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COAST TO KOOTENAY

Arrangements Made for the Construction of a Road--Work to Begin Next Spring.

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Vancouver, Dec. 28.--The Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company has been formally organized. The question of the building of a Coast to Kootenay line is no longer a matter of doubt or supposition. It is now a plain everyday business fact that the road will be built.

Up to the present time all the work that has been done along the line of perfecting arrangements for this road has been under the old syndicate agreement, but with the organization now completed work will begin in earnest and with as little delay as possible. The new company is so far practically a local concern as it is in the hands of Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster capitalists, with Alexander Ewing New Westminster, W. L. Nicol, Vancouver, and J. T. Bethune, of White Horse, as the first board of directors.

The new company will operate under both Dominion and Provincial charters and is the only concern with power to run to the international boundary line. It is in connection with the Provincial subsidy that the only hitch occurs in the way of beginning active work at once. The Government, however, stands pledged to reinstate the subsidy of $4,000 per mile for 330 miles which was removed some time ago, and it is with the definite understanding that this will be done that the organization was completed.

It is the desire of all interested in the new company to have it thoroughly understood that the building of the road is in no sense of the word a political question, but a business proposition pure and simple. The country to be opened up is one of the richest in British Columbia, and the benefits to be derived from the building of such a line is so far reaching as to be almost beyond calculation.

The following extract from the official announcement shows the route of the proposed line:

"Application will be made to the legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct, and operate a single or double line of railway from the City of Vancouver in the said Province; thence to the City of New Westminster; thence crossing the Fraser River and following the south bank of said river to Hope; thence following the Coquekahla River to the headwaters of the Coldwater River; thence following the said Coldwater River to a point about twenty miles from its course; thence in a southeasterly direction to the west fork of Otter River; thence following the Otter River to its junction with the Tulameen River; thence following the Tulameen River to Princeton; thence following the Similkameen River to Keremeos; thence in a southeasterly direction to a point in the vicinity of Osoyoos Lake, thence easterly to a point on the Kettle River to Midway; thence easterly to a point on the Kettle River to Midway; thence in an easterly direction to Grand Forks; and with further power to build, and operate a branch of said railway from the point where the mainline thereof leaves said Coldwater River, following the said Coldwater River through Nicola Valley to Nicola Lake; and with further power to build, and operate a branch line from Otter Flat at the junction of said Otter and Tulameen Rivers and following the Tulameen River in a south easterly direction a distance of thirty miles; and with further power to build and operate branch lines not exceeding twenty miles in length from any point or points on the main line of said railway to any point or points on the Canadian side of the international boundary line."

As soon as the Provincial house opens it is understood that the pledges regarding the restoration of the subsidy will be fulfilled and the work of actual construction will begin immediately thereafter. All financial difficulties have been put out of the question entirely by the last arrangement and by early spring time the grader's pick will be busy solving the remainder of the problem.

NEW MANITOBA PORTFOLIO.

Hon. Robert Rogers Assumes the Fifth Position in the Roblin Cabinet.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The Government of Manitoba again consists of five members with portfolio, Hon. Robert Rogers, M. P. P., for Manitou, having been sworn in as Minister of Public Works by his Honor Lieutenant-Governor McMillan. The Government now is as follows: Hon. R. P. Roblin, Minister of Agriculture and Immigration and Railway Commissioner; Hon. Colin H. Campbell, Attorney-General and Minister of Education; Hon. J. A. Davidson, Provincial Treasurer and Commisioner of Public Lands; Hon. D. H. McFadden, Provincial Secretary and Municipal Commissioner; Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works. The necessary bye-election in Manitou will be held on January 7th.

THE DUKE'S DEBTS.

They Amount to Over One Hundred Thousand.

New York, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to The World from London says:

The payment of the Duke of Manchester's debts is not yet an accomplished fact. Negotiations have been in progress for a settlement on terms which would warrant an annulment of his bankruptcy. The Duke's debts amount to $115,825; $95,000 of which is represented by dealings with money lenders at high rates of interest. The remainder is due to tailors, horse dealers, jewelers and other tradesmen.

While he is willing to pay the latter in full Mr. Zimmerman has demanded terms from the former who have refused to abate their claims. The legal expenses of bankruptcy proceedings are $3,500 and Mr. Zimmerman must pay that in addition to the total of the claims.

PAUPER IMMIGRANTS.

It is said There is Wholesale Violation of Law Concerning Japs.

Vancouer, B. C., Dec. 27.—United States Immigration Commissioner Healey, in commenting upon and supplementing the report of Terrance V. Powderly, commissioner general of immigration, regarding diseased and pauper immigration to the United States through Canada on the Pacific Coast, stated that the official report was made up to July 1, the fiscal year and of course since that time Japanese immigration has stopped, although diseased and pauper immigrants continued to get over the line in spite of all precautions.

