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WHERE TO BUY XMAS GIFTS

The Miner Begs to Offer a Few Suggestions to Purchasers.

Where You may Spend the Money Set Aside for Xmas Purposes.

By Saturday evening next the citizens of Nelson will have almost reached the bottom of their purses so far as the purchase of Christmas gifts are concerned. Many have made their purchases already, but many more still have their money to spend. For this reason The Miner is going to call their attention to the announcements in its columns of the leading business firms of the City.

To begin with, if you want to buy toys for your children, your relatives' children or your friends' children the Canada Drug & Book Company's toy store in the Opera House block is the place to visit. Here you will find a large stock of all kinds of novelties. Dolls may be purchased there and also at the store of Fred Irvine & Co., the latter having a stock of no mean proportions. For books, Christmas cards, etc., the Canada Drug & Book Company's main store is the headquarters.

In the jewelry line J. J. Walker, T. H. Brown and Patenaude Bros., have splendid stocks of Christmas goods and are all doing an immense business. They have novelties of all kinds for the Christmas trade and can accommodate any taste and purse.

For toilet articles, perfumery, etc., the Canada Drug & Book Co., and H. F. McLean should be consulted. In this line there are many useful presents to be had at prices ranging from 25 cents to as many dollars.

If the gentleman you wish to favor with a Christmas present smokes, W. A. Thurman, Crow & Morris or G. B. Matthews at "The Cabinet" have everything you want in that line. There are pipes, tobaccos, cigars, cigarettes, cigar and cigarrette holders of all descriptions and prices and in each of the stores ladies or gentlemen cannot fail to find just what they want for their friends. Those who desire to purchase for their wives, their sisters or somebody else's sister a beautiful silk waist or other such article can be accommodated by Martin O'Reilly & Co., Kerr & Co., Fred Irvine & Co., or the Hudson's Bay Co. Furs, too, make acceptable presents and these can also be found at the above stores. Mrs. Enfield in the Malone & Tregillus block has an assortment of pretty handkerchiefs which make nice gifts.

For the Christmas tree decorations J. A. Macdonald's Palace Confectionery has laid in a large stock of goods. Here, too, candies of all kinds and fruits may be found from almost every clime. Sometime during this week Mr. W. G. Brown will be open with fruit and confectionery in one of the K.-W.-C. block stores and will be looking for part of the Christmas trade.

Lillie Bros and S. Neelands have large stocks of slippers, shoes, etc., from which very useful Christmas gifts may be selected. William Hunter & Co. and the new "China Hall" have large stocks of crockery and chinaware. Articles from their shelves would make choice Christmas gifts.

After the Christmas purchaser has paid a visit to the stores mentioned above it is time to turn to the preparation of Christmas dinner. The turkey can be found at P. Burns & Co., or the West Kootenay Butcher Co., who can also supply you with anything else in their line. For other articles required in the Christmas table the purchaser has the choice of several stores. Kirkpatrick & Wilson, Wm. Hunter & Co., the Hudson's Bay Co., Morrison & Caldwell and George Bell & Co., can supply you with about any thing that can be found in any market in Canada.

Then if you want to lay in a stock of liquid refreshments you can turn your attention to Turner, Beeton & Co., H. J. Evans & Co., The Nelson Wine Co., the Hudson's Bay Co., or the California Wine Co. They can put you in better shape to thoroughly enjoy your Christmas dinner than anybody else in town.

P. S. — After you eat and drink your Christmas dinner you might call at the Queen Studio or Wadds Bros., and have your photograph taken so that your friends will have something to remember you by. You might get a dozen cabinets and send them around beforehand.

SMOKER TOMORROW NIGHT.

Will Be Given at Opera House For the Benefit of Mr. John Thompson.

A smoker on behalf of Mr. John Thompson, who has been employed at the smelter and who is now at the General Hospital, slowly recovering from an operation, will be held at the Opera House tomorrow evening. The promoters of the affair are Messrs. C. G. Hislop, Ed. Curran and Robert Steele. Complete arrangements have been made and a most interesting programme has been prepared. There will be an admission fee of 25 cents to any part of the house and a general good time is expected.

The programme is as follows: Club swinging, J. J. Brown; clog dancing, Z. Lefeire; exhibition of bag punching, C. G. Hislop; a comic, black and white, boxing contest of four rounds, Slugg and Steele; music, Harry Swift; wrestling contest, catch as catch can, between two Japs; sand dance, Z. Lefeire; song, J. Devlin; four round boxing contest, a comic exhibition between Oom Paul and Queen Victoria; a general mix-up and battle royal, consisting of seven men, W. A. Connel, H. Parsons, W. Percey, G. G. Burnet, W. Roberts, J. Moffat and A. M. Clark; song, J. Atchison; straight four round boxing contest, Slugg and Steele; selection, Nelson Male Quartette; wrestling contest, catch-as-catch-can, W. G. Greenlees and John Thompson; song, E. Pollard; song, C. B. Winter; Japanese song and dance, Miss Menee. Nelson; mandolin, guitar and violin selection, Messrs. A. Long, R. Whiteney and J. Russell; patriotic song, A. Whitlock.

PATROLLING CHINA.

Field Marshall Has Issued an Order Outlining the Work.

Pekin, Dec. 19.—Count Von Waldersee has issued an order assigning various districts in the neighborhood of Pekin for supervision to the military representatives of the various Powers. The order says that the extent to which the co-operation of French and American troops can be depended upon is a matter to be determined by agreements made with the general commanding these forces. Under the plan the United States troops will supervise the districts southeast of Pekin from the road Tshang Tsang to the road extending from Naku Krin to Ho Si Wu. Count Von Waldersee says he knows that there is a considerable force of Chinese under General Ma in the northern parts of the Province of Shan and another south of Tshang Tsang, but during the severe winter that has now set in he does not expect an agressive Chinese movement. On the other hand, wherever the Allies leave a district for any length of time, bands of robbers and Boxers will congregate. For this reason the Field Marshall advises the co-operation of all the Allies to cover the various districts with strong patrols.

