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YULE TIDE IN OLD ENGLAND

Last Christmas of the Century Goes Out as the First Came In.

Butlers Will Dance With Duchesses and Cooks With Cabinet Ministers.

London, Dec. 22.—There will be a merry Christmas in England, though in consequence, London is already one of the dullest spots in the United Kingdom. The fashionable world has in-contentedly deserted the metropolis and sought refuge in the country places. There will be such a round of house parties as has been unknown for several years. They will be accompnaied by the revival of the queer old customs, which, a century ago made the season the occasion for unrestrained merry making among rich and poor alike. At Osborne the Queen will be surrounded by the Duke and Duchess of York, the Princess of Battenburg and several of her grand children. At Sandringham the Prince of Wales will entertain the Duke and Duchess of Fife and their children with royal Christmas trees. Walbeck Abbey, Blenheim Palace, Hatfield House and all the stately houses of English artisocracy are filled up with scores of guests, prepared to make the most of Yuletide. Balls, amatuer theatricals and entertainments have been arranged, conspicous among which is the old English custom of a dance in the servants hall. At the Duke and Duchess of Devonshires, Earl and Countess Spencers, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry and other places of the nobility, Christmas eve will be marked by the strange spectacle of butlers dancing with duchesses, footmen with countesses and grooms with the daughters of belted earls, while ladies maids, chambermaids and cooks will hang onto the arms of Cabinet Ministers and other male heads of illustrious lines. The ancient practice of the land owners enjoying the servants' quadrille had almost lapsed, except in the cases of a few families. The revival is, perhaps, not a little due to the increasing necessity for pampering the British servant. The Onlooker says the householders now have to study the comfort of their domestics as much as their own, and quotes one country house, where a set of rooms is specially allotted to them for recreation, comprising a ball room, music room, library and billiard room in which a marker is kept for the servants' sole use.

Once again Mrs. Florence Maybrick spends an unhappy Christmas in her prison cell. In spite of the various reports, her chances of liberty are no brighter than last year. Secretary Hay has forwarded to Mr. Choate several private letters which will shortly be presented to the new Home Secretary, Mr. Ritchie, in accordance with the custom of approaching each new occupant of that office. But the Associated Press learns there is no possible chance of anything being done so long as Lord Salisbury is Lord Chancellor. Were the Cabinet to discuss the matter, as it did once before, it could only refer it to the Crown's chief adviser, Lord Salisbury who apparently made the Maybrick case the basis of a feud with the late Lord Chief Justice, Baron Russell of Killowen, and cherishes it just as bitterly now as before Lord Russell's death. When a new Chancellor is appointed Mrs. Maybrick will have a good chance of freedom. The Duchess of Bedford, who is reported to be especially interested in Mrs. Maybrick, tells the Associated Press that she only sees the celebrated prisoner in the course of her regular visits to Aylesbury prison, but specially in the interest of her case, and does not intend to express any opinion of her guilt or innocence.

W. B. Hobbs, head of the recently formed Canadian furniture combine, now in London, has decided that the Canadians have no need of the assistance or co-operation of English financiers, which was originally projected. A significant fact, showing Canada's progress, is that sufficient funds are easily obtainable there, while the new law, coming into focre January 1st, in the United Kingdom imposes most prohibitory taxation on new corporations.

ROASTING THE STATES.

London, Dec. 22.—The responsible weeklies discuss the Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty at considerable length. The Saturday Review devotes a page to the Nicaraguan canal saying uncomplimentary things about the United States Senate, President McKinley and Lord Salisbury. "The worst of it is," it says, "that we have only ourselves to thank for the whole pother. The policy of perpetual concessions to the United States and of overstrained eulogy upon her statesmen meets with no response from the other party save fresh demands and increasing insolence. Our statesmen have brought humiliations which it is [illegible] they may at last be induced to resent."

The worst The Spectator says is the following: "Apparently the object of the United States Senate has not been to attain a particular object so much as to insult a friendly power and to make it difficult for that power to negotiate in a conciliatory spirit." The Speaker will go into the Canal question historically, citing Nicaragua's treaties with Spain in 1860, neutralizing the projected canal, pointing out that these are all in force now except the treaty with England.

FORWARDING THE TREATY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty, with the Senate amendments, was received at the State Department shortly after noon today. The Department will forward the amendments in the usual course to the British Government and they will be on their way to London by the steamer which leaves New York next Tuesday. The action is rather more rapid than is usual in treaty making. Once it is taken there will be nothing more for the State Department to do until the British Government shall have passed upon the amendments, provided an unconscionable period of the time shall not be occupied.

BOERS ON THE RUN.

London, Dec. 22.—A despatch from De Aar, Cape Colony, says that the Yeomanry have driven the Boers out of Houtakraal, the enemy retiring westward.