This was the only trouble they had to deal with at present, and as he had 350 miles of border land to look after between British Columbia, and the State of Washington, he could not do as effective work as he could wish. He believed, however, that Congress would take steps in a short time which would enable him to cope satisfactorily with the trouble. It is learned from another source that a special agent of the Government, who recently completed a searching investigation for the United States Government into the question, is believed to have reported wholesale violation of the immigration law and the law against smuggling, and it is only because such enormous numbers of pauper and diseased Japs and coolie Chinese have got across before that they are now percolating through Canada into Washington state in smaller bunches, and are still getting over almost without interruption, and Canada is delighted to get rid of them as a disease is breaking out among the Japs in their squalid quarters called necrosis of the bone, the bones of the subject rotting away for lack of nourishment. Many of the Japs still are in a starving condition.

M. Shimezu, Japanese Consul, in an interview regarding Mr. Powderly's report, stated that the Japanese Government had strictly prohibited immigration to Canada and the United States, and as far as he knew this prohibition would be continued.

ANOTHER CONTINGENT.

Montreal Witness Wants Canada to Send More Men to South Africa.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The following is from the Daily Witness:

"It looks as though our Government ought to be considering whether it should not offer another mounted regiment or two for the South African war. There is no doubt that Canada has not yet risen to anywhere near her due share in the cost of Imperial defence."

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Duke of Norfolk heads a band of over 200 English pilgrims who have just started for Rome, says The Tribune's London correspondent. Cardinal Vaughan will join the pilgrims in Rome and the Pope will receive and address them.

DEFEAT

Unconfirmed Report of Another Disaster to British Arms.

London, Dec. 28.—Persistent reports are in circulation in London, and on the continent that General Dewet has been captured.

London, Dec. 28.—British forces have suffered severe defeat in South Africa.

The British Chartered South African Co received this information from a source in which it is accustomed to place confidence. The War Office, however, is without any confirmation of the report.

CONFLICTING REPORTS.

Jeffries and Ruhlin Fight at Cincinnati May Not Come Off.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Evening World says: William A. Brady today announced that the fight between James J. Jeffries and Gus Ruhlin, scheduled to take place in Cincinnati on February 15, will not be permitted by the authorities of that city. Brady said that he had received word to this effect from the officials of the club which was to manage the affair. This being the case the bouts arranged for Jack Root and Tommy Ryan and Terry McGovern and Kid Lavigne are declared off for the present. It is said that Terry McGovern will now arrange to go to England to fight Ben Jordan. Relative to the story that William A. Brady had announced that the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight at Cincinnati had been called off, Mr. Brady said to the Associated Press tonight that it was absolutely untrue. He stated that he never said anything that would lead to such a suggestion, and that the fight would come off as previously arranged.

COMMERCIAL MEN MEET.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada, was held here yesterday afternoon. During the past year the membership has increased from 4,357 to 5,146. The receipts of the year were $7,403,28. Owing to the limited number who indicated their intention of taking out life insurance or annuities the board decided to relinquish the agency of the Norwich Life Insurance Co.

CHICAGO'S FIRST BIG ONE.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The first ocean freighter ever built in Chicago will be launched Saturday in the yards of the Chicago Ship Building Co. on the Calumet River. The new boat is 242 feet long and has a capacity of 2,500 tons. Its first cruise will be to Hamburg, Germany, laden with grain.

SMALLPOX BREAKS OUT.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 28.—Smallpox has broken out at Tormentine, P. E. I. The Board of Health of this city is taking every means to prevent it reaching here.

TRIUNE ORE VALUABLE

Shipment from Famous Lardeau Property to Trail Smelter.

Gross Values Run Over $335 to the Ton—Complete Figures.

The famous Triune mine near Ferguson in the Lardeau country has made a record for itself in a recent shipment of ore to the Trail smelter. In speaking of it the Lardeau Eagle says:

Messrs. Lade and Ferguson experienced some difficulty in getting the ore away from the Landing, the two big C. P. R. boats came in from Arrowhead after it, instead of one, thus increasing the cost of freight $20. This amount of a refund will be asked for. There were 1,467 sacks of ore left when the shipment reached Trail, 11 sacks having been lost track of between the Triune mine and the Landing.

The gross weight of the shipment was 161,020 lbs., a little over 80 tons. The deduction for moisture, 7.3, and the weight of the sacks, 4,081 lbs., left the net weight of the ore 145,848 lbs., approximately 72½ tons. The extreme moisture of the ore, thus preventing a thorough cleaning out of the sacks, leaves a net weight much smaller than otherwise would be.

The gold values in this shipment exceeded all expectations, running some $7 more than in the first shipment of 20 tons, which went $12 to the ton.

The exact proceeds from this shipment is as follows: 71.286 ozs, of gold at $20 per ozs, for 95 per cent., $1,354.43, or an assay of .98 ozs, per ton.

24,470.07 ozs., of silver, at 64 cents per oz., for 95 per cent., $14,877.80, or an assay of 336.40 ozs. per ton.

73,468 lbs. of lead, at 2.484 per 100 lbs., for 90 per cent., $1,643.45, or an assay of 50½ per cent., per ton.

The total gross values, then, were $17,874.68. The C. P. R. charges, including transportation from Thomson's Landing to Trail smelter, and treatment, amounted to $1,600.30. Thus the net proceeds were $16,274.38. Remarkable as these values are, it must be remembered that the cost of transportation from the Triune mine to Thomson's Landing has still to be reckoned with. This, alone, amounts to $27.50 a ton, thus the total cost of freight and treatment amounts to the enormous figure of $49.50 per ton.