AMERICAN VICTORY.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Lieutenant Herbert Levans of the 44th Volunteer Infantry regiment with 50 men attacked, on December 12th, several hundred bolomen and fifty insurgents armed with rifles, occupying an intrenched position at Tonixagan, Island of Cebu. The Americans had three men wounded and the enemy lost 12 men killed and many wounded.

PAID UP.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 19.—A message from United States Consul Gummery at Tagiers informs the State Department that the Moorish Government had settled the claim of the United States for $5,000 indemnity on account of the murder of Marcus Eszagua, a naturalized American citizen, in Morocco last spring.

A BIG HAUL.

Hope, Ind., Dec. 19.—The safe in the Citizen's Bank here was blown open by robbers and looted of its contents early this morning. The robbers fled with their booty and escaped. It is not positively known the exact amount of money secured but there was at least $18,000 taken. A party of twenty men are searching for the robbers, who are now thought to be in hiding near.

HELPING IT OUT.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—City Treasurer Robb yesterday received a registered letter containing 50 cents with a note appended, signed by "Two Citizens," who declared they had learned with regret that the city was in danger of bankruptcy and took this means of contributing in order to restore confidence and put the city in a position to pay its employees.

FISHERY RETURNS.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The total revenue of the Fishey Department of Ontario for this year will be about $35,000, an increase of about $5,000 compared with 1899.

KRUGER GOES BACK ON KINGS

Hereafter the Old Man Will Put All His Faith in God.

British and Boers are Still Very Active in South Africa.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—Mr. Kruger arrived here today and was met at the railroad station by the municipal and communal authorities. Speeches were exchanged in the royal waiting room. A bouquet was presented to Mr. Kruger, whose appearance was the signal for rounds of applause. Very large crowds of people lined the route to the town hall, where the burgomaster made a speech, in which he said he hoped Mr. Kruger would succeed in his efforts to secure preferable peace. Mr. Kruger in reply said: "In 1884 we obtained our independence, but that memorable action has been obliterated. The invaders are ten against one, but we await the day when God will make known His will. We rely on His help more than on Emperors and Princes. I have not come as a fugitive, but by order of my Government with the object of terminating a war in which the British employ women and children against us." A luncheon followed. Mr. Kruger subsequently visited the headquarters of the South African refugees

London, Dec. 19.—"The Boers have raided Cape Colony at two points, one hundred miles distant," says the Capetown correspondent of The Daily Mail. "One commando advanced upon Philipstown between Colesberg and Kimberley. The other, supposed to be Herzoci's commando, crossed the Orange River, between Odendaalstroom and Bethulie, northwest of Burgersdorp, its objective apparently being Cradock.

"General Macdonald is engaging the invaders, who have no guns, twenty miles west of Burghersdorp. The latest news is that they are being slowly forced back to the Orange River where a warm reception is being prepared for them."

London, Dec. 19.—The Government publicly requests employers who have kept open situations for Yoemanry, Colonials and volunteers to continue their patriotic efforts to minimize the sacrifices of these men in the services of their country. The War Office has issued the Queen's thanks to the Yeomanry, Colonials and volunteers, expressing her reliance that those abroad will continue to aid her regulars. The foregoing are designed to quiet those in the field who are waiting to go home. Numerous volunteeer officers' resignations are gazetted tonight, lawyers and paysicians, who have urgently represented that their affairs are going to ruin. The War Office, on account of those representations, has let them off.

London, Dec. 19.—It is reported this afternoon that General Knox has been forced to abandon the pursuit of General Dewet owing to the situation created in Cape Colony by the Boers in crossing the Orange River. It is said that 3,000 Republicans have entered Cape Colony and that a considerable number have reached Philipstown. The report adds that Dewet, with about 4 500 men, is northwest of Ladybrand and that an attack on Winug is momentarily expected.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—At a meeting today of the Pan-Germans, protests were entered against the expulsion of Germans from the Transvaal. Some speakers, so expelled, alleged they were brutally treated by the British and a Government inquiry was demanded.

"BOBS" HOME COMING.

There Will Be No Thanksgiving Service, But He Will Visit the Queen.

London, Dec. 19.—The contemplated thanksgiving services in St. Paul's Cathedral, in connection with Lord Roberts' return from South Africa, has been abandoned, owing, as the Government announces, "To its being considered desirable to defer a general thanksgiving until the close of the operations in South Africa." The programme now is for Lord Roberts to debark in the Solent to visit the Queen at Osborne House, January 22, to re-embark, and to land finally at Southampton, coming from that point to London.

ALL ARE AGREED.

London, Dec. 19.—"Great Britain's proposed alterations in the preamble of the joint note have been practically accepted by all the Powers," says the Pekin correspondent of The Daily Mail, wiring Monday. "Both Russia and Japan, whose support was regarded as doubtful, have agreed. Only the attitude of the United States remains as yet not cleared, but the acquiesence of America is anticipated and it is probable that the joint note will be signed and delivered to the Chinese plenipotentiaries within three or four days. The German Minister has warmly supported the British proposal."

TWO FATAL COLLISIONS.

The Strange Coincidence of Two Similar Wrecks This Morning.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—In a head on collision today between two electric cars on the Greenfield and Indianapolis, near Jim, Ind., Emery Scott and John Glasseck, motormen, were fatally injured, and six passengers were badly hurt. The cars were running at a high rate of speed and the heavy fog prevented the motormen from seeing each other.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 19.—In a head on collission this morning between two street cars in this city, three persons were fatally hurt, five seriously injured and a half dozen sustained severe cuts and bruises. A dense fog caused the accident. The cars were nearing the centre of the city and were filled with passengers.