Johannesburg, Dec. 22.—The Boers attacked Zunfontein, December 18, and were beaten off.

London, Dec. 22.—The Evening Standard says it hears a report that reached London that Kimberlay is seriously threatened by the Boers. None of the South African firms interested in Kimberley has received information to confirm the Evening Standard's report.

LOTS OF LA GRIPPE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The inuenza epidemic is so severe that the mortality returns for the last week have been the highest for a decade. The disease has swept the city and every office has vacant desks and every private table has a vacant chair. A meeting of physicians was summoned to discuss remedies but scarcely half a dozen responded to the call, the rest being overworekd or themselves victims of the malady. The weather is conducive to the spread of the disorder.

MAJORITY REDUCED.

London, Dec. 22.—Mr. Worsley Taylor, Conservative, has been elected to represent the Blackpool division of Lancashire in the House of Commons in succession to Mathew White Ridley, who, according to Parliamentary usage, recently relinquished his seat in Lower House on being elevated to the peerage with the title of Viscount Ridley. In this election the Conservative majority was cut in half. In the general election Sir Matthew was unopposed.

ITS VIEW.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The Novosti, discussing the Nicaraguan canal, says: "England is evidently incapable of opposing the United States, the fact being that America is rising proportionately as England is losing prestige."

MARINE DISASTER.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 22.—The American schooner Jennie Hall, Capt. Lawson from Trinidad, Nov. 10 for Baltimore, which stranded eight miles south of Cape Henry at 4 a. m. today is a total loss. The captain and two men were drowned.

OLD SOL COMES TO BRIGHTEN CHRISTMAS

At 7:32 this morning, or thereabouts, those who were on the streets of Nelson or whose windows commanded a southern view, saw away up past where the Hall Mines tramway takes a dip and disappears, a mountain top sparkling in the sun as a diamond cluster sparkles in the hair of a fair woman. Later mountain tops to the west began to wink and blink and sparkle and all nature seemed to have awakened to the fact that Christmas time was coming and that in the Kootenays at least it was to be a time of joyfulness. Then as the morning grew mountains nearer home adorned themselves with brightest jewels from nature's crown and sent back glad tidings to the more distant snow capped peaks. As the sun climbed higher in the heavens the ripples of Kootenay Lake bedecked themselves and winked to the mountain tops, the rays crept in through windows and called to those still sleeping that lightness had dawned again, the business men and shopping women put away their rain coats, the dogs found sunny spots, stretched themselves and slept in perfect bliss and everywhere was gladness. It was the first sunshine in Nelson in six weeks and it was welcome.

HITCH IN THE NEGOTIATIONS

Another Delay in the Signing of the Chinese Note.

This Time the U. S. Minister Is the One Withholding.

Pekin, Dec 22.—Once more there is a hitch in the proceedings. The preliminary joint note has not yet been signed. Mr. Conger, the United States Minister, says he does not believe that there are sufficient reasons why it should not be signed in the near future and Sir Ernest Satow, the British Minister, takes the same view. Dr. Von Schwartenstein, speaking for Germany, believes that the existing agreement will be signed sooner or later. The other ministers also say that they consider the probabilities in favor of signing. Chinese sources of information, however, say there is reliable authority for the statement that there is very little chance of the note being signed for some time.

As a matter of fact the member of the staff of Li Hung Chang believe that the note will eventually have to be drawn up either in Europe or America, probably the latter, because they claim that the Washington Government has had most to do with the existing modification of the various forms of harshness. The United States are looked upon by the Chinese Empire. The other powers are regarded as desirous of breaking it up with the possible exception of Russia, who the Chinese think merely favors a postponement in order eventually to secure a larger share.

Grave fears are felt regarding the health of Li Hung owing to the severe cold that he caught the day he visited General Chaffee. It is said that he is better today but there is a fear of pleurisy which at his age might be fatal. It is generally believed that the Chinese got their information as to what is done at the meetings of the envoys from some one connected with the Russian legation.

London, Dec. 22.——It is learned here that the agreement signed by ministers of the Powers at Pekin, naming conditions as a preliminary to the negotiations of peace terms, provisions are made for the severest penalties that Chinamen impose in the punishment on the higher officials believed to be responsible for the Boxer outrages. This refers particularly to the eleven prominent Chinese nobles whose names have been mentioned in the press despatches as those whom some of the nations contended should be executed.

Our Government has persistently held to the position that penalties should not be inflicted on the Chinese Government which she was unable to carry out. The demand for the death penalty was stricken out of the agreement, and that for the severest penalties possible inserted. The agreement probably will be made public here tomorrow, if word reaches Washington that Mr. Conger has affixed his signature to it.