And this is not all. The Provincial Government tax, of 2 per cent., hits Lardeau's high grade ore pretty hard. This tax amounted to $377.20, a neat sum in itself, on so small a shipment.

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Slocan, B. C., Dec. 28.—Ore shipments from this division have passed the 2,500 ton mark for the year, the most substantial showing on record. Two properties, the Arlington and Enterprise, are both over the 1,000 ton score, and eight other shippers figure up the balance.

Last week's shipments were 150 tons from the Arlington and 25 tons from the Enterprise, making the former's total 1,355 and the latter's 1,045. The Arlington is making use of 30-ton cars and is sending its output to the Nelson smelter.

While the past year has been uncommonly good, the outlook for 1901 is much more encouraging. All the old shippers will be retained on the list, with the certainty of the Chapleau, Tamarac, Phoenix, Speculator and Iron Horse being added to the list.

There are several properties in the camp that would be put on a shipping basis with a very little expenditure of money, and the outlook is such as to bring them into line. The means of access has been provided, as there is a good wagon road up Ten Mile, Springer and Lemon Creeks. Transportation charges have been reduced and the general cost of mining is lower than in former years, while the chances of gain are on the increase.

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A Montreal despatch of recent date says: J. P. Graves, of the Miner-Graves syndicate has arrived here from New York, where he had been making arrangements in connection with the sale of the large quantities of copper matte now arriving daily in that city from the company's smelter at Grand Forks, B. C. He states that the copper market is steady, and as the increase of production has fallen two per cent. below the average, he believes that the price will be higher within the next two years. He says the Granby Smelter Company has signed a three years contract to deliver monthly 700 tons of copper matte to New York, and 200 tons to Liverpool. Mr. Graves was reticent as to values but being pressed stated that the filling of these contracts would reach a yearly total of from $1,500,000 to $2,000,000. He confirmed the rumor that the Granby smelter, the Knob Hill, Old Ironsides and Grey Eagle would be amalgamated early in the new year, the new company to be known as the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company, with a capital of $15,000,000, $2,500,000 treasury and $12,500,000 allotted pro rata to the shareholders of the four companies above named. Mr. Graves also made the important announcement that the enlarged company would probably pay a dividend as soon as re-organization is completed.

CALGARY

Delayed Report of the Big Fire There on Christmas Day.

Calgary, Dec. 25.—(Delayed)—The most destructive fire in the history of Calgary raged today and wrought damage variously estimated, but it will not be below $100,000. Several of the finest business structures fell a prey to the devouring flames. Notably the Clarence, the Eau Claire and the new Norman blocks. The fire broke out about 2 o'clock in the morning in the basement or lower story of the Clarence block and in a few minutes the huge three-story stone building was enveloped in smoke and flames. The fire brigade was early on the scene and worked heroically through hampered for time by the poor supply of water. It was soon seen that the block must go and so great was the heat that the Eau Claire block on the east side occupied by the Calgary Clothing Company and the Norman block on the west, occupied by Glanville and Robertson, for their immense drygoods business, were also ablaze.

The Clarence block was soon gutted and the whole of the front wall and the tower fell. The block was full of tenants and much anxiety was felt for a few minutes as to the safety of those in the third story. All escaped, though nothing whatever from the upper stories was saved. The Calgary Wine and Spirit Co had just got in an immense stock of liquors, thus adding no little to the fury of the flames which finally secured an entrance to the Norman block. The Alberta Music Co. lost their stock of pianos and organs. The Watts Co., cigars, was one of the first to go up in smoke. G. H. Mitchell's stock of groceries and chinaware are in ashes. The Calgary Clothing Co.'s splendid stock was destroyed. Glanville and Robertson lose very heavily. They were just removing to the new premises. C. E. Smith and H. W. H. Knott lose their extensive law library and other volumns and papers. Dr. O'Sullivan's dentistry parlors, Mr. Evans, Mr. Dodd and number others lose household effects.

BEANS ON THE INCLINE.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A corner in beans is the latest novelty in the Chicago market. It is being engineered by the Albert Dickinson Co. Within two weeks the price has risen from $1.84 per bushel to $2.20 and dealers predict a further advance to $2.50 within a fortnight. Heavy purchases by the Government are said to be at the bottom of the boom in prices.

The rush of freight still continues to come over the lines of the C. P. R. and now nearly every car in the service is in use. The freight traffic between Kootenay Landing and Nelson is exceedingly large as 45 cars are being handled per day. This requires the constant use of the three barges and all the steam tugs are in daily service. The freight clerks at the local office are rushed and some are required to work overtime.

ITS DAYS NUMBERED

No More Bank of British Columbia After January 1.

On That Date It Will Merge Into Canadian Bank of Commerce.

