung for 300 years.

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ABOUT THE CHINKS

The Nelson News prints a long screed from an anonymous Johnny who wants the mines and other industries of British Columbia worked by Chinamen. He raves about the lack of capital in this province and claims that labor has been the scarecrow in keeping capital away from the natural wealth that Nature has sown so thickly amid the "sea of mountains." He would fill up all this beauteous and bountiful B. C. with yellow slaves, so that the barons of Europe could bathe in champagne and throw bunches of coupons at any kinds of birds they might fancy, soiled or clear. He would make this shining jewel of the great Dominion a mere dumping ground for the scabs of China, and whatever white trash that would work amongst them.

It is not labor that has caused the depression in many of the mining camps of B. C., but the manipulations of crooked promoters and general jobbers in wild-cat schemes We have been cursed with a class of crooks who prefer to mine the public instead of the ground In order to square themselves with their victims they blame it upon the hard-handed fellows who hit the drill. In addition to these pirates we find a whole lot of mine managers in B. C., who, through some blood or other influence, have been put in charge of mines when they are scarcely competent to shovel country rock into a dead shaft. If all the dishonest promoters that have pestered this province had been roped and strung up in trees along with the dead flesh put in as managers, we would seldom hear a yawp about flooding this country with Chinks. Chinese labor was once tried at the coke ovens in Fernie and proved a dismal failure in comparison with white labor at a higher price. The result would be the same if Mongolian laborers were employed generally in British Columbia.

FOR a cow town Calgary is about the most unsociable town in the west.

MAN'S inhumanity to the printer makes countless thousands never reach the bank.

THE Kootenay Mail of Revelstoke seems to be double shooting the turn on that village of farmers called Vernon.

IN these days the merchant who has not learned the art of advertising is out of date and only fit to run a country store where the natives are up against a monopoly.

THE man into whose soul the light of humor never streams deserves human sympathy, His life is like a dark night in Nelson, or the morning shift in a deserted cemetery.

FROM the appearance of its local paper at Christmas strangers would readily believe that Golden was a live city. Nothing like a smart paper to boom a town on the outside.

IN Montreal the authorities blame the epidemic of crime upon the bad whiskey sold in that city. With some people all whiskey comes in the same class that the trail-blazers put the Indians during the early days of the Great West.

THE country is now struggling under its annual burden of yearly reviews and plethoric journals stuffed with literary nightmares, and murdered art in the form of supposed illustrations After another month the worst will be over and a normal condition prevailing.

W. W. COOPER, who was cremated in the Iroquois theatre fire in Chicago about a year ago, bequeathed in his will $100,000 to a Methodist university in Wisconsin. The university would not take it because Cooper as a good Methodist had broken one of the rules of his creed by being found dead in a theatre. Cooper should have left his money to the Salvation Army or Fernie's leading excitement. The editor of the excitement never blames the sins of its owner on mute and helpless money.

YEARS ago when we first read that the way to hell is paved with good resolutions, we thought that the author was crazy. Experience and observation has proved to us that he was wise in the ways of human nature. Never take a vow that you will swear off anything. If you are tired of booze or anything else just quit and say nothing to man or your God: If you fall back you will not sink so deep, for the remorse of a plighted resolve will not be present to sink its blighting spurs into your retentive memory.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Democratic Canada presents the sorry spectacle of having turned down every Labor candidate who sought to enter the parliamentary arena. In aristocratic Old England they have just chosen Thomas Richards, Labor, to represent the constituency vacated through the death of Sir William Vernon Harcourt, by a majority of 4,635 over the Conservative baronet Sir John Cockburn. Canadian democracy stands to learn much from its fellow-workers in slow and steady Britain.

Toronto's Trade and Labor council is petitioning for the abolition of the $200 nomination fee required at provincial and federal elections.

Do the electorate require further proof of the vantage given to partyism over that of patriotism? Let them watch the patriotic sacrifices of the present government with its seventy odd of a majority. Will the Liberal party demonstrate its deep concern for Nationalism by strengthening the combative forces in parliament with a few seats out of a majority more cumbersome than workable? Patriotism would so suggest, but partyism meets it with an emphatic refusal.

