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BOTH CANDIDATES ARE ON THE GROUND

Hon J. Fred Hume Arrives in Nelson.

TALKS WITH TURNER

An Enthusiastic Meeting of the Supporters of Mr. Farwell Held Last Night.

The Hon. J. Fred Hume arrived in Nelson last night from Victoria. He left there Saturday night and spent a day in Vancouver. Upon his arrival here he was met by several of his friends and supporters and until nearly midnight was closeted with Gold Commissioner John A. Turner and others of his most active supporters. A Miner reporter made two efforts to see Mr. Hume in the hope of learning something of intended legislation effecting the interests of West Kootenay but was unable to secure an audience because of the prior claims upon Mr Hume's time made by Mr. Turner.

It is understood that Mr. Hume has with him the writ for the election and that it will be made public today. It is generally believed that the date of the election will be fixed by the returning officer, probably Mr. John A Turner, for Monday, February 8, or thereabouts.

The supporters of Mr. A. S. Farwell held an enthusiastic meeting in the committee rooms in the Victoria Block last night. Committees were appointed and arrangements made for the work of the campaign. The committee rooms will be open from the present time until election day and all Farwell supporters are invited to visit them.

While work was going on in the Farwell committee rooms last night a gentleman in the back ground was heard to whisper that he would bet any part of $500 at odds of two to one, that Hume would be elected. J. W. Marks happened to overhear the words and immediately offered to take the entire sum. There was some quibbling and Mr. Marks offered to bet the gentleman with the "roll" $100 that he had not $500 and could not raise it. The "ready-money" man mentioned something about going out and getting it and then Mr. Marks went at him with a bet of $10 that he wouldn't come back. By that time the Hume man was half way down stairs and when the rooms were locked up had not yet returned.

Victoria, Jan 31.—The nomination of candidates for the three seats here made vacant by the resignations of Messrs. Turner, Hall and Phillips took place yesterday, the results were as follows: Francis Brooke Gregory, barrister-at-law; Thomas W. Paterson, railway contractor; Alexander Stewart, stone cutter; John Herbert Turner, merchant. The election takes place on Thursday, the polls being open at the city market from 8 a. m. until 4 p. m.

DANGEREROUS SLIDES.

Part of the Station House at Glacier Was Torn Away.

Vancouver, Jan. 31.—A dispatch from Glacier this afternoon says: The heavy snowfall in the Rockies and the recent mild weather have caused a number of heavy slides among the mountains off the track of the Canadian Pacific Railway within the past few days, but the first serious one to delay traffic on the line occurred today at Glacier, when an immense quantity of snow and rock slid down the mountains sapping and tangling up the wires for some distance and carrying away a corner of the station house.

MR. MILLER'S DEATH.

He Lost His Way and Was Found in an Unconscious Condition.

The Boundary Creek Times gives the following particulars of the death of the C. P. R. draughtsman R. H. Miller, a draughtsman with J. A. Odell, the C. P. R. engineer at Rock Creek, died at Rock Creek Monday afternoon. He lost his way the night previous on the trail leading to Beaver creek and was found unconscious on Monday morning.

The C. P. R. engineers have a camp on Beaver Creek, while Mr. Odell and Mr. Miller, his draughtsman, lived at Rock Creek. One of the surveyors from the Beaver Camp came down to Rock Creek Saturday morning. In the afternoon he returned, Mr. Miller going with him a portion of the distance. Mr. Miller started back for Rock Creek, but it is supposed he afterwards changed his mind and made an effort to follow his companion to the Beaver Creek camp. He probably lost the trail and wandered about until completely exhausted. He afterwards regained the trail but was evidently too weak to make any progress. He was found early Monday morning in an unconscious condition and was brought back to Rock Creek. A messenger was sent to Greenwood for Dr. Oppenheimer, but the unfortunate man died before the doctor reached there.

Dr. Jakes, the coroner, and Dr. Oppenheimer went to Rock Creek Tuesday with the intention of holding an inquest if considered necessary.

Mr. Miller was a native of Ottawa, Ont., where he has a sister living. He was about 40 years of age and was in the employ of the C. P. R. in the Kootenays for a number of years.

NELSON THEIR CHOICE.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., Will Build in This City.

J. Y. Griffin & Co., with headquarters at Winnipeg, are the latest business men to choose Nelson as the point from which their business in the Kootenay country may best be handled. Mr. R. Robertsons, their manager for the Kootenays, has been in Nelson for some time and is already doing considerable business although not yet finally located. At the present time the firm occupies the west half of the ground floor of the building of A. Macdonald & Co., and is engaged in the reception of a temporary smoke house on the rear of the building.

It is the intention of the company to erect a large warehouse and smoke house this summer and to make a big bid for the Kootenay trade. Mr. Robertson, the Kootenay manager, is allowing no time to slip through his hands. In addition to his work in connection with opening premises here he is making known to prospective customers the excellence of his wares, which include dairy fed meats, bacon, hams, cheese, butter, eggs, etc. Mr. Robertson has offices for the present in the Aberdeen Block.

PROTESTANTS PROTEST.

They Appeal to the Queen to Stop Romists Societies.

London, Jan. 31.—The Royal Albert Hall London was the scene this evening of a great demonstration on the part of ten thousand protestants, including representatives of 50 protestant organizations connected with the established church in England, Scotland and Ireland. Baron Kinnard presided, and the proceedings were marked by the utmost enthusiasm. Resolutions denouncing "Romish practices in the established church of England" were carried and a telegram was dispatched to the Queen praying her to direct Lord Salisbury, the premier, to take legislative steps to suppress the practises condemned.

TO AMEND TRUCK ACT.

Mr. Kellie is Seeking to Check a Discounting Evil.

Victoria, Jan. 30.—In the legislature today Mr. Kellie introduced a bill to amend his truck act of last session, so as to terminate an abuse said to have appeared at Kusoknook and Brooklyn in the Kootenays in the shape of "scalping" workmen's time checks. This bill would make such discounting punishable by heavy fine.

CANNERY SOLD.

Victoria Jan. 31.—The Royal Canadian Canning Company's property on the Skeena River was sold at auction today, the purchaser being S. S. D. Schult, representing eastern and local parties, and the price paid was $27,000. The property comprises some 150,000 acres of land, dwelling house, cabins, store and stock of goods, sawmill, and a completely equipped cannery. The purchasers are shareholders in the original concerns.

TO REINFORCE DEWEY.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The Badger sailed today from Fortress Munroe to join Dewey's fleet at Manila. She is going by way of the Straits of Magellan and carries a full supply of stores.