When the new century opens the sign of the Canadian Bank of Commerce will hang on the premises now occupied by the Nelson branch of the Bank of British Columbia. These two big financial institutions have been merged into one under the name of the later. The shareholders in the Bank of B. C. received shares in the Bank of Commerce together with a cash payment for the good will. All the branches of the Bank of B. C. will continue to transact business under the new name. The amalgamation will not affect in the slightest degree the relations of the Bank and its officers with the customers and correspondents of the Bank of British Columbia, except by placing at their disposal the services and support of a much larger institution. All existing arrangements with their customers will continue in force, and all outstanding obligations of, and drafts, cheques and credits upon, the Bank of British Columbia, will be duly honored and protected by the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

The circulation of the Bank of B. C. will be retired as it is received and the notes of the Bank of Commerce substituted. The amalgamation makes a very powerful institution with a capital second only to that of the Bank of Montreal, and more branches than any other bank in Canada. They reach from London to the Yukon, from Quebec to New Orleans and from Seattle to New York. The Bank of British Columbia has six offices on the Pacific Coast and four in the interior of British Columbia, with its head office in London. The Canadian Bank of Commerce, with head office in Toronto, has fifty-five branches in Canada, including those at Dawson, White Horse and Atlin, and branches in the United States at New York, New Orleans, Skagway and Seattle. The whole of these sixty-nine branches and the office in London will henceforth be carried on by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the general management being centered at Toronto. The capital of the Bank of British Columbia is £600,000 ($2,920,00); that of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, $6,000,000. The capital of the bank after amalgamation will be $8,000,000, with a rest or surplus fund of $2,000,000. The resources of the bank from capital, rest, deposits and circulation will exceed $55,000,000.

It will be gratifying to the customers of the bank here to learn that Mr. Grange V. Holt and the other members of the present staff will continue in charge of the bank's interest here.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

Result of Recount in the Yale Cariboo District.

Kamloops, B. C., Dec. 28.—The result of the official recount in Yale-Cariboo is: Galliher, 3,106; Foley, 2,644; McKane, 2,581; rejected, 42; spoiled, 63. Otter Valley poll was thrown out, the deputy having failed to make return. The ballot boxes were not received from Gladstone and Deer Park. The unofficial returns from these points were: Otter Valley, Galliher 3, Foley 0, McKane 3. Gladstone, Galliher 27, Foley 8, McKane 0. Deer Park, Galliher 4, Foley 0, McKane 2.

ANOTHER LONE HIGHWAYMAN.

Phoenix, Arizona, Dec. 28.—A lone highwayman held up the Hot Springs Junction stage near Hot Springs Junction last evening, securing about $50 from the express box. It is reported that an important consignment of gold dust from a mine near Hot Springs formed part of the booty. The bandit conducted operations quietly and disappeared on a horse. The stage driver hurried on to Hot Springs Junction where a posse was organized and is now on the trail of the robber.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING

A Big Problem for the Next City Council of Nelson.

Outline of the Plans That are Now Being Considered.

One of the most important questions that will come before the new Council which will be elected three weeks from yesterday, is the lighting of the City. Everyone from its greatest champion to its strongest reviler has now acknowledged that the present plant will have to be abandoned as it is thoroughly inadequate to properly light the City.

Of course there is no saying what the new Council will do, but the way the matter is being figured out by the civic authorities is briefly as follows:

The City has staked water rights near the upper falls on the Kootenay River. The application for this water will be granted as there is more water there than a dozen companies could monopolize. A mill site has been staked on the south side of the river as the Bonnington Falls Power and Light Company has corralled all the available sites every place else. In fact they had made application for the very site the City is after and just here is going to be a bit of trouble between the two. The company applied for the land under the Mineral Act which provides for the consideration of the application sixty days after it is received. The City applied under the Water Clauses Act, which has a thirty day limit and as a consequence the City's application, although filed a considerable time after the company's, will be considered some days before. The company will probably object to the City's claim and that's what will cause the trouble. The City should know what is going to happen by the middle of January.

Provided the City gets the water and land, and the new Council thinks it is a good scheme and the ratepayers vote the money a plant will be installed at the head of the falls and the City will secure its lighting from it. It is probable that a 2,000 h. p. plant will be put in as it costs very little more than a 1,000 h. p. plant, and the nature of the ground allows of little room for a power house so the machinery will have to be concentrated as much as possible. Plans and estimates will shortly be prepared and it is likely that a proper plant can be installed for $100,000 or $125,000. This would provide some 1,500 horse power more than the City would use for lighting so there would be a large amount of power to sell at a rate that would give the City a considerable revenue. It would take at least a year to complete the work. Some parts of the present plant could be disposed of and the station used as a substation.

WON $35,000 WITH $2.50.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.—One of the most remarkable faro plays on record is said to have been made three weeks ago in Dawson by a man named Allen of San Francisco, a Klondike passenger on the steamer Dolphin, which arrived today. From $2.50, Allen asserts, he won in four days $35,000. Two of the houses in which he played turned over their boxes, and two others had enough of his game. Of his winnings, it is reported, he devoted $8,000 to "staking" his friends. Of the score or more "staked" but one, a man named Cullen, won. With the money furnished him he drew out $4,000 for himself and a like amount for Allen. Then, having paid $1,400 for debts, he proceeded to plunge on his own account and went broke.