A leading Boston divine of the Baptist persuasion has been pouring hot gospel shot into the ears of his congregation. After censuring them on their political associations, he sailed for the churches in having among them men as office-bearers whose business relations were open to suspicion. He said there was one deacon of the Baptist church, the richest man in the world, who had no right in a Baptist church or any other church, This was a direct shot at John D. Rockefeller, whose methods of getting money and whose general conduct, the minister afterwards said, was not compatible with church membership" Had such a statement been made on a public platform or in the public press, it would have been dubbed "rank Socialism," but ministers are privileged characters. Would we had more true servants of that great Christian Socialist who delighted in teaching the equality of man.

THOSE TERRIBLE COWBOYS

If you want reliable information concerning things political at home, go abroad to obtain it. Following is a Hungarian newspaper account of the situation in the United States published before election:

Theodore Roosevelt, the American president, has a new rival for the presidency. There is about to be an election in the United States and Mark Hanna, a powerful man, will oppose him. It is difficult to understand clearly the American conditions in this country, but we learn upon investigation that before he became president, Roosevelt was a cowboy, and cowboys being the dominent party in the United States, they elevated their companion to the presidency. After Roosevelt's election the cowboys demanded the best offices, including two places in the cabinet, but Roosevelt ignored their demands so they decided to avenge themselves and defeat him for re-election. The cowboys wield a tremendous power in the United States west of New York city and they have offered the presidency to Hanna. Hanna has never been a cowboy but, being ambitious, he has accepted the nomination, and it is thought he will be elected. We learn that Hanna will make his campaign on a wild mustang. He is an old man; but a daring and skillful rider. In his youth he carried off high honors as an equestrian and he is decorated with numerous medals.

A Bit of Humor.

We may at least have reciprocity in humor with our southern neighbors. The following sent by a Greensboro, N. C., reader of the Star, has a flavor of realism that is enjoyable: A Fayetteville man sent his wife to New York to do her shopping. Pretty soon she wrote him: "I'm tired to death of all this and want to get home. In the morning I will go down and have my kimona cut out."

Her husband wired her: "Delay the operation. "Leaving by next train."

Why Negro Is Called Coon.

Many years ago, when superstition held greater sway than now, and the influence of the occult and weird were more potent, a cunning negro slave had acquired the reputation of possessing a familiar spirit and of being able to perform many uncanny mysteries. His fellow slaves held him in great awe, and even his master began to believe in his powers. This finally led to a wager, in which the greater part of the master's fortune was staked on the negro's divining ability. A barrel was placed on the lawn and a live coon placed under the barrel. Then the negro was sent for and told to inform the crowd what was under the barrel. He tried in various ways to escape exposure, but without success. Realizing that he was cornered, he leaned on the barrel dejectedly and remarked, "Well, you've got dis ole coon at last," whereupon a great shout applauded what was considered Sambo's remarkable astuteness and his reputation firmly established.—Marietta Journal.

Distinction Without a Difference

An Irishman somewhat under the influence of liquor, ambling towards home on a recent evening, happened to pass a church, and, being attracted by the sound of music, paused for a while and then staggered towards the entrance.

With his natural kind of caution, he looked at the spire to see that the proper kind of cross was on it, for to the mind of most good Catholics it would be almost a sacrilege to go into a Protestant church. He saw the cross, which apparently satisfied his scruples and he went in, sitting down in a pew near the door.

The heat being somewhat oppressive, he fell asleep.

After the service had ended the sexton began at the altar to turn out the lights.

Coming down the aisle he tripped over the feet of the sleeping man in the pew, and, looking down, diagnosed the case in a moment.

He gave the sleeping man a shake and said: "See here, my good man, wake up and get out of here at once. You are in the wrong place, anyway—this is not your church.

The Irishman sat up, rubbed his eyes, and, developing an argumentative strain, said in a rather thick, gutteral voice:

It ain't my church? Then whose church is it, if it isn't mine?

This is the Protestant Episcopal church—

It's no such thing!

I tell you it is, and you must get out of here.