WILL NOT RESIGN.

London, Dec. 19.—United States Ambassador Choate denies the report that he is about to resign his post. He says the rumor was based on the belief that the death of his partner, Mr. Charles C. Beeman, would necessitate his return to his law practice.

IN TROUBLE.

London, Dec. 19.—The American Line steamer New York, which passed the Lizard this morning, signalled that she has sighted off the Sicily Islands the Red Star steamer Rhineland in tow.

OUT OF ORDER.

Ponta Dei Cadia, Azores Islands, Dec. 19.—The North German Lloyd steamer Trier, Captain Von Deceken, which sailed from Bremen, December 1, for New York, has put in here with her machinery out of order. She has 630 passengers on board.

SIGNS OF DISCONTENT.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The Nevoy Vermeya observes that there are evidences of discontent in all the armies, including the German, with Field Marshall Von Waldersee's brutality. The paper supports the demand that each army act henceforth on its own responsibility.

FRIENDLY TO U. S.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Discussing the Nicaraguan Canal the Nevoy Vremeya says Russia is not interested in the matter, but sides with America.

EMPHATIC DENIAL.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The French Government has given the most emphatic denial to those French papers which tried to involve the American embassy in the Paris disclosures in connection with the United States War Department's knowledge of French gun secrets It has done this by offering the Cross of Legion of Honor to Lieut. W. S. Sims, the former United States naval attache at Paris, whom La Presse described as the person guilty of disclosing the gun secrets.

BY A BIG MAJORITY.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The Chamber of Deputies, after an all night session, adopted the amnesty bill, by a vote of 156 to 2. The benefits of the measure extend to offenses connected with strikes, public meetings of associations, and the troubles in Algeria in 1897 and 1898 and to cases arising out of the Dreyfus situation.

BRUTALLY ASSAULTED.

St. Catherines, Ont., Dec. 19.—H. Cameron, while returning from work at the Welland Vale Company, Monday, was brutally assaulted and probably fatally injured by a burly negro named Jones for refusing to give him money. Jones has been arrested and awaits trial pending the result of Cameron's injuries.

ONTARIO SMELTER.

Midland, Ont., Dec. 19.—The Canada Blast Furnace Company's smelter was started in operation here yesterday by Premier Ross of Ontario. The smelter is the first of its kind in Ontario and is to run on almost purely Canadian ore from Helen Mines, Michipicoten, Algoma.

ALL LIBERAL.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—As a result of the recount in St. Johns yesterday P. H. Roy, Liberal, is elected by 8 majority, making the total Liberal standing in the Provincial Legislature 66, Conservatives 6. Two elections are yet to be held which will likely go Liberal.

A BIG TRUST.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The project looking towards the formation of a big bread company, which has been hanging fire for some time, has now assumed definite shape. The capital will be $850,000. The syndicate will control large milling interests as well as bakeries.

SENATORS URGE RATIFICATION

Hay-Pauncefote Treaty Discussed in the U. S. Senate.

Messrs. Foraker and Morgan Both Strongly Plead For It.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The friends of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty occupied nearly all of the time of the Senate in executive session today, Senators Foraker and Morgan being the speakers. Previous to the taking up of that treaty the Senate ratified five conventions. Among the documents disposed of was an agreement supplementary to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty itself and extending the time in which it may be ratified until March 4th. The other treaties which were ratified were as follows: Extending for one year the time within which a commercial treaty with Argenta may be secured; extending for a year, the time within which the treaty with Great Britain for reciprocity with Jamaica may be ratified; the new extraditions with Bolivia and Chili.

The Hay-Pauncefote treaty was then taken up. Attention was given to the resolution offered by Senator Tillman calling for the correspondence between the Government and the Government of Colombia relative to the right of the United States to construct the canal across Colombian territory. The resolution was agreed to. Senator Bard of California, gave notice of an amendment he will offer to the treaty providing that the United States shall have the right to "discriminate in favor of American goods shipped through the canal in American vessels engaged in the coast wise trade"

Senator Foraker's speech from first to last was a defense of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and he took occasion to praise in high terms Secretary Hay. Senator Morgan traversed much of the ground he had covered in his previous argument in support of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. He referred to the protoils agreed upon between Nicaragua and Costa Rica regarding the canal and said that the ratification of the treaty is a debt we owe to them. Those countries, if they should see fit, might rise up and refuse to allow us to do anything, hence we could not afford to do anything that would offend them. For this reason, he wanted the neutrality of the canal assured and the pending treaty ratified.

AS USUAL,

Another Revolution Has Broken Out in Venezuela.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Tribune says: A cable message has been received at the office of the National Asphalt Co., from its agent in Venezuela, which announces that a revolution has broken out in that country. No details were contained in the message. The revolution, it is said, is probably the outcome of an attempt on the part of the President and Cabinet of Venezuela to deprive American corporations of their property and rights. The National Asphalt Co. will be a sufferer if this be true. The company owns large concessions and mining rights in the state of Bermudez, Venezuela. The company has been in actual possession of the Bermudez Asphalt lake for 12 years and in this time it has founded the village of Guanaco and erected buildings, shops and a railroad. Several attempts have been made by the Government of Venezuela to cancel the company's concessions, but these attempts have always failed. On December 13th, President Castro personally told United States Minister Loomis at Caracas that two Government commissions had proved the Company's rights to its property. Later on the same day, it is alleged, the President seized the entire property and divided it among others. General Avory D. Andrews, president of the company, has appealed to the United States Government for assistance.