PNEUMATIC TUBE ENTERPRISE.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 28.—A pneumatic tube company, which has petitioned the incoming Legislature for incorporation and which will have, it was reported today, $1,000,000 capital, purposes to run a main tube from New York to Hartford, through Bridgeport, New Haven, and Meriden. One of the features of the project is said to be the practically instantaneous delivery of newspapers from New York to various cities in Connecticut. New York and Hartford capitalists are interested in the plan.

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MAYOR VS. ALDERMEN.

We think it a pity there should be a contest for the Mayoralty between two candidates whose views, purposes, and aims have been so nearly in harmony as those of Ald. McKillop and Mr. Fletcher. So far as a question of policy is involved, there is nothing to choose between them; there is no apparant indication that their methods are likely to be so dissimilar as to challenge difference in the minds of their respective adherents. One will make as good a Mayor as the other, and either will prove acceptable to the mass of the people. But a great mistake will be made if the ratepayers allow themselves to be persuaded into the belief that a board of Aldermen should be elected whose only duty it is to hold up the hands of the Mayor. He may be an excellent Mayor, and may stand on an excellent platform; but because of these, nor for any other conceivable reason, are Aldermen to be elected who are merely to act as his tools. If this is the only purpose they are expected to serve, we would do better without Aldermen at all; it would be much simpler to elect the Mayor with the understanding that he was to do as he chose, without even the appearance of restraint.

Something of this kind has been suggested, and no doubt many in their innocence and simplicity will agree. But the suggestion is not in accordance with the spirit of our municipal institutions, nor in accordance with the British love of independence at the back of them. We may have demigods for Mayors—we had one this year, but he is disappearing with the century—but with all their wisdom and virtues it is necessary to associate with them men who have minds of their own and who have the courage, when occasions arise, to stand by them. Our Aldermen are not to be dummies. The time for that has passed in Nelson, never to return. As our Mayors are selected from the common stock, it may be concluded with safety that six Aldermen are wiser than one Mayor. But though all of them should be fools, they are not sent to the Council merely to say ditto to the Mayor's yea or nay. That is not what Aldermen are elected for, and it will be a bad day for the City when we act as if it were.

We should elect the best man available as Mayor. He cannot be too good for the position. He should be a person of sound judgment, of undoubted personal integrity, and zealous in the public interest. But so also should be each one of the Aldermen. They are just as important as the Mayor, have in substance the same duties to perform, and are equally responsible. We are expected to choose them because of their fitness, and when chosen they are expected to justify the confidence reposed in them. They are really the bone and sinew of the municipal body. It would be a thousand times better to elect a fool or knave as Mayor, with a capable Council around him, than a fool Council to yield acquiescence with a capable Mayor. Between the two, the municipality's chief dependence is and necessarily always must be on the Council. We can afford to take chances with the Mayor, but not with the Aldermen.

The Saturday Review edition of the New York Times is severe on the literary conversation of the day. In fact it says there is no such conversation deserving the name. "Have you read So-and-so?" "(Yes) (No)." "Did you like it?" "(Yes) (No)." "(So did) (Neither did) I." That comprises all of it in most cases. When opinions are ventured they are those of the reviewers. "Conversation, when it has a broad idea behind it, is too often the product of a perusal of the criticism of the book. And at the highest, fiction, which is the topic of most so-called literary conversation, should teach us some lesson of human life, not by direct preachment, but by incident and character; and true literary conversation would concern itself with this lesson." No such lesson can ever be learned by the masses, who read merely to gratify an appetitie for excitement.

"Peace and Good Will" was the title of a leading article in The Free Press, Winnipeg, a few mornings ago. In an adjoining column was the report of a meeting of a committee of the Council, at which one person addressed another as "a liar" and "a contemptible d—d scoundrel." Such are peace and good will as understood in Winnipeg.

Dear, delightful Victoria. It is reported from that city of ease and contentment that they have nothing to drink but whiskey, and nothing to do but drink it. And in this, as in all other things, Vancouver is jealous.

PRESERVE THE DEER.

Editor Miner:

Sir,—Allow me through your valued paper to suggest that if at all desirable that the deer should be preserved, a Provincial constable should be detailed to visit at uncertain intervals the only winter range for deer throughout the Arrow Lakes, that lying between the Fire Valley and Deer Park. From all parts of the district the deer travel to winter here on this small range when the snow is deep. Most of the deer are slaughtered, during close season. Settlers should be taught that deer are not to be killed to be fed to hens. Colville Reserve Indians should be taught not to kill deer for skins and fat alone. Bear traps should not be set at deer licks during the summer, and the continued use of dogs should be put a stop to. Speaking from five years experience on the lakes, fully 75 per cent of the deer of this district have been destroyed during the last four years. Yours truly,

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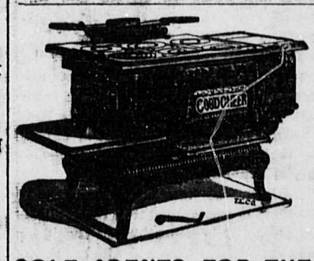

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It is a novel affair, even to the traveled foreigner. The entrance is usually a little area, which is practically an extension of the street or sidewalk and defined by a low platform or raised floor. From this modest eminence the proprietor and those about him greet the new guest with profound bows, their foreheads touching the floor repeatedly. There is no showy office, no high desk, no lordly clerk, no big book for the guests' autograph—only a little table about 14 inches high, with an inkstone, suggesting that here the accounts are made up. But the guest may not yet ascend. His shoes must be left in the area. That explains its shoeshop appearance.