He straightened himself up, and pointing a wavering finger toward the altar, said:

Isn't that the statue of St. Joseph up there on the right?

The sexton was forced to reply in the affirmative.

Ain't that the Virgin's statue on the left?

Yes, replied the sexton.

What is that in the center?

That is the statue of our Saviour.

The Irishman, with a look of mingled triumph and contempt, said, looking the sexton as nearly in the eye as he could:

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B. Tomkins, Manager, Nelson, B.C.

TRUE HAPPINESS

Old Esolette, the wise man, trembled, for well he read displeasure in the message of the king; and well he knew—indeed, none knew better—what the message meant. The message was brief. "Appear," it said, and Esolette gathered the skirts of his gown into his hand and hurried nervously to the fearful audience.

He was an old man, grown old in serving a thankless king, and now, he thought to himself, as like as not he was to set a task beyond his strength. Numberless times the king had demanded all but the impossible of him but his wits, his good fortune and the king's pardonable dislike to making an end of the last of his wise men, had, so far, saved his head. He was already "the survival of the fittest." Urdward and Mollo and Sanstine had each in turn displeased the king and payed for it with their lives. It was the sort of a debt which King Derrod collected promptly from all ho thought owed it to him. Sometimes it hurt him to do it, but he was an impartial monarch and boasted of having no favorites. When Ethra, his youngest and most beautiful wife, so far forgot herself as to sing the same song to him twice, he shut his eyes to her loveliness and did his duty, and I am sure no one mourned her more than did the king; no, not even his other wives.

So Esolette's fear as he threw himself on the ground before the king may be pardoned. "Oh King, live forever! What wilt thou with thy servant?" he cried.

The king frowned on him sourly and quoth: "Yea, Esolette, we have sent for thee, and if thou can'st accomplish this task which we now set thee, it will be thy last, and thou can'st have ought that thou desirest of our kingdom, even to the half of it, but, mark ye, Esolette, and thou faileth, it will be thy last task, for then will thy life be forfeit. Esolette," and here the king dropped his sternness and spoke almost in a whisper, "Esolette, I am an unhappy man. Well I know that I have youth and health, broad and fertile lands, and strong castles filled with all manner of precious gear, yet Esolette, I am unhappy. Well I know that I have a noble company of honest knights about me, and the fairest wives of any ruler of the earth, and yet, Esolette, I am unhappy. I have cellars of choicest wines, and my table is loaded with the choicest grapes and fruits and viands, and in my strong box are the choicest of jewels, and bag upon bag of gold, and yet, I say to thee, Esolette, I am unhappy.

"Make thou me perfectly happy, and ask what thou wilt; fail, and thou shalt join thy three departed confreres. I have spoken. Now leave me and on the morrow come to me with thy plan."

Esolette slowly rose from his knees and tottered from the presence. And all that night in his chamber he walked and moaned as one in pain and beat his breast with his hands, for he looked upon himself as no better than a dead man.

But just before morning had awakened in the east, sleep overtook him, and it happened in this wise that he might sleep. For as he stripped him of his shirt, he held it in his hands a moment and murmured to himself: "Behold the kirtle of a most unhappy man! Would that I had the kirtle of a happy one to place before the king." And he smiled faintly as an idea sprang into life in his mind, and then he slept.

And on the morrow Esolette appeared before the king, and, throwing himself flat upon the ground, said: "O Worshipful! Live for ever! And thou would'st be perfectly happy, thou must sleep for one night's length in the kirtle of a happy man."

And the king smiled upon him and said: "My wise Esolette, and this be true I will dispatch messengers to the four corners of my kingdom to find this happy man and then demand the use of his kirtle for the length of one night. And do thou, prop of my throne, bethink thee what thou wilt ask of me, and whatsoever it may be it is thine." Then Esolette bowed again and kissed the hem of the king's robe and departed. And straightway the king dispatched twenty and nine of his most trusted messengers to search far and near until they had come upon such an one as they sought. Many they found who were somewhat charmed with life, but never the Perfectly Happy Man found they. At first they went among the nobles thinking, because of their rich estates and luxurious environs, here, if anywhere, happiness would be. Yet it was not so, and presently they searched among the commoner people, finding much joy and the best of good-fellowship, but the Perfectly Happy Man they found not.