London, Dec. 22.—It now appears that the British Foreign Office has not received direct notification from Pekin that the joint note has been signed, but, in view of fact that it had received assurances from the Ambassadors in London to the effect that all the ministers had signed, the Foreign Office accepted as correct the alleged semi-official despatches from Berlin and Paris announcing the signature. The Foreign Office still declares it has every reason to believe the signing is an accomplished fact and that the telegrams to the contrary are possibly anterior thereto.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—A despatch from Tien Tsin to the Frankfurter Zietung, dated today says: Prince Ching's interpreter asserts that Emperor Wang Su, unaccompanied by the Empress Dowager, left Sian Fu, December 19 bound for Pekin.

London, Dec. 22.—"The delay in signing the preliminary joint note," says the Pekin correspondent of The Morning Post, wiring yesterday, "is due to an objection from Washington. Mr. Conger, however, has telegraphed his Government urging a speedy settlement on the ground that foreign military control is worse than Chinese management. Prince Ching says that Emperor Kwang Su and the Empress Dowager are both anxious to leave Sian Fu, as the accommodation there is poor. He points out that the private, and government property seized in Pekin is quite equivalent in value to the indemnity demanded by the powers. Sir Robert Hart saw Prince Ching yesterday and advised him against dallying with the powers in regard to the punishment of the guilty officials. Prince Ching thought the execution of two or three possible and the life long imprisonment of Prince Tuan quite certain."

London, Dec. 22.—Dr. Morrison, in a long despatch to The Times from Pekin, dated December 20, gives an extract from the joint note. After a long preamble recounting and condemning the outrages he proceeds to quote the demands which are virtually identical with the ten set forth in the despatch to the Associated Press from Tien Tsin, dated December 14 but not as in the case of that despatch, setting forth the amount of the indemnity. According to Dr. Morrison's information the clause referring to indemnity reads as follows: "Equitable indemnity is to be paid to states, societies and individuals and also to Chinese who have suffered injury on account of their employment by foreigners. China will adopt financial measures acceptable to the powers to guarantee the payment of indemnity and the service loans."

According to The Times correspondent the note contains the following stipulations in addition to those cabled to the Associated Press from Tien Tsin. "Reparation to Japan for the murder of Sugiyama. Expiatory monuments erected in all foreign cemetries where tombs have been desecrated. The posting of a proclamation throughout the Empire for two years enumerating the punishments inflicted upon the guilty officials and threatening death to any joining an anti-foreign society. An imperial edict to be issued holding viceroys and governors responsible for anti-foreign outbreaks or violations of the treaties China to undertake negotiations for a revision of the commercial treaties."

Dr. Morrison goes on to say that in the discussion of the translation of the word "comply" in the British proposal not to remove the troops until the demands should be satisfied. One Minister suggested, "Acceptor," the German minister wanted "Rempli." Finally it was agreed to use the expression, "Ze conformer A."

STORMS RAGING.

Port Townsend, Dec. 22.—For 24 hours a fearful south westerly wind has prevailed in the Straits of San Juan Del Fuca, the steamship Robert Dollar, coal laden, for San Francisco, after an ineffectual effort to make headway against it, returned here and is awaiting the abatement of the wind. Other vessels succeeded in reaching Port Angeles. The continued wind and rain storm has been most severe known here for years and much damage has been done along the Port Townsend and South Western, a number of washouts having occurred. The steamer Forester, just returned from Cape Flattery, reports sighting the steamer Charles D. Lane between Flattery Rock and Tatlooah Island, flying signals of distress. The vessel is in a dangerous position and is liable to go on the rocks and become a total loss with all on board.

RECOVERED THE MONEY.

Tullahoma, Tenn., Dec. 22.—Five men dynamited the vault of the Coffee County Bank at Manchester, Kentucky, early today. They secured $5,000 in currency, stole a hand car and escaped in the direction of Tullahoma. A policeman and deputy sheriff heavily armed, caught the hand car and one man who proved to be the one who carried the treasure. All the loot was recovered. Bloodhounds were put on the scent of the other four.

STRIKE AT GENOA.

Rome, Dec. 22.—The strike at Genoa begins to look grave. The strikers have declined the propositions made to them and have decided to continue the strike. Troops have been sent to Genoa. Vessels are unable to leave that port and it is feared the electricians and gasmen will join in the movement and leave the city in darkness.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Washington, Dec. 22.—F. H. Morris, of Indiana, auditor for the War Department was shot at 2.15 this evening in his office in the Windsor Building by a man named McDonald, formerly a disbursing clerk in the office. Morris is thought to be fatally hurt.

SELF-CONFESSED MURDER.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—Edward V. Higins, who resides in Coldwater canyon has confessed that on December 4 he murdered his mother and Wm. Sheehan, a sheep herder, with an axe. A body has been found in a grave on the hillside where Higgins says he buried the victims.