Quick servants promptly assist in the correction of his understandings, bringing sandals or slippers if he is unsupplied; then, preceded by his traveling effects, he is led to his apartment. He observes that the stairs are without rails and that the female servants make their steep accent much as a child would, often using their hands as well as their feet. Ours is a "ten mat" room—that is, it requires ten mats, each three feet by six feet to cover, or rather to form, the floor. The mat is made of woven straw, overlaid with ordinary matting and finished with a firm border. Being soft and yielding under the foot, it is comparatively noiseless.

The furniture? A dainty doll table 12 inches high, a little lacquer tray with a tiny teapot and two small cups and saucers, two floor cushions and a wall scroll—that is all. The sole heating apparatus is a box of ashes with a nest of coals. Beside the coals is a teakettle. Between us and the snowstorm raging outside there is, first, a wall of sash filled with translucent paper, then a narrow hallway, then a sliding sash filled with glass. A finger thrust on either of three sides and your every movement is visible from without. Locks? What good? All the doors are paper and work in slides, and all the windows are doors.

Everything slides. Do you want the servant? Clap your hands smartly, and then comes from somewhere above, below or around a "H-i-i-i-i-i," and sandaled feet are quickly sliding toward you. At the sound of the sliding door you only look to see her or him approaching you on sliding knees; at least, so it seems. Your commands are received by the polite waiter in that attitude, and the disappearing is after the fashion of the approaching. Dispose of yourself as best you can. The little platform at the end of the room, with your roll of rugs, may give you relief from standing or sitting on your heels.

I have been fortunate enough thus far to be entertained where a chair could be had for the asking. But when one comes to meals, which are served in one's room, it is quite a condescension from the foreign chair to the little Japanese table. "Foreign food" also is to be found in the best hotels—beefsteak, chicken, butter, eggs, potatoes. One can get on very well with such "hardships" if they are not spoiled in the cooking.—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

The Darky Roustabout.

"I was down on the river front the other day," said a veteran steamboatman, "and heard some negro roustabout singing the 'Gen'el Jackson' song. It was the first time I had heard the thing for years, and you have no idea how it carried me back to old times. This is the way it runs:

"Gen'el Jackson mighty man—
Whaw, my kingdom, fire away!
He fight on sea, an he fight on lan'—
Whaw, my kingdom, fire away!

"Gen'el Jackson find de trail—
Whaw, my kingdom, fire away!
He make a fort wid cotton bale—
Whaw, my kingdom, fire away!

"There were other verses, I believe, but those two were the most popular, and back in the sixties and early seventies you could hear the deckhands droning them at every landing. I have often wondered why it was that the old time roustabout songs have so entirely disappeared. The river negroes still chant at their work, of course, but, like the girl in the ballad, they 'do not sing the old songs—the songs of long ago.' Another favorite that I remember had this refrain:

"Heave away! Heave away!
I'd rather court a yellow gal
Than work for Henry Clay!

"You can still hear that sung on the levee occasionally, but very rarely."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Styles In Wedding Rings.

"It is generally supposed that women regard their wedding rings as sacred," remarked a Chestnut street jeweler yesterday, "but as a matter of fact they don't. Superficially they may give you this impression, but when you come right down to it they don't let a little matter like sentiment stand in the way of style. Style in wedding rings? Why, to be sure. The ring that is now used is a narrow circlet of gold which looks like little more than a guard for the other rings on the finger. But that isn't the point. What I want to emphasize is the fact that women who were married years ago and whose wedding rings are the old style, massive affairs are coming in every day to have them altered to conform to the present style. Even elderly women with married daughters of their own seem to have little sentiment in the matter and have their heavy bands shaved down to the size required by the present fashion."—Philadelphia Record.

A Pleasant Call.

"Yes, ma'm, th' mistress is out. Wait. That's her telephonin now. Sit down in the parlor a bit while I talk wid her."

(At the telephone)—"Yis, ma'am, it's me. Has anybody called? Yis, ma'am. Two old ladies. Their names? I didn't ax 'em. One has red hair, an her face is smeared over wid paint. The other is fat an doompy, an she's growin a foine dooble chin. Yes'm, they're here now. What's that? You know 'em. Eh! Say that slower, please. I will. Goodby."

She turns to the callers. "Mistress has just telephoned me," she said with a rare smile. "She says telephone me just as soon as the old cats have gone, an I'll come home. I'm only around the corner."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Why the Captain Didn't Care.

There was a tremendous storm at sea. Everybody was fear crazed but the captain, who sat reading a book in the cabin. A passenger went to him and told him the ship was going down and all would be drowned.

"I don't care," the old salt replied, without lifting his eyes from his book, "I haf got von cancer in my stomach and I die in six weeks any vay."—Detroit Free Press.