The Castine, bound for Manila also but by the eastern route has sailed from Punta Del Corda. The Helena, another of our gunboats, bound out to Manila, arrived today at Colombo, Ceylon.

QUELLING RIOTS.

Kingston, Jamica, Jan. 31.—A company of the West Indian regiment was embarked today for Barbadoes to reinforce the garrison there owing to threatened rioting among the natives. Troops will also be sent from Barbadoes to St. Vincent where similar trouble is feared, due to the continuance of the wide spread distress.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 31.—A severe blizzard is prevailing in West Tennessee Arkansas and Mississippi with the mercury near the zero mark. Fine snow has now begun falling and exposed stock is suffering severely.

PRINCESS MARIE OF BULGARIA IS DEAD

Was Able to Bid Farewell to Her Children.

UNHAPPY EXISTENCE

Forced Conversion of Prince Boris to Greek Church a Great Blow—Palace Was Insanitary.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan. 31.—Princess Ferdinand of Bulgaria, died today of pneumonia. She gave birth to a daughter yesterday evening. Princess Ferdinand of Bulgaria was Marie Louise, eldest daughter of Duke Robert of Parma, she was born January 17, 1870, married on April 2, 1893, to Prince Ferdinand, the reigning prince of Bulgaria, youngest son of the late Prince Augustus of Saxe-Cobourg, and Gotha, and Princess Clementine, of Bourbon-Orleans, daughter of King Louis Phillippe. The Princess was dying last evening, but the fact was hidden from the population. She was conscious this morning and bid farewell to the children. Prince Ferdinand remained at the bedside throughout.

Vienna, Jan 31.—The deceased, Princess of Bulgaria, had been suffering for a fortnight from influenza and continuous high fever, which caused premature confinement and extreme debility.

There is much gossip here as to her unhappy domestic life. The palace at Sofia is a most unsanitary place. During the first years of her residence there she suffered a great deal from intermittent fever, owing to the drains. She only just survived her first confinement and the enforced conversion of the young Prince Boris to the orthodox Greek church caused her, as a devout Roman Catholic, great unhappiness. The enmity existing between her and the late M. Stefan Stambuloff the Bulgarian statesman is now recalled.

FETED THEM.

Philippine Commissioners Well Treated at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Jan. 30.—Those who witnessed the reception given tonight to Professors J. G. Schurman and D. C. Worcester, Philippine Commissioners, must have been impressed with the cordiality that now exists between the United States and the rest of the English speaking nations. The two commissioners arrived this evening on the delayed Canadian Pacific express, and despite the rain there was a representative crowd of citizens at the station to greet them. Among those present were the mayor, city council, board of trade, bankers and chief merchants. After a cordial welcome at the depot, the distinguished travelers went aboard the Empress of Japan, where addresses were presented and replies made. Secretary Stien of the board of trade read an address, expressing the gratification of the members at meeting the Commissioners at this western capital of the British Empire.

Particular stress was laid on the fact that Mr. Schurman is Canadian born. The board reminded the commissioners that their duty would lead them close to a spot forever hallowed by the action of an American commander, when, 42 years ago, he went to the succor of a British Admiral and assisted in the rescue of British sailors lying wounded on the mud flats at the mouth of the Peiho, intervening against a friendly power, and defending his action with the memorable reply: "Blood is thicker than water." Such an act could not be forgotten, and was cherished in the memory of those who were anxious, the board believed, in certain eventualities, to be able to pay the debt. The board prayed that their labors might have a successful issue.

Professor Schurman made no formal reply to the address presented by the Vancouver board of trade. Instead he recounted their adventures in the Rocky mountains. He said:

"A truck broke down in the mountains and we had to fast for 24 hours. I do not suppose such an accident would ever occur again. We had just passed a dining place, and the next was four hours' travel ahead. There we had to remain without food. Some of the party tried the cooking at Canmore, but they afterwards wished they had not."

He concluded with a laugh that he did not care to be interviewed on the objects of the commission.

BIG SNOW SLIDE.

Cokeville, Wyo., Jan. 31.—A snowslide a mile long near here buried several men and ten teams. All the men were taken out alive with the exception of one, who was dead when found.

RATHER EXPENSIVE PAYING THIS ARMY

Gomez Wants $60,000,000 For Cuban Soldiers.

LONG LIST OF OFFICERS

Gomez Has a Great Many Gentlemen of Rank in His Army and all Want Money.

New York, Jan. 31.—A Washington special to the Tribune says: Maximo Gomez, Cuban Commander General, has demanded nearly $60,000,000 from the United States and refuses to disband his army until the money is paid. He has repudiated the arrangment made by the late General Calixto Garcia, who came to Washingon with the authority of Gomez to provide for the return of Cubans to their peaceful pursuits and whose work was barely accomplished before his sudden death on December 11. It was then agreed that the United States, in order to secure prompt resumption of labor on the plantations of the island, with a view to promoting the speedy revival of prosperity and settled conditions should distribute about three million dollars among the 30,000 said to be still under arms, to the rate of $100 a man, and officers in proportion to their rank to receive greater amount, proportionary enlistment to be discharged with a sum of less than $100, depending on the length of service and other considerations. For over a month the pay corps of the army has been making ready to carry out this arrangement, the national defence fund being available for the purpose. Gomez has come out against the scheme, which was operating satisfactorily to most Cubans, and has struck for greater stakes. It is officially known here that he is endeavoring to dissuade Cubans from accepting office under American occupation and is urging all the natives of every grade to stay with him in the field until the United States is compelled to accede to his terms of disbandment.

Gomez alleges that his army consists of 40,000 men and he insists that most of them shall be paid for three years service at the rate which prevails in the United States army. He fixes the date of the Cuban declaration of independence February 24, 1895, as the beginning of the period for which himself and his forces are to be remunerated. For himself, the rank of Lieutenant-General, he will be satisfied with $11,000 annually, the American rate for that grade. Gomez has also about 20 Major-Generals to each of whom he wants $7,500 annually and his army is equipped with nearly 200 Brigadier Generals, each rated according to the United States army, at $5,500 annually. This aggregates the nice little sum of $3,781,000 for generals alone, then there are colonels lieutenant-colonels and majors whose numbers run into the thousands.

HAD TWO FAMILIES.