A BIG PEARL.

New York, Dec. 19.—The customs authorities have received at the appraisers' stores for appraisement, a black pearl from London, weighing 165 grains and valued at about $15,000. It is said to be the largest pearl ever imported into this country.

THE FIRST PREMIER.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 19.—The Earl of Hopetown, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, has requested Mr. William John Lyne, the Premier of New South Wales, to form the first Federal Ministry. Mr. Lyne is considering the proposition.

MANY MAY STAY.

Manila, Dec. 19.—The tariff commission is still at work on the tariff. Officers here consider that the return of the volunteers will necessitate little abandonment of stations and that Congress will provide an immediate increase in the number of regulars. It is believed that many volunteers will re-enlist here if bonuses are offered, the amount to be about equivalent to the expense of equipping and bringing out a recruit.

IN THE LAND OF THE FREE.

Somebody is Going to Die Because White Man Marries Black Woman.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—The marriage of a white man to a colored woman yesterday caused a good sized riot in Lower Allegheny today and may yet result in death or serious injury to the principal. William Koller, a traction employee, married Jennie Henry, a colored woman, and went to his home on Larel Street. Richard Koller, a cousin of the groom, tried to break into the house where the couple were, while a large crowd numbering nearly a thousand encouraged the beseigers with shouts of "kill them," "lynch them," and kindred phrases. At midnight the couple were barracaded in their home under police protection. The father, in his intense excitement, is said to have threatened to kill his son or commit suicide.

VIEWS OF CLEVELAND.

Democracy's Great Need is a Return to First Principles.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.—The Atlanta Journal this afternoon prints an interview with former President Cleveland, obtained by a staff correspondent at Mr. Cleveland's home.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Cleveland, "the great need of the Democratic party is a return to first principles. The Democratic party has not been fatally disorganized, but it badly needs rehabilitation on purely Democratic lines."

AGED CLERGYMAN DEAD.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Rev. Thomas Stebbs, Methodist clergyman, is dead, aged 80 years.

LOCAL NEWS.

Some time ago Mr. . eith Reid left 10 cents at The Miner office to start a fund for the purpose of purchasing a few planks so that the public could cross without difficulty from the Brokenhill Block corner to the S. F. & N. office. The fund has not grown any since that time. As the City officials appear to take no interest in the matter further donations are asked for. The Miner will be glad to pay its share.

The members of the Maple Leaf Dancing Club held a meeting at Fraternity Hall last evening and arrangements for the ball to be given on Christmas night, were completed. The following committees were appointed: Decoration, Mr. O. Stevens, Miss B. Rielly, Miss L. Rielly and Mr. W. Newton Pool; refreshment, Mr. W. Bennett, Mr. H. Lee and Mr. W. Woods; floor, Mr. John Morrison, Mr E. C. Maddux, Mrs. Paddock and Mrs. L. S. Otis.

Rev. J. H. George, D. D., Ph. D., principal of the Congregational College of Montreal, left Winnipeg last night en route for Nelson. Dr. George will conduct the dedication services at Emmanuel Church next Sunday. The choir of the church are rehearsing special music tonight and on Sunday will present a musical programme of unusual merit. A committee is at work decorating the auditorium of the church. None should miss hearing this eminent divine who is acknowledged to be one of the most eloquent preachers of Montreal.

Great surprise was caused in the City this morning when it was discovered that another plank was laid at the crossing at the corner of Ward and Baker Streets. This improvement now makes it possible for people to pass over the sea of mud single file without getting particularly muddy. Considering the scarcity of planks and the enormous price that has to be paid for them the civic authorities are to be highly commended for the public spirit they have displayed in making this grand improvement. In view of the fact that none of the present City Fathers have offered themselves for re-election, and therefore are not looking for votes, there is much speculation in the City as to why the plank was laid. There seems little prospect of the crossing being repaired this century, but it may be during the next.

At a meeting of the hockey players of Nelson held last night in the Fire Hall it was decided to amalgamate the Lacrosse Hockey Club and the Nelson Hockey Club into one organization. If the weather ever changes and ice forms with the prospect of staying for any length of time two teams will be selected so that there may be matches with other than outside teams. The meeting last night was attended by nearly all of last year's players. John Rae presided and Barney Archibald acted as secretary. The following officers were elected: W. A. Galliher, M. P., honorary president; James Lawrence, honorary vice-president; Norman T. McLeod, president; Frank A. Tamblyn, vice-president; Sam Neelands, manager; R. Carley, coach; C. Archibald, secretary-treasurer; John Bunyan, John Rae and K. C. Beaton, executive committee; A. Perrier, A. J Wetmore and J. Thompson, team committee.

ATHABASCA AND THE EXCHEQUER

Two Nelson Properties Will Shortly Belong to One Company.

Athabasca Company's Offer for Exchequer Has Been Accepted.

It was finally decided yesterday afternoon, at a meeting of the shareholders of the Exchequer Gold Mining Co., Ltd., held at Mr. A. H. Kelly's office on Baker Street, to accept the offer of the Athabasca Gold Mines, Ltd., for the Exchequer group on Morning Mountain. As soon as the usual formalities of closing up the deal can be completed the new company will start the development of the property at once.

The object of the meeting was to consider the offer of the Athabasca Gold Mines, Ltd., to purchase the company's entire assets. About 75,000 shares of the company's shares were represented. Mr. E. Nelson Fell, president of the Exchequer Company occupied the chair, and Mr. R. S. Lennie acted as secretary. The basis on which the sale was effected was that the capital stock of the Athabasca be increased by £10,000 and the vendors of the Exchequer to receive this stock in both properties in payment for their interest in the Exchequer. The stock will be issued in accordance with the amount held by the members of the Exchequer company in that company. The shares will be fully paid up ordinary £1 shares of the Athabasca Company.