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9:00 Ex Sun	Train for Slocan City, Slocan points, and Sandon.
16:00 Ex Sun	Steamer for Kaslo and intermediate points.
18:40 Daily	Train for Rossland, Nakusp, Revelstoke, main line and Pacific Coast Points.

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NEWS OF THE TOWN

A ball will be given on the steamer Rossland at Arrowhead this evening. It is given by the officers of the boat.

Says the Seattle P.-I.: George E. Tunstall, jr., largely interested in mines in British Columbia, is down from Nelson and registered at the Butler.

Mr. F. L. Dougherty, late of the White Star Line, has been appointed as Freight Clerk on the steamer Moyie, and took charge of his duties last evening.

Good progress is being made upon the station and office which is being erected at Kaslo for the C. P. R. It will be completed during the early part of February.

R. Reisterer & Co., brewers, of Nelson and Moyie City, have purchased five lots in Ferguson, B. C., upon which they will erect a modern brewery next spring.

The Nelson Wine Company, owing to the request of patrons who enjoyed and profited from the Christmas drawing, has decided to have a New Year's drawing which is now in progress.

David Christie and Frank White were brought to the Provincial jail here from Rossland and were found guilty of vagrancy. They were sentenced to two and three months imprisonment respectively.

All those in the City interested in the game of hockey are requested to attend the meeting at the Hotel Hume at 8 o'clock this evening. The weather promises that practices can commenced early next week, and arangements for play will be made tonight.

The West portion of Baker Street, which leads to the new C. P. R. yards and which of late has been in an exceedingly bad condition for traffic, is to be planked at once. The planks have already been placed upon the ground and the City workmen will shortly be put to work laying them.

This is how a Seattle paper gets Frank Peters mixed up: W. F. Peters, until recently general freight agent of the Canadian Pacific at Vancouver, B. C., and promoted to be assistant general agent in place of Alan Cameron, resigned, arrived in the city last night and is registerd at the Butler.

Rev. Mr. Greig, Presbyterian, who came to Nelson from Ontario a few months ago. partly on account of his health, has accepted a call to Moyie, and is just now experiencing all the delights of moving. The congregation at Moyie set about erecting a manse a month or six weeks ago, and it is now in readiness to receive the minister and his family.

The small house which will be used as an operating station at Five Mile Point and which was erected in town was moved there today. As soon as the passenger service is inaugurated over the line, an operator will be placed in charge. The C. P. R. will install a signal system at that point at once. This is quite necessary as it is the point where the S. F. & N. track connects with the C. P. R. line.

Beginning with the new year and the use of the Union depot for the arrival and departure of all trains the Tramway Company will inaugurate a service that will again require the use of two cars. One will run from the depot up Stanley Street and the other from the corner of Stanley and Baker Streets to the eastern terminus of the line. The two cars will connect and the new service will be quicker than the present one. Passengers will be transferred at the point of meeting.

J. H. Bowes, a well known attorney of Nelson, B. C., is in Spokane for the holidays, says the Spokesman-Review. When asked about conditions in the upper Province since election, he said: "Nelson has scarcely known herself since the British Columbia elections. Before the Martin Government was turned down every one was nervous and afraid to make a move of any description. Now there is a rush of money into investments in real estate and mines, and the town has taken an upward turn generally."

The following mining transfers were recorded today: From H. S. Sinkan to August Zoellmer and Mrs. H. S. Sinkan, each, ⅙ interest in Pearl Fractional for a nominal consideration; H. S. Sinkan to Mrs. H. S. Sinkan, ⅙ interest in Pearl and entire interest in Frisco; A. Zoellmer to Mrs. H. S. Sinkan one-twelfth interest in Sierra for a nominal consideration; H. S. Sinkan to Mrs. H. S. Sinkan, ⅙ interest in Redland, one-fifth in Highland, and ¼ in Coon, for a nominal consideration. The above claims are situated on Eagle and 49-Creeks.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Aldermen Finally Get Together and Transact Business.

As there was no meeting of the City Council last Monday evening a special meeting was held at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and considerable business was transacted. At the last meeting held Mayor Houston read a communication from himself regarding the investigation against Fire Chief Thompson and the report was placed on the minutes. When the minutes were read last night Ald. Arthur objected to this portion and moved that it be struck out. The resolution was lost.

A resolution was carried appointing Mr. J. K Strachan returning officer, and Mr. E. A. Crease, deputy, in the coming municipal elections to be held on January 17; that the nominations be made in the City office and that the polling place for the East Ward be in the Police Court room and that of the West Ward at the office of the Exchequer Gold Mining Company.

A letter from the secretary of the Charity Organization which asked that the debt of the organization amounting to $98 be paid, was read and was referred to the finance committee.

Thomas Sargent who wants to establish an electric district messenger system throughout the City asked the Council to grant him a franchise. The matter was left for the consideration of the Council of 1901.

Thomas Oates, who is engaged at the Poorman mine, received injuries sometime ago while passing along Vernon Street and falling from the side walk, where it was torn up owing to the improvements being made at the C. P. R. yards, and he asked damages to the amount of $20. It was paid and the street was ordered closed.

ONE THOUSAND A DAY.

What the Vanderbilt Estate Will Pay to New York City.