Harry Furniss, the artist, tells an amusing story at his own expense. Furniss had been commissioned to illustrate a tale for a "serious" periodical. His drawing represented a lovers' meeting, and the young man of the picture was of the Family Herald and Something to Read type, with long, thin legs, eyes like saucers, and a little "duck" of a moustache. This would not do at all for the editor of the serious periodical, who wrote to Mr. Furniss in these terms: "Dear Sir:—Will you kindly give Charles a beard, and show an aunt, uncle, or other chaperon in the distance? The subject and treatment are, at present, hardly suitable to our young readers."

Every time you wrong your neighbor you harm yourself.

DOMINION DISPATCHES

Ottawa Fireman Held to Answer the Charge of Murder.

In P. E. I. All the Federal Election Protests Have Been Dropped.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Charles O'Reilly, a city fireman, has been arrested and will be charged with the murder of Mrs. Atcheson of 392 St. Andrew Street, who died last night from injuries sustained last Tuesday as a result, it is alleged, of blows received from O'Reilly, who is said to have quarreled with her. No marks of violence were visible on the unfortunate woman, who remained unconscious from Tuesday night till death occurred last night in the Water Street hospital.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Lieut.-Col. Pinault, deputy Minister of Militia, and Lieut.-Colonels MacDonald, Neilson and Cotton, of the headquarters staff here, have been raised to the rank of Colonels for their good work in despatching the contingents to South Africa.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A cablegram received from Liverpool this morning announces the death of Dean Lauder of Christ Church Cathedral, this city, who has been sinking for some months in that city.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Promoters of the Vancouver - Westminster, Northern and Yukon Railway Co. are seeking Federal recognition and want time extended for building the road and power given for an extension northerly to Dawson and along the Yukon as far as the Alaskan boundary.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—The lifeless body of J. A. Chavlier, well known shoe manufacturer of St. Roche, was found under the elevator of his establishment last evening. How the accident occurred is a mystery. Deceased was 35 years old.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Patrick Creary had a rib broken while riding in a street car near Toronto Junction last night caused by the tongue of a wagon drawn by a runaway team piercing the car.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—James Cooper, a retired real estate agent, 73 years old, while crossing Sherbourne Street, near his home at midnight, slipped and fell, striking his head heavily on the pavement which resulted in almost instant death from hemorrhage of the brain.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—It is rumored here that W. F. MacLean will resign his seat in the Commons to run for the local Legislature at the next general elections on the promise that if Whitney defeats Ross he shall have a seat in the Cabinet.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Mrs. A. Price, wife of Superintendent Price, of the C. P. R., this city, has disappeared and friends are in great distress over her absence. She has been nervous and low spirited of late. She went down town to do some Christmas shopping Thursday afternoon, and has not been seen since. Her home relations were of the happiest.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Prize fights by professionals will no longer be permitted to take place in this city.

Kingston, Dec. 22.—Principal Grant is out of accord with the British Military authorities for annexing the Orange Free State. He approves of the stand that Dewet and Steyn and their comrades are making.

Halifax, Dec. 22.—All protests in Nova Scotia against the election of Federal members are said to have been dropped by mutual consent by both parties.

St. John, Nfld., Dec. 22.—Mr. Edward Jackman, Newoundland Minister of Finance, and Mr. George Gushue, Minister of Public Works, were today re elected without opposition, having vacated their seats in the Legislature in consequence of entering the Bond reconstructed Ministry.

C. P. R. STAFF PROMOTION.

New Departure Made by the Company to Further Employees' Interests.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Mr. D. McNicoll, general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has issued a notification to the chiefs of the various departments of the Canadian Pacific of the decision of the managment to establish a staff record in which the official career of each officer employed at headquarters is set forth. This biography of the staff is to be kept in the manager's office, in which an account of the promotions and the increases of salaries and other information with regard to the permanent employees is chronicled.

Mr. McNicoll points out appointments to the higher positions will, as far as possible, be kept within the staff and promotions will be governed by merit only. When positions become vacant juniors in the employ of the company will be advanced and except in special cases no positions will be given to applicants outside the company's staff who are over forty. The general manager also announces that it is the intention of establishing as soon as possible schools for the teaching of shorthand and telegraphy at the larger centres, such as Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg, in order to afford juniors the opportunity of qualifying themselves for the position of shorthand clerks as they become vacant.

An unfounded report has been current since Saturday to the effect that the company are reducing the staff and cutting down salaries on account of the falling off in trade through the failure of the grain crop in the Northwest The services of a few temporary employees who are not on the permanent staff have been dispensed with but this is not unusual in the winter, when the traffic is less than in the summer months, and when the necessity for additional assistance is not imperative. There are to be no general reduction in salaries and the ordinary increases, which are given as a recognition of efficient service, are not to be discontinued in any way.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES.