And so time went forward. The search continued, but every day King Derrod became more and more disconsolate. He would sit for hours awaiting the return of his messengers, plucking at his beard, nor could any comfort him. As for Esolette, you might say he was as a man who had loaned his wits to another.

And it fell out on a certain day, and the day was in August, and the quest all but given over, that a tired messenger of the king, wearied with fruitless search, stumbling through a field of ripening grain, chanced on the prostrate form of a sleeping man. With swarthy face turned to the full glare of the sun, mouth open, flat on back lay a peasant youth of some twenty odd summers. Right brawny he was, and in a heavy, physical way not a little comely, with his fair head of curls made to seem fairer by the deep brown sun-tan on face and neck. He was but half clothed and that half of the poorest, yet a smile sat upon his lips and the sweat stood in little beads on his temples, for the sun was very hot and the heavy odor of ripening grain made it seem hotter. The messenger of the king was for passing on about his business, but something in the lad's smile stopped him and he bent down and shook the sleeper.

He waked with a prodigious sigh, as one who is interrupted in the midst of a pleasant dream, and the sigh grew and developed into a full-fledged yawn. He sat up and rubbed his eyes. They were bluer than the wind flowers of the roadside. He plucked a straw stubble and mechanically put one end of it in his mouth, then he caught the shadow of the messenger and turned to him with a start "Aye, master, an' what's yer wull o' me?" The messenger looked at him steadily. "Lad," he said, "Art happy?" The peasant thought for a minute. 'Twas a new question to his mind. It had never entered into that mind before to question happiness. Surely, every one was happy. For what else was life? Wasn't there for every one the sunshine and warmth, the eating of good victuals, and the joy of sleep, and he answered in a decided way, "Aye, master."

"Perfectly happy?" was the next query.

"Aye, master, that I be," and this time without hesitation. A look of delighted surprise came into the messenger's face. "Then loan me thy kirtle that I may take it to the king, and receive the promised reward. Haste varlet and give me thy kirtle. Art deaf?"

The lad's clear eyes wandered far off over the hills of yellow, breeze-swept grain. There came the suspicion of a furrow between them, his glance returned to the wind flowers blossoming by the roadway. He arose and in a stride was where he could pluck one before he answered:

"Master, I know ye not, but I tell ye again I be as happy as this little blue flower that laughs at the sun and drinks in the rain and trusts in God. As for loaning ye my kirtle, why, man, master, I've had none this three year."

Stunned, angered, and disappointed when he had thought the reward all but won, the messenger turned upon his heel and departed. And when he had come his way into the presence of the king he told his story and the king rose up in wrath and slew the messenger, wherefore he had brought the tale of true happiness, but not the kirtle whereby he might make it his own.

And Esolette was summoned and him also did the king slay with his own hand. So was the king left without wisemen and also without happiness.

But far over in a sunny corner of the kingdom, timing his song to the swing of his scythe, whistling gayly to his dog which sported with the field mice whose homes the scythe laid bare, was a kirtleless, sun-blackened youth, who could have told that happiness is as a multi-toned sunset, which may be caught and held by the soul of the pure and simple, but to the worldly wise, just a sunset, exquisite and longed for in vain, elusive, evanescent, soon fading into night.

A LUCKY GRUBSTAKE.

W. H. Mead, a well-known business man of Baker City, Ore., who, three years ago, grubstaked a Tonopah prospector as an act of friendship, and to show his appreciation of attentions given him when he was in that camp and sick, has just been notified that property worth $250,000 has been left to him by the man to whom he turned over his blankets when leaving the district. The Baker City Democrat tells the story as follows:

"W. H. Mead, the well-known Baker City business man, yesterday received the happy news in a letter from the county clerk of Nye county, Nev., the county in which Tonopah is situated, that Tommy O'Brien, who died a few days ago, had left him sole heir to all his property, consisting of mines in the Goldfield camp valued at $250,000. Mr. Mead will leave Monday or Tuesday for Tonopah to take possession of the property and expects to be gone six weeks, when he will return to Baker City to attend to his business here. Behind this bare statement there is a romance.