New York, Dec. 28.—The estate of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt will be taxed on $16,000,000 of personal property next year. The tax rate is $2.24 per $1,000. So the Vanderbilt heirs will pay $385,000 into the public funds next year.

In the tax lists of last year and of 1898 Cornelius Vanderbilt's taxable personal property was assessed at $400,000. On this amount he paid taxes of something more than $8,000.

So the new assessment will profit the city $350,000 a year, or almost $1,000 a day.

President Fritner of the Tax Department said: "I do not mean to say that the assessment of $400,000 on the personal taxable property of Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt was an incorrect one. But I say that after his death we have learned that at the time of his death his holdings of personalty taxable under the law amounted to something over $16,000,000. In all, the Vanderbilt estates are assessed more than $25,000,000."

HARMSWORTH TALKS.

Says England is Not Criticising Action of United States.

New York, Dec. 28.—Alfred Harmsworth, the editor and owner of the London Daily Mail, who has just arrived here, says in an interview: "There is no adverse criticism on the part of the English of the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty so far as I have ascertained. You are going to build the canal, pay for it, and why should you not control it. If we dug a canal we would certainly expect to control it, and I think America looks at the matter in much the same light.

Referring to the insurrection in the Philippines he said: "The Germans are watching the course events are taking, thinking that America will finally give up the job as a bad proposition and then they expect to come and finish matters. France is also watching closely the trend of affairs over there."

TWO SHORT STORIES.

Colonel Otter, leader of the Canadian contingent, who was in London, after doing such splendid work at the front, has been in the army nearly forty years, and fought in several actions before he went to South Africa, commanding his regiment in the "Pilgrimage Riots" of Toronto, and in the Grand Trunk Railway riots at Belleville a year or two later. He was present through out the Fenian raid, and was in command of the successful reconnaisance against the Indian chief, Poundmaker, as well as in the action at Cut Knife Creek, which prevented the chiefs joining hands with Big Bear and assisting half-breed Riel.

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An Imperial Yeoman, recently returned to Dublin, has a very humorous story to tell about Dewet. The Yeoman in question was one of a band of a hundred or two who were taken prisoners by Dewet, and amiably released after a few days. "You lads may just as well run off," said the Boer strategist pleasantly. "It's not worth my while keeping you, for I can pick you up again any time I may happen to want you!"

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IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Fourth Infantry Keeping the Insurgents on the Run.

Manila, Dec. 28.—A pushing campaign has been carried on by the Fourth Infantry during December in Northern Mindanao. The town of Jemeniz was captured, as was also the insurgent stronghold in the mountains further inland. The coast town of Langarin was captured by a detachment of a hundred troops who scattered the enemy in that vicinity, killing and capturing several. A portion of the troops thus engaged have returned to Cagayan and joined in the campaign which Brigadier General Kobbe is personally prosecuting. General MacArthur's proclamation is resulting in many arrests of alleged insurgents in Manila and vicinity, a few of those taken in custody being prominent. One prisoner was shot dead and another wounded in attempting to escape.

Spokane Mining Stock Exchange Quotations

This morning' Spokane quotations as received from The Miner's special correspondent:

NAME.	ASKED.	BID.
Blacktail	10½	9¾
Butte & Boston	2	1¼
Crystal	5¾	4¾
Deer Trail Con	2½	2
Evening Star	7	5¼
Gold Ledge	1⅜	1
I. X. L.	21	18½
Iron Mask	35	31½
Lone Pine Surprise	7	6¾
Mountain Lion	23	19½
Morning Glory	7¾	7½
Morrison	3½	3
Princess Maud	1½	1⅛
Quilp	24	20¾
Rambler-Cariboo	25¾	25¼
Republic	65	60
Reservation	4⅛	3⅛
Rossland Giant	2¾	2½
Sullivan	14¾	13¾
Tom Thumb	13½	10¾
Waterloo	2¾	2⅜
American Boy	10½	10
Conjecture	4⅜	4
Dewey	3	2¼
Miller Creek	3	2
Bitter Root	6	4½
Ben Hur		6½
Hercules	4½	4

Sales—Morning Glory, 5000 at 7⅝; Rossland Giant, 1000 at 2½.

AT THE HOTELS.

Phair.—L. A. Campbell, Rossland; W. T. Stratford, Vernon; A. Yorke, Slocan; Miss Sloughton, Los Angeles; John Daly, Sandon; C. H. Hand, Butte; Mr. and Mrs. McTevaire, Victoria.

Hume.—T. S. Reynolds, Ashcroft; C. P. Hill, Port Hill, Idaho; John C. Hartline, Rossland; R. J. McPhee, Spokane; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Paterson, Bonnington Falls.

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Of late a large number of articles have been stolen from the front of stores along Baker Street. In many cases the police are blamed because they have not found a way of putting a stop to the pilfering. It is not wholly the fault of the police for considerable blame attaches to the men from whom the goods are stolen. In the first case when an article is stolen it is not reported to the police until some time after, when it is too late to capture the perpetrators. Again the police state that many of the merchants leave articles hanging at the front of their store until quite late in the night, thus giving ample chance for theft to be committed.

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