The Court Decided That His Life Insurance Goes to Both.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan, 31—A decision rendered by the Supreme Court brings to light another story of one man's two families. Richard C. Combs died in 1880 and left two families, one in Burlington and one in Wichita, Kas. The Burlington family was the legitimate one, but Combs had maintained both for 20 years and lived most of the time just prior to his death with the Kansas woman and three children whom he recognized. Combs was a traveling man, and had a policy for life insurance of $4000 in the Iowa Legion of Honor. The money was paid to the Burlington family and suit was brought by the guardian of the Kansas children to recover from the Burlington family, or Legion of Honor, the mother of the Kansas children having died. Court holds that the Burlington family must divide with the Kansas children since their father recognized them as his.

NORTHWARD BOUND.

People Are Still Going Into the Alaskan Gold Fields.

Vancouver, Jan. 31.—Two Klondike steamboats will leave Vancouver for the north this week, the City of Seattle and the C. P. N. boat, Tees. Quite a number of people have already been booked here for the latter steamer. Many Americans are still going into the northern country, but few will go into Atlin owing to the Alien Mining Law. Quite a number who have gone up recently have expressed the intention of prospecting in Alaska. Many inquiries have been received from eastern Canadians in regard to Atlin and the tide of northern travel will probably increase next month. Rates to the north are steadily maintained by all the lines.

ENGLAND DEFENDED.

Rev. Mr. Evans Emphasizes the Blessings of British Rule.

Middleton, N. Y., Jan. 31.—At Grace Church on Sunday morning rector Evans contradicted the recent attack made by Bourke Cochran upon England as "The robber nation of the world." He pointed to the local prosperity which has followed in the wake of British expansion almost all the world over, more notably in India and in Egypt and declared that British rule had been in most cases a blessing and not a bane. He quoted the words of Admiral Dewey which recently appeared in an English paper, to the effect that the "Imperial policy of England was the factor that had done most to civilize the world." He believed intensely that by the Anglo-Saxon people of England and America, God, the Great Imperialist had, planned to humanize the whole earth, and the era of universal peace would only come when they sat side by side in the councils of the nations supremely powerful, supremely pacific. Then there would be no war. The argosies of commerce would supplant the ironclads of destruction, and peaceful enterprise would go in and out through open doors everywhere.

WAR AGAINST WAR.

Lord Roberts Tells What he Thinks of Disarmament.

New York, Jan. 30.—A dispatch to the Herald from London says:

Lord Roberts in a letter which he has addressed to the periodical. "War Against War," expresses what is doubtless the general feeling of soldiers on the czar's disarmament scheme.

While he has no love for war itself, he believes disarmament will only be possible when all the nations of the civilized world agree to rest content with what they have got and never strive for anything more.

But there is another consideration, what would be the fate of the inhabitants of the civilized nations if they were to deprive themselves of means of defense against the barbarians, who outnumber them by many millions. Lord Roberts puts the matter in this nutshell:

"What would unarmed civilization do against armed barbarians"

SAD HOME COMING.

Out of a Spanish Regiment of 1400 only 300 Return Home.

London, Jan. 31.—Reports by mail from Corunna, Spain, give sad accounts of the landing there last week of the Zamora regiment from Cuba. The regiment was recruited in Corunna and included many young men of good families. In June 1895 it sailed for Cuba 1400 strong. Only 300 men returned alive. As the survivors marched down the gangway of the steamer they were met by an immense crowd of people from Corunna and the neighboring villages. There were shouts and cheers of welcome from the friends of the 300 but their cheers were drowned by cries of lamentations of the relatives and friends of 1100.

TROOPS FOR MANILA.

Re-Inforcements Will Be Forwarded Without Delay.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Orders have been issued by the War Department to expedite the movement of reinforcements for the Philippines. The transport Sherman will start from New York next Thursday with the third regiment of infantry and four companies of the 17th infantry. The following Thursday, February 9, the transport Sheridan will sail from the same port with the 12th infantry and the headquarters and remaining companies of the 17th infantry. The officers in command of these troops have been instructed to execute the orders for movement without unnecessary delay.

MRS. GEORGE IN COURT.

Canton, Jan. 30—Mrs. Annie George indicted for murder in the first degree for killing George Saxton, the brother of Mrs. President McKinley, was brought into court today to hear arguments on motions preliminary to her arraignment tomorrow. She seemed cheerful and was much interested in the proceedings. Attorney Sterling read a motion to quash the indictment, and followed with arguments. Prosecutor Pomerene addressed the court next, and John C. Welty closed the argument.

Jude Taylor took the matter under advisement, and will hand down his decision tomorrow morning when the arraignment of Mrs. George for the murder in front of Mrs. Althous' house last October will follow at once.

A BOURBON COMBINE.

Louisville Ky., Jan. 31.—Word has been received that the deal combining all the important distilleries in Kentucky into one great corporation is about successfully concluded in New York City.

WESTMINSTER FIRE CAUSE OF DEBATE

Royal City Would Make New Arrangements.

AN ANIMATED DEBATE

Relief Committee Has Surplus Which They Don't Know What to Do With.

Victoria, Jan. 31.—The main feature of today's session of the Legislature was the consideration in committee of the bill authorizing the City of New Westminster to make certain arrangements with civic debenture holders in view of the diminution of the city's revenue caused by the fire of last summer. Incorporated in this bill is a provision vesting in the corporation such of the fire relief funds as are suspended and making it lawful to apply such funds to such purposes of the corporation or to such charitable durposes as shall be determined by by-law. Col. Baker thought that this section should be amended so as to confine the expenditure of this money to charitable purposes as otherwise there would be a distinct breach of trust with those who so willingly anonymously, and generously contributed to the relief fund. Attorney-General Martin took exception to the contention that the money had been given for charitable purposes except such as would be naturally resultant from the fire. The fact was, he said, that too much had been given and the city found itself embarrassed with about $51,000 of a balance after all distress occasioned by the fire had been relieved. Under the circumstances, he maintained, the council should either return balance pro rata to the donors, or it should be turned into the general revenue of the city. Finance Minister Cotton after some further discussion proposed to amend the section so that the council could apply the fund only to provide work for the needy who would not accept charity. Mr. Martin vigorously objected to this proposed course which he held would not stand the test of appeal to the courts and after further discussion the section was amended by substituting the words, "Such public works" for "such purposes."

A NEW CABLE.

Success of the Line Between Germany and the States is Assured.

London, Jan. 31.—The Frankfort correspondent of the Financial News says relative to the projected cable between Germany and the United States that he is informed that certain agreements have been made with an American Cable Company, by which the cable itself must be manufactured in England and laid by way of the Azore islands. The American company in question have pledged themselves to use the new line for the transmission of their dispatches to and from Germany. The German people have guaranteed transmission of certain number of words and the profitable working of the line is therefore said to be fully insured. The shares capital will probably be not less than 20,000,000 marks.