"Three years ago Mr. Mead was in Tonopah when that camp was unknown. Meed was taken seriously ill and O'Brien nursed him and cared for him until he became well. At that time O'Brien was only a poor prospector. When Mead left the camp he gave O'Brien his tent, blankets outfit and grub. O'Brien, true to the miner's instinct, had remembered the man who grubstaked him."

AMBITION.

What is ambition? 'Tis a glorious cheat.
It seeks the chamber of the gifted boy,
And lifts his humble window and comes in.
The narrow walls expand and spread away
Into a kingly palace and the roof
Lifts to the sky, and unseen fingers work
The ceiling with rich blazonry, and write
His name in burning letters over all.
And ever as he shuts his wilder'd eyes,
The phantom comes, and lays upon his lips
A spell that murders sleep, and in his ear
Whispers a deathless word, and on his brain
Breathes a fierce thirst no waters will allay.

He is its slave henceforth—His days are spent
In chaining down his heart, and watching where
To rise by human weakness. His nights
Bring him no rest in all their blessed hours;
His kindred are forgotten or estranged;
Unhealthful fires burn constant in his eye;
His lip grows restless, and its smile is curl'd
Half into scorn; till the bright, fiery boy,
That 't was a daily blessing but to see,
His spirit was so bird-like and so pure,
Is frozen in the very flush of youth,
Into a cold, care-freited, heartless man.

And what is its reward? At best a name!
Praise—when the ear has grown too dull to hear;
Gold—when the senses it should please are dead;
Wreaths—when the hair they cover has grown gray;
Fame—when the heart it should have thrill'd is numb.
All things but love—when love is all we want,
And close behind comes death, and ere we know,
That even these unavailing gifts are ours
He sends us, stripped and naked, to the grave. —N. P. Willis.

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A Big Contract

The Winnipeg Free Press has the following :

It is reported here that Messrs. Foley, Larsen & Stewart have received the contract for the rock work that is to be done on the Canadian Pacific railway between Winnipeg and Fort William in connection with the double tracking of the road. The contract, according to the report, involves the sum of $7,000,000. Mr. Stewart is expected to arrive in the city to-day from St. Paul. The work will be started at once and pushed vigorously to completion.

During the past few years the company have done considerable towards double tracking this section of their road by extending sidings and replacing temporary bridges with masonary and steel structures of sufficient width for two tracks. The principal work to be done now is to widen the rock cuttings of which there are a great number between Rennie and the head of Lake Superior. The firm will employ over 5,000 men on the work.

Messrs. Foley, Larsen & Stewart are now finishing a million dollar contract on C. P. R. betterments.

Japs for Atlin

Some two years ago efforts were made to employ Japanese on the Atlin hydraulic mines. The opposition of the white miners, however, was so strong that the mine owners desisted in their efforts There appears to be in the air an attempt to reintroduce the Japanese. Mine owners urge that it is not possible to operate many of the large hydraulic mines without reducing the cost of labor. The mine owners also point out that there are fewer white miners in the mines now than formerly. They now propose to work the mines on a larger scale and employing Japanese only as manual laborers, they put the white miners to work as foremen, thereby increasing the wages of the white miners, but reducing the total labor charge. This, the mine owners say, will allow them to work the mines on a larger scale.

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The Rancher

A special correspondent of The Birmingham Daily Post thus sums up his impressions of the ranching country of the foothills :—To the young Englishman, with knowledge of cattle, some money, fond of a bracing open life, willing to rough it, there is no more inviting life than ranching on the foothills of the Rockies. I saw lots of Englishmen ; there is room for plenty more. There are not the pleasures of the city ; but there are deeper, more abiding pleasures. The last day I spent in the ranching district will long linger in memory. We had been away south from Macleod, visiting the reserve of the Blood Indians, following the long trail down to Montana and fording a river with water up to the belly-bands of the horses. At times we met in-coming settlers, with white hooded "prairie schooners," and driving their fifty or sixty head of cattle before them. And over the heaves of the hills were herds. As evening closed there was the ping of winter in the air. A russet haziness was on the illimitable land—the result of Indian prairie fires somewhere—and when the moon rose it was an orange ball. The galloping riders, laughing, joking, setting their horses against one another in race, seemed shadowy and mysterious on those great silent lands, with not even the hoot of a night bird to be heard. It was a true western picture. But there was no western crudeness—such as you read of in story books. There was a dashing young horsewoman, who gave the pace across the prairie—and it was only a few months before I had met her in an English drawing-room.