Special Services Arranged By All Congregations For Tomorrow.

As tomorrow is Christmas Sunday the occasion will be celebrated by special services in nearly every church of the City. Not only will there be special sermons but the choirs have prepared special music.

Some of the Churches have been decorated in a most attractive manner, and much is beng done to make the occasion characteristic of the season.

Probably the services at the new Congregational Church will be the most interesting. Not only will Christmas time be celebrated but the dedicatory services will be conducted

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry George, of Montreal, who will conduct the services, has arrived in the City and will officiate both morning and evening, assisted by the pastor, Rev. William Munroe. Special collections to defray the debt of the church will be taken. The choir has prepared special music and in the evening John Lochore will sing "My Hope, Is in the Everlasting" from Stainer's "Daughter of Jarius." In the morning Mrs. Thurman will sing "I Will Give You Rest."

At the Methodist Church there will only be the evening service, the morning service being withdrawn so those who wish can hear Rev. Robert Frew's farewell sermon, or attend the Congregational services. In the evening the pastor Rev. Mr. White will preach from a subject appropriate to the occasion, it being, "The Influence of the Birth of Jesus After Nineteen Centuries." The music rendered by the choir will be as follows: Christmas anthem, "It Came upon the Midnight Clear," Sullivan; "See Now the Altar," Faure; solo, "Nazareth," Fred Smith.

The Christmas services at the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will be combined with the farewell address of the pastor, Rev. Robert Frew, who has been given a leave of absence owing to ill health. Special music will be furnished by the choir under the leadership of Mr. George Kydd and will be as published in yesterdays Miner.

At the church of Mary Immaculate, the usual services will be held, but on Christmas Eve, high mass will be celebrated exactly at 12 o'clock midnight, as will be done in every Catholic Church of the cities of the World. The service will be conducted by Father Ferland. Special music has been prepared and the choir will sing Peter's mass in D, solos being taken by Mesdames Paquette, Caldwell and Halton, Misses Nellie Clark, Robinson and Darveau, and Messrs. J. Maher, D. McNichol, J. Fissette and T. J. Scanlan. Mrs. P. J. Russell will preside at the organ. The Adeste Fidelis will be sung during the service by the entire choir. Mrs. Caldwell and Mr. Charley Rielly will sing an Ave Maria. On Christmas morning low mass will be celebrated, and at 10 a. m. high mass. At 7 30 p. m. Christmas day benedictory services will be conducted.

At St. Saviour's church the usual services will be conducted tomorrow, but on Christmas day Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 and 9 o'clock a. m. and again at 11 a. m., when a full choral service will be given.

At the Baptist Church the new pastor, Rev. Burtt Morgan will deliver special Christmas sermons. The evening service will be followed by an evangelistic service.

Special services will also be conduted, both morning and evening, at the Salvation Army Barracks on Victoria Street.

FAMOUS PAINTER DEAD.

London, Dec. 22.—Mr. Frederick Richard Pickersgill, the painter, who was keeper of the Royal Academy from 1875 to 1887, died yesterday. He was born is London in 1820.

CLEVER PUPILS UP ONE NOTCH

Those Who Will Start the New Century in a Higher Class.

Result of the Christmas Promotions in the Nelson Public School.

As the public schools of Nelson closed yesterday afternoon for the Christmas holidays the results of the mid-winter promotion examinations were announced and many pupils were successful in qualifying for higher grades. To mark the closing of this session there was no special Christmas exercises, but a number of the teachers were presented with gifts by the pupils. The schools will open again for the new century on Monday, January 7. The list of successful pupils arranged alphabetically are as follows:

Division VII.—Mrs. Pearcy, teacher.—Promoted from Junior First Primer to Senior First Primer: Beatrice Fennell, Helen Moore, William Clarke, Allan Bell, William Gunn, Alvin Davison, Lillian Hinde, Svea Hansen, Louis Frederick, William Laughton, Julius Friedman. Highest standing—Lilian Hinde.

Division VI.—Miss Wickham, teacher—Promoted from Senior First Primer to Second Primer: Georgie Barry, Clara Christensen, John Darrough, Nolie Frederick, Lily Hodge, Christena McKay, May McVicar, Lottie Nagorsen, Charles Pearcy, Alice Chandler, Donnie Currie, Mary Darrough, Gladman Helme, Flossie Johnstone; Ernest Mathews, Arthur Miller, Calvin Painter, Walter Scoley. Highest standing—Nolie Frederick.