The union of these two properties under one management and that management having at its back any amount of capital will mean a great deal to the Nelson camp as it may be counted on that the Exchequer will be rapidly developed. A tram will connect the property with the Athabasca mill and as the two ores are similar the mill can treat the output of the Exchequer.

As soon as the formal transfer can be made active work will commence on the Exchequer. There are now from 700 to 800 feet of tunneling on the property and 100 feet of a shaft.

THE CITY CAMPAIGN.

Ald. McKillop Will Be Out With An Address in a Few Days.

Mr. McKillop informed a Miner reporter this morning that he would shortly publish an address to the electors of the City, and in the meantime would rely on their good sense not to be misled by politicians, who for purposes of their own are trying to create an issue that will attract followers, when they know there is no possibility of such an issue arising.

BULLS TRIUMPHANT.

New York, Dec. 19.—Speculative excitement continued today in Wall Street. The extent of the interest in stocks and the long continuance of the advance exceeds almost all precedents in the history of the street. New York securities are selling at prices never before equalled and show no signs of abatement in the upward movement. The market is very much mixed in the tendency of prices and professional traders are constantly on the look out for the culmination of the rise. The market closed with a renewed outburst of animation but was feverish and unsteady.

WHOLESALE SWINDLING.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—"Count" William Von Zodiliz is a prisoner here, charged with having swindled nearly 1,000 victims by issuing fradulent life insurance policies. The prisoner, it is claimed, secured blank policies from several prominent companies and filled them out himself, pocketing the money he received for premiums. He has been operating in Chicago for many months. The companies have had detectives searching for him since last spring. The prisoner cried like a child when he was confronted with the evidence against him. He is 40 years old.

WHERE SIR WILFRID SHOPS.

New York, Dec. 19.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, accompanied by his wife and a party of friends, are here. The Premier is here for a few day's rest and incidentally to do some Christmas shopping. Last evening the party attended a theatre party.

SORROW AT BRADFORD.

Bradford, Ont., Dec. 19.—The wreck of the steamer Alpha at Vancouver brings sorrow to a house here. Mr. Sam Barber, banker and part owner of the boat, together with his brother John Barber, who were both drowned, were sons of Mrs. Henry Barber, who lives about three miles out of this town.

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"UTILITY" MAD.

"The progress which Nelson has made in the matter of public ownership of public utilities," says Mr. Houston's paper, "is the envy of many of its less fortunate sister cities." One wonders whether on this subject Mr. Houston's paper is more fool than knave. There is strong internal evidence at times to show that it is in earnest; at other times there is ground for the suspicion that its zeal for "public utilities" is intended as a cover to the corrupt transaction by which the present electric light service was unloaded on the City at a cost far in excess of its value. But whatever the motive, there is always present in its discussion of this matter the most unmistakeable proof that it does not understand what it is talking about.

Mr. Houston and his paper talk as if municipal ownership of franchises were a new thing, one that our Mayor had discovered and introduced into Nelson. This is said in a tone and with a manner to invite applause, as much as if the people were expected to exclaim, "What a brilliant fellow this Houston is, and how deeply we are indebted to him!" Long before Mr. Houston was born there was public ownership of public utilities, and the two which nearly all cities in the British Empire venture on first are water and light. Because Nelson has followed a fashion that is hoary with age, we are asked to regard the event as a most extraordinary example of enlightened enterprise. There are many reasons why a city should own and control its own water and light services, and these were understood and acted upon while Mr. Houston was still in his swaddling clothes and the world was in ignorance of the tremendous genius that had been born into it.

The first thing a rising Canadian town of a few thousand intelligent and enterprising people sets out to do is to provide itself with a permanent and abundant supply of water. This done, it considers next whether it would not be in the public interest to provide also a system of lighting. Often the conditions and circumstances are such as to render this desirable; sometimes, however, they are of a character to discourage municipal ownership just at the moment, and other provision is made. In all cases common sense is brought into play, and the people do what they decide is best. The only marked difference that distinguishes Nelson's ownership of these public franchises is that in our case both services are inadequate, both were hurriedly and imperfect provided, and in the case of one of them the town was cheated to the tune of a good round figure in taking it over. These are matters about which it may be we are entitled to boast; but they are the only ones to distinguish Nelson from hundreds of other cities and towns, scattered about the world, many of which had rejoiced in public ownership of these and other franchises years before our great and good Mayor had been thought of as an atom of the humanity he has lived to adorn with such lustre.

Says The Greenwood Miner:

"The Nelson Miner must know that Mr. McKane was not the choice of the Conservative party of Yale-Cariboo, but of a few persons in Rossland, and the first intimation Boundary Conservatives had of Mr. McKane's candidature was a telegram from Rossland, which also announced Mr. MacNeill's retirement from the contest. Whether or not the Conservatives of other portions of Yale-Cariboo were treated with more courtesy than those of Boundary we do not know, but the manner of Mr. McKane's selection was the cause of a large number of Conservative votes being polled for the other candidates. If there is blame to be attached to any one for the defeat in Yale-Cariboo, it is to Mr. MacNeill for retiring at the eleventh hour and leaving the party disorganised. Mr. McKane made a splendid fight, but was handicapped by not being the choice of a convention."

Our contemporry is probably right in saying that the manner of Mr. McKane's selection caused the loss of many Conservative votes. For all that, however, Mr. McKane was as much the choice of the party—the whole party—as it was possible to make him under the circumstances. The sudden withdrawal of Mr. MacNeill made the case urgent. There had to be action at once or not at all. Leaders of the party consulted hurriedly, with no other motive but the good of the party, and Mr. McKane was asked to become the candidate. That was all that could be done in the brief time left, and it was enough to satisfy men who are not looking for slights and other causes of offence. Mr. McKane deserved the united support of his party, and throughout the campaign proved himself so worthy that he is pretty certain to get it on some other occasion.