And on and on [illegible] noted in many parts of the world, the quick adaptability of the Saxon toward new surroundings. Indeed, to my thinking, that is the secret of Britain as a colonial power.

Honor for a Hen

Grandershim, a German village, some time since was en fete. The occasion was the honoring of a hen which had laid its thousandth egg. Many of the houses were decorated with flags, while in the evening the proprietor of the hen entertained his friends to supper, at which the principal dish was a gigantic omelet. The function was a splendid success, and the health of the hen was drunk with great enthusiasm.

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We wish everyone of you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, and hope that the acquaintance-ship with us in our new store begun now will be continued throughout the coming year.

We can assure you that at all times our best services will be at your command.

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OVER $250,000

During 1904, largely owing to the great fire of last April, more than $250,000 has been expended in Fernie for the erection of new buildings. The Free Press has compiled a list which we publish below, after correcting the paragraphs (evidently a printer's error) where it states that J. Hutchison expended $7 while Aeillo and the Union Restaurant got off for $5 each.

VICTORIA AVE., EAST SIDE	
The Stork Opera House	$ 4,000
J. R. McEwing block	3,500
The King's Hotel	3,000
The Napanee Hotel	8,000
The Fernie Hotel	25,000
A. Beck block	5,000
F. Stork block	4,500
J. D. Quail block	8,000
H. A. Senkbiel, boots & shoes	4,000
L. T. W. block	10,000
P. Burns & Co. block	4,000
Union Restaurant	500
J. Aeillo	500
J. C. Hutchison	700
Thos. Beck block	3,000
W. A. Ingram	1,000
Waldorf Hotel	18,000
The J. & F. block	11,000
The O. K. Restaurant	1,000
The King Edward Hotel	7,000
Various to blacksmith shop	2,500
VICTORIA AVE., WEST SIDE	
J. S. Gusty's cottage	1,000
P. Burns block	3,000
The Todd block	9,000
The Royal Hotel	8,000
Canadian Bank of Commerce	10,000
The Cuthbert block	3,500
Various to Foundry corner	2,000
BAKER AVENUE	
Phillip Carosella block	7,000
Fernie Hotel (temporary)	2,000
A. Beck	1,000
J. D. Quail	1,000
Chinese buildings	8,000
J. Brown's store	1,500
Imperial Hotel	12,000
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Coal Company office	3,000
J. Turner's stores	4,000
C. N. Trading Co.	1,000
Trites-Wood Co.	8,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	
School improvements	3,000
Jail building	1,800
Episcopalian church	5,000
RESIDENTIAL	
H. W. Herchmer	3,700
E. Wrigleswortb	1,500
J. H. McMuilin	1,100
F. Johnson	800
P. R. Lundie's cottages	2,100
A. McLean	1,200
W. W. Tuttle	1,800
M. Scipio	1,200
I. J. Covert	1,200
J. Coward	2,000
N. Klausman	1,000
Mrs. Davis	1,500
VARIOUS	
Various, not included in above but including foundations for next year's construction	25,000
Grand total	$263,100

Of the above the following are built of fireproof material: A. Beck, F. Stork J. D. Quail, and L. T. W. blocks, the J. & F. block, the Bank of Commerce, the Royal Hotel, the Todd block, P. Carosella's block and H. W. Herchmer's residence. Partially fireproof, the Napanee Hotel and John Turner's stores.