Division V.—Miss McLeod, teacher—Promoted from Second Primer to First Reader: Gracie Smith, Myrtle Traves, Lottie Annable, Florence Bedbury, Laura Crossett, Susie Clarke, Retta Enman, Edith Manson, Gwendoline Moore, James McCandlish, Mabel Nagorsen, Jennie Richardson, Mary Rutherford, Gladys Salter, Charles Swannell, Youea McKay, William Bailey, Jessie Cullum, Bonnie Douglass, Austin Elliott, Asahel Gray, Mary Maslonka, Clarence Maulsby, Fred Millar, Stewart Newitt, William Riley, Ellen Sloan. Highest standing—Susie Clarke. Promoted form First Reader to Junior Second Reader: Clara Clunas, Charles Connon, Evelyn Ewart, Roy Gill, Ernest Shaw, Marjory Cummins, Ralph Ellis, Kenneth Fairweather, Florence Grug, Pauline Tosca. Highest standing—Ralph Ellis.

Division IV.—Miss Rath, teacher.—Promoted from Junior Second to Senior Second: John Bell, Jennie Currie, Fred Emory, Mabel Knudson, Nora Patterson, Annie Christensen, Harold Ellis, Pauline Gebert, Orpha Manhart, William Patterson. Highest standing—John Bell.

Promoted from Senior Second to Junior third: Raymond Bard, Ella Fawcett, Jessie Patterson, Phyllis Cummins, Aggie Patterson. Highest standing—Raymond Bard.

Division III.—Mr. Clark, teacher—Promoted from Junior Third to Senior Third: Harrison Manhart, Christina McKay, Reuben McCandlish, Kenneth Weir. Highest standing, Reuben McCandlish.

Promoted from Senior Third to Junior Fourth:—George Bailey, Jessie Hipperson, Lloyd Jackson, David McAlmon, Pearl McGregor, Minnie Cross, Trent Holmes, Irma Mackay, James McGregor. Highest standing—Minnie Cross.

Division II.—Miss Scanlan, teacher—Promoted from Junior Fourth to Senior Fourth: Violet Burney, Ida Rammelmeyer, Ernest Steele, Helen MacDonald, William Swannell. Highest standing—Ida Rammelmeyer.

Promoted from Senior Fourth to Junior Fifth: Pearl McAlman, Frey Perry, Kate McCarthy. Highest standing, Fred Perry.

Promoted from Junior Fifth to Senior Fifth: Ivy Johnstone, Douglas Pettit, Alice McBeth. Highest standing—Ivy Johnstone.

An item has been going the rounds of the United States press to the effect that Lord Salisbury has never so much as spoken to Mr. John Morley, who was one of Mr. Gladstone's ministers, and is almost the best literary man in England; also that Lord Salisbury never saw Mr. Parnell. This was supposed to be a joke, but the following, from The London Daily Express, seems to bear out the statement as serious: "It is reported in Downing Street that Lord Salisbury has in these re-construction arrangements made the acquaintance of several of his ministers. 'Who is that pleasant-looking man who bowed to you?' he is said to have asked his nephew one day when they were out walking. 'That,' replied his nephew, suavely, 'is a member of your Cabinet, Mr. Walter Long, the Minister of Agriculture.' The Marquis of Salisbury, adds the Sussex Daily News, as such has never seen the House of Commons. And he has been Marquis now for thirty-two years."

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CHAMBER OF MINES.

A short time ago Winnipeg sent a delegation to interview the Government at Toronto, and also the Government at Ottawa, in behalf of the Central Chamber of Mines, established in that city a few months ago to encourage and promote the mining interests of Central Canada. This is a public enterprise, and one that is entitled to public support. It is in a sense a public bureau; although conducted independently of Government control it is none the less designed to advance the general development of the country. The result of the representations made to the Toronto Government was the promise of five thousand dollars, to assist the Chamber in advertising the mineral resources of Western Ontario. The delegates were equally successful at Ottawa, the Federal Ministers interviewed recognising the claim of the Chamber to public aid and promising to supplement the Ontario grant with five thousand dollars from the Dominion treasury.

In a few weeks it is hoped to have a Chamber of Mines fully organised and in operation at Rossland, to do for Southern British Columbia what the Winnipeg Chamber is so succesful in accomplishing for Western Ontario. We do not know what assistance is expected from the Provincial treasury, but as the service to be performed is really of a public character it has every claim to public support. In carrying out its purpose it is in effect preforming a public function, with this advantage when compared with a bureau under Government responsibility and control, that the service is special and under the direction of experts who are inspired by personal interest and whose knowledge of the requirements is of the most complete and practical character. Such service is entitled to Government recognition, and when the organisation is sufficiently advanced there is no doubt that representations made in the proper quarter will meet with a ready response.