INCREASED TAXATION.

London, Feb. 1.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says: The cabinet has agreed to undertake the restoration of the constitutional guarantees, and also to add an exportation board to the ministry of state, upon which the interests of all classes of producers will be represented. The minister of finance Senor Puigcever, explained to his colleagues at today's session of the cabinet his new financial scheme. I learn that it will create new taxes calculated to produce £36,000,000 yearly.

Senor Puigcever also proposes to raise an internal loan and to consolidate a portion of the debt.

BIG CHINESE LOAN.

London, Feb. 1.—The Times in its financial article today announces that a Chinese five per cent railway loan of £11,500,000 has been arranged, unconditionally guaranteed by China and especially secured on the Chinese national railways. China has given Great Britain a pledge that these railways will not be alienated to any foreign power.

A BATTLE ROYAL.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—James J. Corbett and Thomas Sharkey have been matched to box six rounds in this city on the night of March 7.

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NOT AN ISSUE.

In the Victoria campaign Government speakers and newspapers are perpetually harping on the "Turner Government." There is no Turner Government, and there may never be again; therefore it is impossible that the "Turner Government" can be an issue. It is the Semlin Government that is on trial, for it is the only Government in existence in this Province. It is the Semlin Government that is responsible for the legislation carried and proposed this session, and whose general policy as announced the people have alone to consider. The motive is, of course, to withdraw public attention as much as possible from the acts of the present Government, and to again excite it in the contemplation of those enormities of the wicked "Turner Government," which served the party in power so well at the last general election. The people will not be deceived, however. They know the difference between a dead Government ad a live one, and that it is the live one they have to deal with.

The Turner Government may have been guilty of sins both of omission and commission. We do not know, and for the purposes of the present election it is not worth while to inquire. But as reference has been made to it, it is just as well to point out that the Kootenay country is deeply indebted to the enterprise of that Government, and that it displayed poor judgment and very small sense of gratitude in defeating its candidates last year. That it sees its mistake now we have little doubt. It is not an issue in this contest, however, and intelligent electors will resent the attempt to drag it in, in the hope of covering up real issues which Government partisans and supplicants for Government favors would be glad enough to have concealed.

Electors of the Nelson Riding, in the contest now on, have to pronounce judgment on the living Government, not on the dead one. His Honor at Victoria took care to deal with the latter, and so far as the people are concerned that ends it.

WORSE THAN THE BOERS.

"Remember that Mr. Turner and his colleagues will try to throw open the door to hordes of foreigners who will sweep up our gold as wolves clean the flesh off the bones of a wounded steer on the plains." This is an appeal made by the Government paper at Victoria to the electors of that city to support the three Government candidates who are opposing the return of Mr. Turner, Mr. Hall, and Mr. McPhillips. In the same paper, and to further the appeal, a correspondent quotes Mr. Eberts: "The Kootenay country gave $40,000 revenue; may we not expect that in the future there will be taken out $10,000,000?" and replies: "Yes, taken out chiefly to Spokane, Chicago, and New York capitalists, and British Columbians may retire to the dens and caves of the earth left in place of the veins and ledges, or set to and break the cobble stones left on the sluiced grounds." These extracts, to which columns of similar stuff might be added, fairly indicate the nature of the campaign that is being waged in behalf of the Semlin Government, and with which that Government is no doubt in complete sympathy.

Of all the civilized races on earth the Boers are thought to be about the least progressive. But they are enterprise itself when their actions are put in comparison with the views held by the Government of British Columbia. They possess some of the richest goldfields in the world, but it never occurred even to their somewhat dull imaginations to exclude aliens and alien capital. They encouraged both, with the result that today the Transvaal is the richest gold producer in the world, and hundreds of millions have been added to the wealth of the country. Aliens were encouraged to go in, and their prosperity is taxed to an extent almost sufficient in itself to maintain the entire Government of the Republic. Here it is proposed to exclude aliens, to leave the development of our immense mineral resources to local enterprise and capital, and to impose the whole burden of taxation on the handful of people who now constitute the population of the Province. If the Boers had pursued this policy there would be no Johannesburg today, and the Transvaal would be known only as a geographical name.

Mr. Hume will come to us with a different story, for he is seeking votes; but that the policy of the Government of which he is a Minister is to keep the mines of British Columbia for British Columbians is too evident now to be any longer doubted. Where would the Kootenays be at this present time if this had been the policy of our Governments for the last quarter of a century? Who has made the Kootenays but aliens and alien capital? The mining development of the country is owing almost wholly to the enterprise of aliens. If we had adopted a policy of exclusion there would be no Rossland today; no Sandon, no Silverton, no Kaslo, no Ymir, no Creston, no Boundary country, no Slocan, no Nelson. The country would still be in possession of mountain goats. Is it not incomprehensible that there should be goats of another kind at the capital who do not realize this and appreciate all it signifies? Cannot these raw and inexperienced rulers be made to understand that what this country needs above all else is as large an alien population and alien enterprise as we can induce to come here? Keep out the aliens, who are the pioneers in mining, and development will become paralyzed; merchants will be starved out and will have to leave; the banks will go with them, insurance companies will withdraw, newspapers will cease publication, hotels will close, and where there is now activity and progress will be boarded windows. That is the end to which the policy of the Semlin Government would lead us. Those who like the picture cannot do better than to vote for Government candidates.

Punch has been poking fun at the Canadian postage stamp, which it says "suggests boundless possibilities in the way of bumptious inscriptions." Here are some it recommends for the British stamp:

We are richer than Anybody.
We are Tremendnous Swells.
The Policeman outside the Mansion House is the finest in the World.
There are more Faddists in England than in any Country.
Our Fleet can smash all the rest.
Mind your Eye.
By Jingo if we do—! ! ! !
Go to Jericho!
There are more Omnibusses in London than anywhere.
One of our Journals has the largest Circulation in the World.
We have a Prime Minister who is bigger than any other
We had a Leader of the Opposition of similar Stature.

There is only one for the United States stamp, but it covers everything:
We lick Creation.

The Golden Miner says that soon after the offer of a nomination to Mr. Pitts that gentleman was approached in the Government interest with the prosposal that, if he would permit Mr. Wells to be returned without opposition, there would be no further dismissals of Government officials in Northeast Kootenay. If the emissaries had known that Mr. Pitts was disqualified from being a candidate they would have been spared this corrupt advance.