The ratepayers of Nelson should read and ponder the letter of Mr. Campbell-Johnston, published in this issue. It is a subject of great interest to the City, and is treated with the breadth of a cultured mind and with the knowledge and insight of an expert. It ought to be refreshing to readers of The Miner, as it is to The Miner itself, after so long an experience with the parish politicians who set themselves up as our masters.

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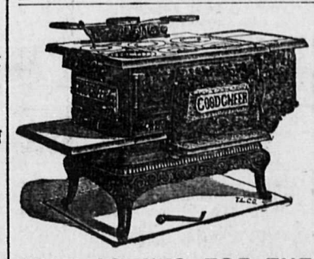

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Everywhere, save in Russia, expressions of sympathy for the young czarina are to be heard. Her delicate condition of health renders her but ill-fitted to endure the fatigue and anxiety entailed by the grave illness of her husband, and should his malady have a fatal termination, her position in Russia would be one of surpassing difficulty and loneliness. For although she is a beautiful woman, and likewise a brilliantly clever one, yet she is amazingly unpopular in the land of her adoption, and that is one reason why I mentioned at the beginning of this letter that she excited at the present moment sympathy everywhere save in Russia.

The young Czarina is almost hated in her husband's dominions. She is spoken of constantly as "the foreigner." One party denounces her as the "English woman," another party reviles her as "the German," and it is always taken for granted that she is more in sympathy with Russia's enemies than she is with Russia's friends. The Pan-Slavit accuses her openly of endeavoring to westernize Russia, and to deprive the latter of its distinctive national character. The whole military party to a man is against her, with her husband's uncle, the Grand Duke of Vladimir, at its head. The Grand Duchess Vladimir, in spite of her German birth, is one of the most bitter foes of the young empress. The clericals, with the all-powerful and bigoted chief of the holy synod, Pobedonotzeff, are against her, while at court even her own ladies in waiting join in intrigues against her, and are never weary of extolling her mother-in-law, the Czarina Marie, at her expense.

The unpopularity of the citizens is the more remarkable as there is no sovereign consort in all Europe who does her work in life more consistently or who strives harder to win the love of her people. No scheme for bettering the lot of the poor is ever brought to her notice, to which, if she can, she does not give a helping hand. She is a woman of the most marked ability, and of the widest accomplishments possessed, in fact, of all the intellectual gifts of her exceptionally clever aunt, the widowed Empress Frederick, being, perhaps, more kindly and sweet natured than the latter.

On the other hand, she has her aunt's most disastrous habit of calling a spade a spade, and like Empress Frederick, she is somewhat lacking in tact, as she proved in her anti cigarette campaign. Like Empress Frederick again, she cannot altogether conceal her contempt for frivolity, affectation and sham, and holds decided views, not only in art and literature, but also in politics, especially as to the lines on which the material affairs should be managed. Indeed, one of the outcries raised against her is that she has been in the habit of interfering in state affairs, and using her influence over her husband to thwart the best plans of his ministers.

Much of the Czarina's unpopularity among the uneducated classes is due to an odd feeling that they have that she is under an unlucky spell that Ikons do not smile on her. When she crossed the Russian frontier she was received, not with rejoicings, but with lamentations. For Czar Alexander III., lay dying, and the whole nation was in sore distress. It was by his death-bed that she was betrothed, and the baked meats of his funeral might well have furnished her marriage table. As a bride she had to listen to the "De Profundis," instead of to the wedding march, and go about in mourning garments. The Russians are a superstitious race. Evidently this Western bride found no favor in the eyes of the fetes. What good could come of a marriage celebrated in such circumstances? The birth of three daughters in succession, while the empire is left without an heir, is a proof, they now say, that their forebodings were but too well founded.

Another reason for the ill-will with which the Czarina has all along been popularly regarded lies undoubtedly in the rumors current among all classes in Russia that the Czar married her unwillingly. It was a member of the Imperial family and a countryman of the Czarina, namely, the Grand Duchess Vladmir, who first started these tales, and who has all along been engaged in spreading them abroad. Even the peasants who, as a rule, know no more than their cattle of what is going on in the world, have all had it whispered to them that the Czar has been unhappy because he has a wife who does not love him, but who married him only for the sake of the crown jewels.

Should the young Czarina be left a widow her position in Russia would be well-nigh intolerable, for her brother-in-law, Grand Duke Michael, who would be invested with the regency in the event of her giving birth to a boy in the spring, and who will become emperor in succession to his brother if she gives birth to another girl, is devoted to his mother, and, consequently, opposed to his brother's wife, and would as autocrat of the family, be in a position to exercise the most despotic authority over herself and her children.

In fact if the young Czarina becomes a widow she may yet live to envy the lot of that morganatic relict of the murdered Czar Alexander II., who, although banished from Russia immediately after the tragedy and forced to live abroad in quasi ostracism, was, nevertheless, permitted to retain exclusive control over her children and the enormous fortune bequeathed to her by her husband, entirely independent, therefore, of the authority of his son and grandson.

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There is not one member of her husband's family save her own sister, the wife of the Grand Duke Sergius, upon whose friendship or good-will she can rely, and the Grand Duchess Sergius has quite as many enemies in Russia as the young Czarina, a fact largely due to the belief that she is responsible for the reports circulated far and wide through the civilized world to the effect that she has been the victim of the most frightful brutality on the part of her husband, Grand Duke Sergius, who is described in the stories as a gloomy fanatic.