Here is a characteristic sentence, taken from a paragraph in Mr. Houston's paper of this morning: "For daring to even suggest that the City of Nelson should be placed in as favorable a position to secure water rights and power-house site as the West Kootenay Power & Light Company, the Mayor of Nelson is called a fraud and a swindler by a newspaper that is kept alive by the business men of Nelson." It is an extraordinary tribute to his powers, but we are bound to confess that in this Mr. Houston fairly surpasses himself in impudent falsehood. We have referred to the sale of our present electric light system to the City as a swindling one, for the reason that the price was greatly in excess of its value and that the sale was effected while Mr. Houston was Mayor and at the same time the principal shareholder in the Company. But this has nothing to do with water rights and power-house sites on the Kootenay, to which reference of any kind was never made in these columns. So far as the Mayor has taken steps to secure these for the City The Miner stands ready to applaud him, and if the Bonnington Falls people are endeavoring to gobble them all up we will cheerfully hold up his hand, in his fight against them, until the crack of doom, if necessary. The attempt to mix up the two is a clumsy expedient, that will impose on no one but Mr. Houston's own personal following—and they, it can be said without exaggeration, will believe anything.

Owing to an unhappy oversight yesterday we neglected the pleasing but not less imperative duty of making our apologies to Mr. John Houston. In estimating the value of the electric light plant which he sold to Mr. Houston, Mayor of the City, he includes the franchise for public lighting. We had not known that this was his to sell, and in our ignorance had confined our attention and remarks to the plant itself, supposing that the right to light the City was the City's own. After this we shall not be in the least surprised to learn that the Mayor owns the air we breathe.

If Mr. William T. Stead were an American citizen, and if the United States were in Great Britain's shoes at the present time, Mr. William T. Stead would either be torn to pieces by a mob or would speedily find himself under confinement as a traitor to his country. This expresses the difference between liberty in Great Britian and liberty in the United States. Although the quality of the former is preferable, there is no British subject who would feel regret if the offensive Mr. Stead were put out of sight. He irritates.

If the Victoria Board of Trade were to invite some friendly power to clip its wings, it would not be undertaking flights beyond its strength. It calls itself the British Columbia Board of Trade, and in its twenty-first annual report, just issued in the form of a handsome volume, it makes absurd failure in the effort to live up to its name.

GIFTS FOR SMOKERS

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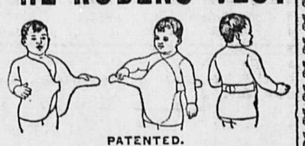

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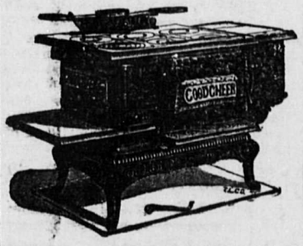

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UNION'S CONDOLENCE.

At the last meeting of the Nelson Miners' Union the following resolution of condolence was adopted:

Wheras: It has pleased divine Providence to remove from out midst Brother Frank Plant, who died in this City on December 14th. And,

Whereas: In the death of Brother Plant this union sustains the loss of a brother who was ever true to his obligation and to the duties and responsibilities expressed and implied therein.

Therefore be it resolved: That we, the members of Nelson Miners' Union, No. 96, W. F. M., hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives of our deceased brother in this their hour of affliction. That the charter of this union be draped for thirty days, and that copies of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of deceased and published in the press.

SAW DEATH NEAR.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50 cents and $1.00 at the Canada Drug & Book Co. Trial bottles free.

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In connection with the Christmas and New Years Holidays, the Kootenay River & Navigation Company, Ltd., will put into effect local holiday rates of single fare for the round trip. Passengers can purchase tickets on the following dates: December 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, good to return until January 3rd. Tickets will also be on sale December 29th, 30th, 31st and January 1st, good to return until January 3rd.

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In order that the Government may be in possession of definite information with which to supply those seeking investments in this Province, I am instructed to invite particulars from those who have properties for sale, and who may feel disposed to forward such particulars to this office for the purpose in question.

In view of the proposed early re-organisation of the Agent General's Office in London, England, the desirability of having on file a list of farms and other properties for sale, with full and accurate details, is obvious. Properties submitted may include farms and farm lands, industrial or commercial concerns, timber limits, water powers, or other enterprises affording opportunities for legitimate investment.

It is not proposed to recommend properties to intending investors, but to afford the fullest access to the classified lists and all available information connected therewith, and to place enquirers in communication with the owners.

The fullest particulars are desired not only of the properties themselves, but of the localities in which they are situated, and the conditions affecting them. For this purpose printed schedules will, upon application, be forwarded to those desirous of making sales.