And The Trail Creek News too: "Of all the ills inflicted upon a long-suffering people, the postal facilities for Trail and adjacent towns, beat the band. The arrival of mails is about as irregular and unreliable as anything could be, and until the Kootenay towns join in a common protest to the Department, we may not expect a remedy."

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is the Inhabitants we Want.

British Columbia is in many respects similar to the State of Washington, but it has more than five times the area, and only a fourth the people. Give the same number of inhabitants, be they Americans, Canadians or whatnot, and will any citizen of the Dominion deny that development will be more rapid? British Columbia's Alien Exclusion Law will retard the development of that important Province.—Cor. Seattle Post Intelligencer.

Why a Corbin Railway?

D. R. Ker, of Brackman & Ker, writes to the Victoria Times that his firm desiring to ship Edmonton oats to Grand Forks in the Kettle River valley by the only present available route v.a Spokane and Northern Railway from Nelson to Bossburg in Washington, and thence by team to Grand Forks, were met by a charge of $8 per ton for the 100 miles from Nelson to Bossburg. He compares this very unfavorably with the C. P. R. charge of $7 a ton from Edmonton to Nelson, a distance of nearly 700 miles.—Edmonton Bulletin.

Can't Understand It.

Shutting out aliens from digging placer ground in this Province is a piece of dog-in-the-manger business that looks like the work of selfish school children. If the aliens took more gold out of the country than they bring in it would be excusable; as the reverse is always the case we do not see any advantage in such a law.—Sandon Paystreak.

New Books.

With Kitchener to Khartoum, by Stevens, $1.50

Doctor Thorne, H. Rider Haggard.

Linnet, - Grant Allen.

Britain's Roll of Glory, D. H. Parry.

Fights For the Flag, W. H. Fitchet

Deeds That Won the Empire, W. H. Fitchet.

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Mayor	Hamilton George Neelands
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Police Magistrate	E A Crease
Chief of Police	A F McKinnon
Chief of Fire Department	W J Thompson
Auditor	John Hamilton
Health Officer	Dr. LaBau
City Engineer	A. L. M'Culloch

City council meets every Monday, 7:30 p.m, at city hall, cor Victoria and Josephine st

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Secretary	F. W. Swannell
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Second Jailer	Jos. Labbe
Third Jailer	Fred Jarvis
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Mining Recorder-Tax Col	R F Tolmie
Collector of Customs	Geo. Johnstone
Provincial Assessor	John Keen
County Court Judge	J A Forin
Registrar	E T H Simpkins
Inspector of Schools	William Burns

TIME TABLE FOR CLOSING OF MAILS AT POST OFFICE.

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"	Nakusp; Slocan Lake, Sandon; Vancouver, Winnipeg, Main Line, O.P.R.	8 p.m
"	Rossland; Trail, Robson and Points on C. & K. Rv.	6
"	Kaslo and Lake Points,	4 p.m.
"	Kuskonook and Creston Monday and Friday	7:30 a.m

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Lobby opened from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.; General Delivery 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Registration, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Money Orders and Savings Bank 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday 1 hour (10 to 11 a.m.)

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND—Matin 11 a.m.; Even Song, 7.30 p.m. every Sunday. Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month after Matins; on 2nd and 4th Sundays, at 8 a.m. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. Rev. H. S. Akehurst, Rector. Cor Ward and Silica streets.

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NELSON LODGE, No. 23, A. F. & A. M. meets second Wednesday in each month. Visiting brethren invited.
G. L. LENNOX, Secretary.

I. O. O. F. Kootenay Lodge No. 16, meets every Monday night, at their Hall, Kootenay street. Sojourning Odd Fellows cordially invited.
E C Arthur, N. G. John Vanstone, V. G.
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COURT KOOTENAY, I.O.F., NO. 3138 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month in the K of P Hall. F W Swanell, C. D. S, C. R.; J R Green, C.R.: J. Furkiss, Secy.

NELSON LODGE, NO. 10 A.O.U.W., meets every Thursday in the I.O.O.F. hall. G C Williams, M.W.; W S Smith, Rec.-Sec.; J. J. Driscoll, Financier; F. J Squire, Receiver, and P. M. W.

NELSON L.O.L. No. 1892 meets in the MacDonald block every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting members cordially invited.
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INSURANCE MEN OBJECT TO THE $200 TAX.

Give Reasons to Prove That the Imposition of Such Legislation Would be Unjust.

The fire insurance men of Nelson have a grievance and have had since they read their several copies of the *Nelson Daily Miner yesterday morning*. They object most strenuously to the imposition of the $200 tax on every insurance company doing business in the city and produce arguments which tend to strengthen their side of the case.

Some time ago the old City Council passed a by-law providing for the above tax but up to Monday night it was a dead letter. Two or three weeks ago Ald. Beer, in his search through the City Hall, found that such a by-law was in existence and it struck him that the tax was altogether too excessive. He brought the matter before the council with a recommendation that the by-law be amended, providing for a $50 tax instead of four times that amount. The matter was laid over for consideration at last Mondays meeting and then, upon motion of Ald. Hillyer, the proposed amendment was laid aside and the city collector was instructed to inform the insurance companies that one half of the $200 tax was now due and payable, the other half to be paid in six months.

This is what aroused the ire of the insurance men. They point out that the tax will effect more than anyone else, the agents residing in Nelson. The greater number of the companies doing business here would withdraw sooner than pay the tax and write Nelson policies from towns in which no such tax is demanded. This would leave the Nelson agents without these companies and therefore injure their business. There are several property holders in Nelson now who insure with agents situated elsewhere and there would be nothing to prevent others from doing the same thing. Aside from this the insurance men say they do not object to a reasonable tax but they believe $200 to be entirely unjust. They point to the fact that big wholesale and retail houses doing business in Nelson have only to pay $25 a year for the privilege of doing business, and that business a great times larger in volume than is done by any of the insurance companies. Why they should pay so much more than these merchants they cannot understand.

There are agents in Nelson who represent four or five companies and these would be taxed $800 or $1000 as the case might be. There are in all in Nelson about 20 companies represented, which would make an annual tax on all companies of $4000. This the agents claim is much more than the business here will warrant.

A meeting of insurance men will be held this morning in the offices of Gamble & O'Rielly at 10 o'clock and the matter will be fully discussed. It is likely the council will be asked to reconsider its former action and to amend the by-law.

SENSATION IN COURT.

Mrs. Price, of Robson, Faints as Judgment is Announced.

There was somewhat of a sensational scene in the County Court yesterday. A Mrs. Price, of Robson, was before Judge Forin on an appeal from the decision of Police Magistrate Crease imposing a fine of $100 or two months in jail for selling liquor without a license.