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NEWS OF THE TOWN

Mr. Stanley Johnson of the C. P. R. freight department, leaves for the Coast on Friday on a holiday trip.

Until next Monday night the store of Martin O'Reilly & Co., will remain open until 9 o'clock in the evening.

M. S. Logan, of Rossland, managing director of the Juno Gold Mining Company, arrived in the City today.

Mr. W. J. Goepel returned yesterday from New York, accompanied by Mrs. Goepel, whom he met there on her way home after a protracted and enjoyable visit to Europe.

William Bott, a laborer, came before Magistrate Crease at the Police Court this morning on a charge of stealing an overcoat from Robert E. Estabook at the Lakeview Hotel. The prisoner put in the plea that he took the coat by mistake, but he was sentenced to three months with hard labor.

The adjourned regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade will be held in the Board room this evening at 8:30 p. m. This being the last meeting of the year it is hoped there will be a good attendance of members. Among other business the report of the committee on the Mineral Tax will be presented.

The Miner has to thank the Lawrence Hardware Co., for one of the most handsome Christmas souvenirs ever given out by any business house in Canada. It is a reproduction of a water color by Helena Maguire of the head of a mastiff. It is appropriately framed and would be an ornament to any home in Nelson.

The officers of the Methodist Sunday School held a meeting last evening and decided to hold a Christmas entertainment on Wednesday evening, December 26. A committee on arrangements was appointed and a programme will be arranged for at once. The school children will render several songs, while other local talent will take part.

At a meeting of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias held at Fraternity Hall last evening officers for the ensuing year were elected. They are as follows: C. C., H. M. Vincent; V. C., R. E. Thompson; P., Wm. Irvine; M. of W., F. J. Bradley; K. of R. and S., Mr. Park; M. at A., A. McCuaig; M. of E., J. H. Vanstone; M. of F, T. G. Nelson.

Action was started today in the Supreme Court by Taylor & Hannington for the Nelson Furniture Company against the Scottish Union and National Insurance Companies, for $2,000, which is the amount of the policy on what is known as the stock of Messrs. Purdy and Cordingly, destroyed by fire July 27 last. There are two other insurance companies that have not paid, and these will also be sued.

CIVIC PROBLEMS.

Editor Miner:

Sir—An election for Mayor and Aldermen is again at hand. The man on the street hears this and that reason why he should cast his vote for this or that man. The most frequent given version is the old parrot cry that the City should own the electric franchise. Because Glasgow, the pioneer City who first owned her franchises gained by doing so, therefore are we to shut our eyes to reasons why Nelson should not follow? Pause to consider. Nelson has an unique advantage which should be advertised to the commercial world. Niagara as a producer of electrical power is the talk of the world. In the Kootenay River between Nelson and Robson there is a power equal to Niagara drawn out for twenty miles. So much the better for Nelson compared with Niagara. So many more chances are given to harness this power. Where innumerable shafts to draw off water for power at Niagara inerfere with all the water being utilised, here the same water is used over and over again. Having this unique advantage, what have our City Fathers and Board of Trade done to advertise it? Nothing. Have the facts of the fall, velocity, and volume of the river been reported on by a diplomaed electrical engineer, whose report from his diploma will carry weight, and the results published broadcast? No! There is one company now who have generated some power. We read of the C.P.R. wanting power; we know of mines within reasonable distance wanting power, and we know this want has only begun. We want to see ten such companies go in, and spend one or two millions of dollars each to install power. Rome was not built in a day, but it never would have been built if the Roman fathers had not made a beginning, and pulled together in spreading out. What are our City Fathers doing to help Nelson to begin and spread out? They have a two-penny power in a side creek, which they bought because their minds did not grasp the future certainties of our town. To bolster up this first mistake, they refuse to allow outside power to be sold here. Because they dare not and should not spend the millions required to install power on the Kootenay, they therefore play the dog in the manger and say others shall not? Are we to uphold such pin-headed policy, or are we to work for out own prosperity? The days of narrow gauged railways are past, let us run on standard gauge. The commercial rivalry of the world is fearful, let us take every advantage of what nature has given us; build up our city, increase our population; become a commercial and manufacturing centre in fact and not in fancy. The mines will make this their centre if they can buy cheaply here. Let us have free trade in electrical power, buying from the cheapest producer; encourage competition to bring about cheapness, advertise our advantages, and enter the race for commercial prosperity with unfettered loins.

RONALD C. CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON.
Nelson, Dec. 18, 1900.

AT THE HOTELS.

Phair—H. G. Middleton, Winnipeg; John Gunn, Stonewall; J. K. Clark, New Denver; E. Charles, Rossland; R. F. Tolmie, Victoria; E. E. Chapman, Kaslo.

Hume—Mrs. R. A. Daniels, Procter; J. W. Ricker, Kaslo; Henry Roy, M. S. Logan, Rossland; D. Morrison and wife, Silver King mine; R. J. McPhee, Enterprise mine.

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.

A sensible Xmas present is one of our fine carving sets. For boys we have skates and tool kits that will delight them. Fine plated cutlery is another speciaty. Nelson Hardware Company.

A new supply of office stationery is what you want now. Telephone 144, The Miner Office, and we will call on you.

K. R. & N. CO., LTD.

Christmas and New Years Excursions.

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.

ROBT. IRVING,
Manager.

A GOOD THING.

German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boshee, a celebrated German Physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in Medicine. It quickly cures Coughs, Colds and Lung troubles of the severest nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its rapidly increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Bosche's German Syrup was introduced in the United States in 1868, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. Price 75 cents. For Sale by W. F. Teetze.1

NOTICE TO PATRONS.