R. E. GOSNELL,
Secretary, Bureau of Provincial Information.

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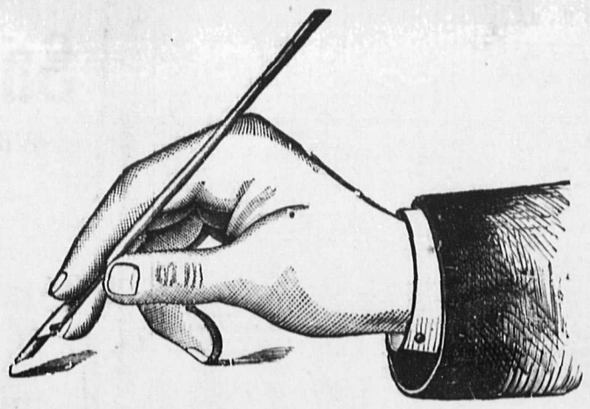

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LOCAL NEWS.

Born to the wife of W. C. McLean yesterday a son.

Wallace G. Brown opened his fruit and confectionery store in the K.-W.-C. block this morning.

The Nelson Wine Company has sent The Miner two very handsome calendars. The company has its usual Christmas drawing for various valuable prizes in the wet line.

H. & M. Bird, real estate agents, report the following sales: Lot 47, block 22 to A. Zetler; lot 2, block 15, to Jas. Wadds; lots 3 and 4, block 38 on Mill Street to A. McCulloch.

Rev. J. H. White and a portion of his family have taken up their residence in the house immediately opposite the Methodist parsonage. This has been made necessary because one of Mr. White's boys is down with scarletina and the house is under quarantine.

H. T. Wilgress, formerly of the land department of the C. P. R. here and well known throughout the district, has accepted a position with the O. R. & N. Railroad and will shortly go to Hong Kong to assist Mr. Allan Cameron, late of the C. P. R., who goes to act as agent at that place.

The following mining transfers were recorded today: From James O. Brown, of Spokane, to Joseph W. Roof of Cleveland, entire interest in the Maggie claim on Salmon River for a consideration of $1,000; from George Snowden, of Oil City, Pa., to Edgar G. Maitland, 3-32 interest in Annie Rooney, on Sheep Creek for a consideration of $511.58.

The committees appointed to complete the arrangements for the Maple Leaf Ball to be given at the Fraternity Hall on Tuesday evening are making rapid progress. The hall was beautifully decorated today and other matters arranged. Wambold's Orchestra of six pieces will furnish the music. A large attendnace and general good time is expected.

The Slocan Drill has a poet of very marked ability. Each week that bright paper prints something from his pen, the latest contribution being a Christmas poem of undoubted merit. The gentleman's name is R. T. Anderson and he is a miner engaged on Lemon Creek. Of his various compositions his Scotch dialect pomes are perhaps the best and certainly entitle him to the distinction of being the Bobby Burns of Western Canada.

Mr. A. H. Gracey, who is acting as engineer of the Imperial Development Syndicate, returned to the City last evening from the Eva group in the Lardeau District where he has been superintending the work for the past two weeks. He reports that the development of the property, is progressing well. Five tunnels are being run and the lead which was encountered some time ago, is being followed and the ore is showing up exceedingly well.

Mr. A. F. Rosenberger, a prospector and mining promoter of this City, will establish, after the first of next year a "Prospectors' Exchange" in an office on the second floor of the K.-W.-C. block. It is his intention to make the office the headquarters of the porspector and purchaser, where the former can leave a description of his property and the capitalists can obtain information which might lead to the development of good properties.

The mud slide which occurred on the Crow's Nest line near Kitchener on Thursday night is still causing delays. Although very little information can be obtained as to the size of the slide, and to the trouble it is causing, it is understood that it will not be removed from the track before tomorrow night and probably not then. The regular train service either way from that point has not been established and much inconvenience is caused. Only one day's mail came through yesterday. The passengers travelling west had to be transported and those leaving for the East did not go through but returned to the City after going as far as Kootenay Landing. The traffic on the other branches leading from Nelson, where mud slides had occurred, has again been resumed.

The following item, taken from the London Wine Trade Review, will prove of interest to those who appreciate champagne: "An event of more than usual interest in the London market during the past month was the withdrawal from the market by Messrs. Pommery of their 1895 champagnes. Messrs. Pommery announce as their reason for this action that they are satisfied that it was doubtful whether their 1895's would keep as long as the English market has been in the habit of keeping their wines. Their action will, of course, involve an immense loss, but it shows how jealously Messrs. Pommery & Co., guard the high reputation of their wines."

AT THE HOTELS.

Phair.—James Warren Bell, Whitewater; J. M. Sutherland, Rossland; Thomas Aird, Vancouver; F. A. Carmichael, Vancouver; John G. Sullivan, Trail; H. Allenberg, Spokane; S. L. Lang, Rossland; R. F. Green, Kaslo.

Hume.—George V. Bird, Toronto; T. H. Wardell, Toronto; J. H. Glass, London; Rev. J. Henry George, Montreal.

We have just received a large shipment of English cutlery and cased goods, suitable for Xmas presents. These goods were delayed in transit and we are selling them at reduced prices. McLachlan Bros.

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