Several witnesses were examined and the evidence was very contradictory. Judge Forin sustained the action of the court and as he announced his decision Mrs. Price fell over in a faint. She was immediately attended by gentlemen present in court and soon revived.

At the time of her former trial she was unable to pay the fine imposed and went to jail. She was therefore taken back to her cell yesterday.

"THE WIND SHE BLOW."

Yesterday was a Lively One Ashore and on Water.

It wasn't quite a blizzard, but it was very near it. The wind blew hard and blew cold, and those who didn't have to be out of doors stayed inside. Signs and windows suffered and many dollars will have to be expended in repairs. The big canvas sign on Tom Madden's hotel, the Madden House, was blown to pieces early in the game. Frank Tamblyn's front door went without glass the greater part of the afternoon, and Pete Emerson's big transom over the double door fell inside with a crash, and during the afternoon Mr. Emerson and Ed. Brown wore coon skin coats while they dispersed warmth and refreshment to their half frozen customers.

Big warehouses on Vernon street and on the lake fronts shook so that employes refused to remain and their were several who took holidays.

On the river there was more trouble than on shore. In attempting to make a landing at its dock the International drifted into the Alberta breaking the casing of the wheel. The Kokanee broke her rudder chain and landed on a sand bar where she laid until repairs were made which enable her to continue her journey. The Nelson with a barge in tow sought shelter at the old sawmill 14 miles up the river and was still there late last night. Lake men say it was the biggest blow in a very long time.

BUSINESS MEN CRITICISE.

Think the Council Acted Wrongly in Selecting a Treasurer.

Citizens in general criticise the action of the City Council Monday night in selecting for the position of Assistant City Clerk and Treasurer, Mr W. E. Wasson. Their first complaint was that they did not know who W. A. Wasson was, while they were well acquainted with other of the applicants, some of whom were property owners in Nelson and thoroughly responsible parties. Murdoch McKay seemed to be the choice of the business men of the city. He is now in the employ of A. MacDonald & Co. He is a man with a family and owns his own home in this city. The man who was elected has no interests in Nelson other than the position he may hold. He is not a house holder and owns no property here. He could pack his trunk and leave at any time with nothing left behind. He is scarcely more than a boy and not of sufficiently mature age to be treasurer of the city. He is an honest and honorable young man but hardly deserves to step in ahead of such men as Mr. McKay.

These are the arguments used by several business men yesterday. They think the members of the council used poor judgment in their selection.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

C. E. Miller leaves this morning for a trip through the Boundary country.

D. C. Johnson, ore buyer for the Everett smelter, is in Nelson at the Phair Hotel.

Mr. H. Bell-Irving, of Vancouver who is interested in mining properties in the vicinity of Nelson is in the city.

Thomas Hillard arrived in Nelson yesterday to assume the management of the Canada Electrical Light Co., vice Frank Darling.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Hospital Aid will be held next Monday afternoon in St. Paul's Presbyterian church.

James Neelands is out again after his severe attack of typhoid fever. He is rapidly convalescing and expects to be hale and hearty again in a very few weeks.

Curlers are quite pleased to see the return of something like cold weather and will get into the game immediately. The ice at the Crystal rink is now in splendid shape. In the Miner's dispatches giving the result of the matches at Rossland last week F. A. Tamblyn was not credited with a victory that was due him. In the Consolation event he defeated Carlyle of Rossland by 13 to 7.

The handsome prizes that the managers of the Crystal Rink have offered for the best costumes at the Carnival tonight have been instrumental in inducing a large number of people to take part in the masquerade. The weather clerk has kindly turned on the cold weather tap just in time and an excellent sheet of ice will be provided for masqueraders and the skaters, a bus will leave the corner of Baker and Stanley streets at 7:30 and passengers will be taken up to the rink for 10 cents each.

It was generally believed that Charles Van Ness, who recently died in Grand Forks, had disposed of his extensive property interests by will, but such is not the case. His relatives at Clinton, Indiana, will soon make application for the administration of his estate, which consist of valuable real estate in Rossland, Nelson and Grand Forks. Besides this he was interested in the Rossland Warehouse & Transfer Company and an interest in Graham's hotel just above Cascade City. In addition to all these he has large and extensive mining interests in Kootenay and the Boundary country. His estate will probably exceed $100,000 in value.

Great interest is being manifested in the hockey match to take place at the Crystal rink on Friday evening when the Victoria's of Rossland will play their first visit to Nelson. The Victoria's are the champions of the Kootenays and to defeat them will be an honor worth striving for. It was the Victorias team that defeated the team in the tournament for the championship at the Rossland Carnival last week. The Nelson players claim that one of the umpires was not fit for his position and that the match was not fairly won. They will have the opportunity to impress these assertions on the Victorias on Friday evening and will do their their best to do it. Practices will be held tonight and tomorrow night and every candidate for a position on the team is expected to turn out. There will probably be some important changes in the team when it lines up on Friday evening.

AT THE HOTELS.

Hume—W. A. Cummings, Ainsworth; James Tatton, Toronto; G. C. Rowan, South Omaha; F. T. Abbott, C. R. & N.; G. E. Morrison, Sarnia, Ont.; C. B. Matthew, Ymir; A. Stewart and wife, Kuskonook; W. J. McNabb and wife, Kuskonook; F. J. Gavin, Vancouver; W. J. Kirby, Vancouver; W. Waterland, J. Fred Hume, Victoria.

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Meterological Report.

(Observations taken by A. H. Holdich.

DATE	DAY	HIGHEST	LOWEST	SNOW FALL	BAROMETER
Jan 25	Wed'day	28.0	33.0	0.00	28.00
Jan 26	Thursday	41.0	31.0	0.00	28.10
Jan 27	Friday	44.0	32.0	0.05	27.90
Jan 28	Saturday	45 0	34.0	0.00	27.95
Jan 29	Sunday	43.0	36 0	0.00	27.70
Jan 30	Monday	43 0	35.0	0.02	27.70
Jan 31	Tuesday	37.5	14.0	0.15	27.30

To the Electors of the Nelson Riding of West Kootenay District.

GENTLEMEN—The seat for this Riding being again vacant by the resignation of the Hon. J. Fred Hume, at the earnest request of a large number of the electors of this constituency, I offer myself as a candidate to represent you in the Legislative Assembly.