I have this day given full control of street car advertising to Mr. Chas. P. McRostie, who will in future look after the business and fulfill my part of contracts already entered into. Thanking you for your patronage and asking a continuance of same to Mr. McRostie, I am, yours respectfully.

H. T. ROUTLY.

You will need letter heads, envelopes, etc., to begin the New Year with. Call at The Miner Office and leave your order or telephone 144 and we will call on you.

THE TALK OF THE TOWN.

The talk of the day in Monteal is the opening of the magnificent new building erected on the best site of the principal street by The Family Herald and Weekly Star. The Family Herald's contemporaries are paying it the highest compliments. The new building is said to be the finest newspaper building in the world. This is saying a good deal for Canada. The Family Herald and Weekly Star has made gigantic strides.

If You Don't Enjoy a Good Meal—Better not travel over the "North-Western Line," going east. They serve good meals only, and at moderate prices. Breakfast a la carte at twenty-five cents up, dinner one dollar. You get your money's worth too. H. S. Collins, General Agent, Spokane.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

GRAND DRAWING

30 PRIZES

Pipes, Cigars, Cigar Holders, Cigarette Holders, etc.

Biggest stock in town to select Xmas Gifts from.

DRAWING NOW ON.

THURMAN, Tobacconist.

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Coal and Wood.

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Crow's Nest Coal, **$6.15**
Anthracite, - - **$9.65**

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No order can be accepted unless accompanied by cash.

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TELEPHONE 33.

Spokane Mining Stock Exchange Quotations.

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

(SPECIAL TO THE MINER.)

NAME.	ASKED.	BID.
Blacktail	9½	8
Butte & Boston	1½	1
Crystal	5¾	4¼
Deer Trail Con	2⅛	1⅛
Evening Star	6¼	5
Gold Ledge	1⅜	1
Golden Harvest	⅝	⅜
I. X. L.	2	1
Iron Mask	21	18¾
Jim Blaine	8	4
Lone Pine Surprise	7⅛	6¾
Mountain Lion	25	20
Morning Glory	8¼	8
Morrison	3	2½
Noble Five	4	..
Princess Maud	1¾	1⅜
Palmer Mt. Tun	20¼	..
Quilp	23	20
Rambler-Cariboo	26	25
Republic	64	60
Reservation	4	3¼
Rossland Giant	2½	2¼
Sullivan	14½	14
Tom Thumb	11½	10
Waterloo	3	2¼
Winnipeg	4½	..
UNLISTED STOCKS.		
Conjecture	4½	3⅝
American Boy	10¼	9⅛
Dewey	3	2
Hercules	3½	3
Gold Standard	10	8
Juno	8	5
Miller Creek	2¾	2
Trade Dollar	2⅝	2¼
Wonderful	2½	1
Bitter Root	5	4

No sales.

If you don't like Blue Ribbon Tea it's because you've never tasted it.

Auction Sale

Household Furniture

Persian Rugs, Damascus Tables, Benares Brasswork, Indian Table Covers, Fancy Cushions, Satin Down Quilts, Sets of Silver Fruit and Fish Knives, Books, Plants, etc.

Acting under instructions from Rev. Robert Frew, who is leaving the city, the undersigned will offer for sale by public auction on

FRIDAY, DEC. 21 at 1:30 o'clock,

in his rooms over the Merchants Bank of Halifax, the above goods, which will be on exhibition on the premises on the morning of the sale.

Terms, Cash. For further particulars apply to

Chas. A. Waterman

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THREE LINES OF TOILET SETS WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO SEE.

Clematis—A new Toilet Set made by "Grindley," which is a guarantee as to quality. The shapes are dainty, the colors blue and green.

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1000 Venus	18½c
500 Salmo Consolidated	10c
1000 London Consolidated	40½c

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Your Christmas wants can be satisfied at our store. Fancy Goods, Novelties and the like are here in great variety, and at prices to suit any kind of pocket book.

Timely Suggestions.

A Dress or Skirt Length of Black or Colored Mattilisse, Covert, Homespun, Vienna, Serge, Plaid or Tweed, at, per yard, 25c, 50c, 75c to $1.00 to $4.50.

OR SILK

For a Dress or Shirt Waist. The latest producitons in Stripes and Fancy Designs, at, per yard, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 to $2.50.

OR GLOVES

For Ladies and Children, in Kid, Silk, Cashmere; Fleece lined Cashmere, Silk lined and Ringwood, at, per pair, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c to $1 50

OR SILK BLOUSES

(Ready to wear;) in Taffetta Silk, Luxor or Satin. The latest Styles and Colorings in Stripes, Checks or Plains; special values at $5.00, $7.00, $7.50, $8.00 and $10.00.

OR NOVELTIES,

Pin Cushions, Glove Boxes, Handkerchief Cases, Fancy Pillows, Table Covers and Silk Drapes.

Call in. Our Values are Worthy of Your Quickest Thought.

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We want you to remember that your husband or your friend is a smoker. A nice Pipe or a Box of Cigars would make him a most acceptable present.

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Three houses for rent.

One fine new house for sale; only small payment down.

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The time is short, but you can still have your photos taken and finished in time for Xmas. With our modern lenses and up to-date methods we execute work regardless of weather conditions, and guarantee to take a satisfactory portrait of you on the darkest day. With a dozen of our best cabinets you get one of those miniatures of yourself or friend set in a goldplate twisted wire frame.

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SOUVENIR GOODS—Papteries and Pads with local views, Purses, Match Boxes, etc.

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FANCY GOODS—A large variety of Fancy Goods at figures from 10 to 40 per cent below regular prices.

Don't miss this opportunity to get Bargain Prices. The reason why is that we wish to reduce our stock before remeving to our new store in the K. W. C. Block.

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Martin O'Reilly & Co.

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