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HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint the Hon. F. CARTER COTTON, President of the Executive Council, the Hon. R. G. TYLOR, Minister of Finance, DAVID RUSSELL KERR, of the City of Victoria, Esquire, and JOHN JESSOP, of the City of Vancouver, Esquire, to be Commissioners under the "Public Inquiries Act" for the purpose of conducting into and reporting upon the operation of the "Assessment Act, 1903," with respect to its practical bearings on the financial requirements of the Province.

The said Commissioners will hold their first meeting at the office of the Minister of Finance, on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1905, at 10 a.m., at which notice all persons interested are hereby to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Provincial Secretary's Office, 29th December, 1904.

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Silver in Ontario

The owners of silver mines near Haileybury are beginning to get returns from their work. They recently shipped four carloads of ore to New York, and the prices realized were satisfactory. One carload of silver cobalt ore shipped by W. G. Trethewy consisting of about 20 tons realized $37,500 or about one dollar a pound. Trethey who found the vein from which this ore was taken in June last, has been recouped five times over for his outlay upon the mine, and reports there is nearly a quarter of million dollars worth of ore in sight, and probably a good deal more. He had only prospected in the district for two days when he struck the mine.

A Strong Bank.

There was a short item printed last week in a New York paper that embodied a very large fact, says the Los Angeles Mining Review. It was that at a meeting of the directors of the National City Bank, New York—one of the Rockefeller banks—the directors who were present at it represented a total financial power of over eleven thousand million dollars, which is equal to about one-tenth of the entire wealth of the United States.

More Coal Mines.

The Imperial Coal and Coke Co., organized in Montreal, are getting ready to do business on their 88 square miles of coal lands on the Fording river, north of the large blocks owned by the C. N. P. Coal Co. A railway is projected to tap the belt, starting at a point on the B. C. Southern railway near where Michel creek flows into the Elk river. The building of this road and the opening of new coal fields means more business for Fernie.

Millions in Death Valley.

Frank Murray passed through Calicute recently with a sack of free gold ore in decomposed quartz, showing stringers of wire gold giving high values, says the DeLamar Lode. He had been in Death Valley for the past five months, and has located four claims in the Saw Tooth range, and has completed 110 feet of shaft work on a 3 foot ledge going $135 per ton. He struck rich vein of free gold showing black hematite of iron and coarse gold 14 inches wide and going $1,500 per ton. He is 75 miles from water, and returned to secure capital to outfit himself and partner, Grimes, to put in a pipe line 75 miles across the desert. He says that even with the enormous outlay necessary in piping in water for this distance they have millions in sight.

The trees of Finland are the money-bags of the people. A peasant even makes his shoes from birch bark and thatches his roof with shavings He virtually lives on wood.

In London the unusual heat of the last summer gave a further vogue to the straw hat, and made the silk hat so unpopular that the factories dismissed many of their workmen.

An Austrian army surgeon has invented a narcotic bomb which can be fired from any gun, but will not explode when dropped among soldiers. It gives out gases which will make 200 men unconscious.

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For full particulars call on our agent at the King Edward, in Fernie.

Peculiar Travellers

A unique party passed through Montreal a few days ago en route to Philadelphia. The object of considerable excitement was Michael Bengiorno, a Pottsville merchant, who lately returned from Italy, bringing with him, bound for the various parts of the anthracite region, a unique company. It consisted of his own wife and the wives of eighteen other thrifty Italians, who had entrusted them to his care, the husbands being scattered throughout the mining region. In addition to these, he brought four young women, who will be the brides of young Italians of Pottsville, and also twenty-three children. The latter belong to the eighteen wives referred to. The entire party was tagged and labelled in a most novel manner. Bongiorno brought the entire company without an accident, and the relatives of the women and children were overjoyed at their happy reunion.

Additional Locals

Webb's Chocolates at Bleasdell's.

S. Slinn has 475 boxes of apples in his cellar.

Xmas presents for everybody at Bleasdell's.

Stop at the Queen's Hotel when in Trout Lake City.

Sewing machines to rent at the B. C. Furniture Company.

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Travelers to Fernie in or out of the oliday season should stop at the King Edward hotel They will find it a quiet home and the table one of the best in the city.

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