I advocated in my last candidature, and still propose to support, the building of useful roads, trails, and bridges, in the District, and was pleased to see last year the commencement of some public works of that nature. I regret to find that practically all such improvements in this Riding were stopped upon the acceptance of office by the Hon. Mr. Hume. With regard to public buildings, appropriations were made last session for additional School accommodation, and a Land Registry Office in Nelson. As to the former the sum voted has been expended in a dilatory manner, greatly inconveniencing the Trustees, teaching staff and pupils. As to the latter no attempt has been made to supply the grave want. It may be remarked that when in Opposition the Hon. Mr. Hume strenously pointed out the inconvenience of having to register all documents affecting land in Victoria, and advocated the building of the office in Nelson.

I submit that the legislation already passed during the present sitting of the Provincial House of Assembly is against the interest of our mining industry. The Alien Bill prohibiting aliens from working in the placer mines of the Province is even now having a retarding effect on the development of our metalliferous mines. It is interpreted as the introduction of the thin edge of the wedge, towards, probably next session, introducing legislation to prohibit aliens from prospecting and developing the mineral resources of Kootenay. I may add that the miners of Kootenay view with alarm any radical changes in the mining laws as calculated to prevent the introduction of capital, thereby contracting the field of labor.

The privilege formerly existing of a free miner who had inadvertently allowed his license to lapse, being reinstated in his rights upon the payment of a small fee, was heartily endorsed by me; and the withdrawal of this privilege by the Minister of Mines was an arbitrary act which has already resulted in loss to miners, prospectors and others, and is calculated in the future to operate disastrously to those interested in mining.

I am opposed to the hasty passage of mining legislation without giving the mining communities the opportunity of considering such measures. Such hasty procedure is unusual in this Province and detrimental to the best interests of our great mining industries.

I consider the parsimonious administration of public affairs inaugurated by the present government, is calculated to seriously endanger the efficency of the civil service and hamper the transaction of public business.

I advocate a change in the mineral act to compel all partners in a mining claim to bear their share of the assessment work, or forfeit their interest.

I am in favor of further extending the Public School system, and placing greater powers in the hands of the School Trustees in organized localities, thereby increasing the efficiency of the school.

While opposed to a large portion of the legislation introduced by the present Government, I am independant and intend if elected to support in the Legislative Assembly measures, no matter by whom introduced, which are for the benefit of the Province, and will especially give my support to whatever may assist in developing and tend towards the prosperity of the Kootenay District. I wish to deal fairly and openly by the electors and think it right for me to add that I am a Conservative and if in the future party lines should be drawn, I will be found allied with the supporters of that party.

Yours Faithfully,

A. S. FARWELL.

Nelson, Jan. 28, 1899.

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ompiled by H. G. McCulloch, mining brok- Nelson, B. C., P. O. box 465.]

Name of Company	Par Value.	Price
Nelson, Slocan and Ainsworth		
American Boy	1 00	6
Athabasca	1 00	43
Arlington Con	1 00	8½
Dundee	1 00	20
Dardanelles	1 00	16½
Exchequer	1 00	15
Fern G. M. Co	25	56
Hall Mines	£1	17-6
Nelson-Poorman	25	45
Kaslo Montezuma	1 00	25
Noble Five	1 00	18
Rambler Con	1 00	33
Reco	1 00	1 20
Slocan Star	50	1 40
Two Friends	30	17
Wonderful	1 00	8
Washington	1 00	10
Trail Creek		
Butte	1 00	1½
Caledonia Con	1 00	⅝
Commander	1 00	13
Deer Park	1 00	21
Enterprise	1 00	18
Eureka Consolidated	1 00	7
Evening Star	1 00	7
Georgia	1 00	3
Good Hope	1 00	2
Grand Prize	1 00	4
Giant	1 00	5
High Ore	1 00	4
Iron Mask	1 00	93
Iron Colt	1 00	11
Jumbo	1 00	43
Lily May	5 00	20
Mayflower	1 00	6
Monita	1 00	12
Monte Cristo	1 00	11
Mugwump	1 00	5
Novelty	1 00	4
Phoenix	1 00	5
Poorman	1 00	12½
Red Mountain View	1 00	2
Rossland Homestake	1 00	6
Rossland Red Mountain	1 00	2
Silverine	1 00	4½
Silver Bell	1 00	5
St. Elmo	1 00	5
Virginia	1 00	48
Victory-Triumph	1 00	9½
War Eagle Con	1 00	3 20
West Le Roi Josie	1 00	27
White Bear	1 00	6½
Miscellaneous.		
Alpha Bell	1 00	7
Cariboo (Camp McK)	1 00	1 50
Waterloo (Camp McK)	1 00	8
Cariboo Hydraulic Con	5 00	95
Channe	25	8
Golden Cache	1 00	12
Tin Horn	25	12

Spokane, Jan. 31.—The final payment upon the Le Roi stock was made by the British America Corporation today. The money for this payment was received in New York about two months ago.

This final payment is $3.12½ per share, the balance of the $7.25, the purchase price of the stock of the minority holders having already been paid over. At the time of the sale of the stock of the minority holders in November, it was agreed that this final payment should be made on or before January 31 and the B. A. C. proceeded to carry out the terms of this contract.

Practically all of this final payment remains in Spokane. The following are the amounts which were received by the principal shareholders, all of whom are Spokane men:

	Shares.	Amount.
W. W. D. Turner	40 000	$125 000
W. J. Harris	39 000	121 325
W. M. Ridpath	38 000	118 750
George Turner	32 000	100 000
Mrs. W. W. D. Turner	15 000	46 875
E. D. Sanders	15 000	46 875
Frank Graves	14 000	43 750

Although this is the final payment of the purchase price of the mine, it is not the last money that the shareholders will receive from the B. A. C. In addition to the purchase price of $725 a share, the Turner interests are to receive the proceeds of the matte and ore in the smelter at the time the deal was closed. This will amount to $1 per share additional, making the stock net the sellers about $8.25 a share or the equivalent of $4,125,000 for the property.

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LATE ATLIN NEWS.

Mr. F. A. Billet will establish a branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce of Toronto at Atlin. He has arranged to be ready for business March 1, in temporary quarters in the opera-house building on Discovery Avenue.

The Merchants' Bank of Halifax has had a deputation at Atlin, headed by Mr. Spencer. They looked over the ground, bought a lot and let a contract for a building and will return in 30 days to establish a banking business. Mr. Spencer reports that they had already arranged with the Skagway Railroad Company to bring in their safe.

Atlin Lake at night is a fantasm of the weird that seems to delight in making men walk in a circle, or to the wrong end of the lake, when they try to cross to Atlin. While they are walking the crisp north cold wind freezes with a grip that means future tortures if not death.

The nights are neither violently stormy nor crystal clear. The mountains in their grandeur seem to peer out through drifts in the clouds from different directions from that in which they really are. The islands become at times mirages, and at others real things themselves. All this effects the mind of the hurrying traveler, and causes him to lose his way.

Richard Hurlbert and S. A. Smythe are two men who have felt the despair of being lost on Atlin's frozen surface at midnight. Both escaped narrowly with their lives and are badly frozen.

Hurlbert's rescue was effected by members of the Pioneer Club, who heard his faint cries in the distance. Some men went out to investigate and found him walking aimlessly toward the opposite shore away from the city. He had become confused, and would have been lost had not help arrived in time. It seems he was one of the stampeders down to the new strike in the O'Donnell River country. Some 20 miles from here they found the snow so deep they decided they would run out of provisions if they attempted to push on. It was accordingly arranged that Mr. Harlbert should return after an additional supply. On his way back he fell in an air hole opposite the mouth of Pine Creek. He succeeded in getting out, and abandoned his pack to gain speed. He found his feet were freezing, and, to add to his dismay, he soon discovered that he was walking in a circle, and four times he returned to the same place he dropped his pack.

At the last meeting of the Pioneer Club it was decided to take steps to have a beacon light placed on the point to guide travelers coming from the portage. Unless this is done it is only a matter of time until Atlin sees another tradegy. People are warned not to attempt to cross the lake at night unless they can plainly see the light of the city or the beacon when it is in place. The Government has been requested to furnish the latter, but as there are none in the country at present, it will be some time before one can be obtained from the outside and put in position. The wind often blows the trail full of snow so it cannot be followed.

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"A strong effort is being made to induce the Provincial Government to improve the trails in the vicinity of Nelson and it is probable that this effort will be successful," said S. J. McDonald of Nelson, to a Spokane Chronicle reporter. "Requests have been made to the Government for a number of trails in the Toad Mountain section, where some of the richest mines in the neighborhood of Nelson are located. For several years the properties on Toad Mountain, with the exception of the Silver King group, have remained idle but this year there promises to be much activity, especially if trails can be provided so that easy access can be gained to the mines.

"Requests have been made for four trails, which will quite thoroughly cover the Toad Mountain district, reaching all the principal mines. The first trail asked for is from the Athabasca mine to a point near the junc ture of the Silver King and Dandy roads. This trail would cut off about three miles of traveling and would render accessible a number of properties. The second request is for a trail on Morning Mountain to connect with the old government trail. A trail is also requested via the Golden Dale Claim, by the head of Giveout Creek, reaching over the head of Hall Creek to the Golden Eagle property. The fourth trail is to be from the Hall Mines road south to the claims which are being operated by the Russians. These properties are about two miles south of the Silver King and a trail is badly needed. These are not the only trails that are needed but if this system is constructed it will do much to open up the country.

"The mines in the immediate vicinsity of Nelson are showing up in excellent shape. A large amount of work is being done and with development the value of the properties is being ascertained. It is not improbable that mines will be found that will rival even the famous Silver King, by which that section is best known at present.

"A force of 40 men is employed on the Granite and Red Rock, which are being worked by the Duncan Mines, Limited. The shaft is now down over 10 feet and levels are being run on the White vein, which was opened up on the Nelson-Poorman property. Assays made from the ledge run all the way from $10 to $120 and the average result obtained from 60 carefully selected specimens was $37. The company has ordered a 20-stamp mill which will soon be installed upon the property. When the mill is put in the company will have close to 100 men on its pay roll.

"On the Nelson-Poorman the development work is proceeding rapidly. An upraise is being made from the lower level to the main workings and driving is being done on the White tunnel for the purpose of opening up stoping ground. In the lower level of the mine, which is down about 400 feet, some very rich ore has been encounted in the Poorman ledge proper uniform assays of $90 having been secured.

"The tunnel of the Exchequer is now in about 230 feet, but it is estimated that it will have to be extended over 300 feet before the chute of rich ore exposed above can be tapped. The shaft is now down 40 feet. The ore body continues to hold its own, being over two feet wide at the bottom of the shaft. The last assay secured from the ore taken from the shaft at the 35-foot level gave the returns of $73.40 gold and $6.21 silver. A new prospectus has recently been issued by this company, giving expert opinions upon the property. Spokane capital is largely interested in the Exchequer.

"Little is being said about the condition of the Athabasca property, but that mine is by far in the best condition it ever was. It is said that there is now over $200,000 worth of ore in sight."

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Silverton, Jan. 31.—Mr. Bennedum is down from his property. He and his partners have been at work on it for only about two weeks. Result, 2½ feet of a paystreak which will average 150 ounces of silver, apart from six inches of it which will run upwards of 5000 ounces. Your correspondent has secured samples of it and the wire silver sticks out everywhere from these six inches of the paystreak. The property is certainly a very rich one and is very advantageously situated being less than two miles out from here with a waggon road within 100 yards of the property.

NEWS OF CRANBROOK.

The following interesting notes come from Cranbrook:

A careful census of this place shows the present permanent population to be 616. The present voting strength is 142.

A Provincial Constable has been permanently located here. F. O. Morris, late of Trail, is the official.

Government Timber Inspector J. R. Martin was in town during the week on official business.

A new hospital will be opened at Cranbrook about the first of February. Miss Baker, late of the Winnipeg General hospital and Miss Sykes, late of Nelson, will be in charge as nurses.

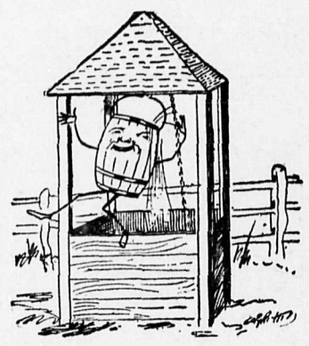
A new hotel, to be known as the Cosmopolitan, will be opened in Cranbrook about February 10. E. H. Small will be the proprietor.

ON THE ROCKS.

Victoria, Jan. 31.—The steamer Queen City reached here today from the west coast of Vancouver Island, bringing news that Siwashes claim to have seen a large vessel which has floated on the rocks. There were no means of identifying the vessel. The captain of the Queen City says the coast from Quatsino to Cape Scott is littered with wreckage, but the weather was too thick and stormy to allow an investigation. Theories here are that the wreck may be the Conradoe. 110 days out from Kobe for Tacoma, or the Celtic, 120 days from Hong Kong to Victoria.

SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Jan. 31.—Small-pox is inceasing at Ponce, where 1500 cases are under treatment. Military Government will immediately inaugurate compulsory vaccination.



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