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TELEGRAPHIC.

A Budget of Interesting News From Many Quarters:

(SPECIAL TO THE CLAIM.)

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 28.—The nominations for the provincial elections take place January 19th, 1907. The elections will be held February 2nd, 1907. Parliament is to meet March 7th, 1907.

Tacoma, Dec. 28.—Four people killed and twenty-two injured, the result of a collision of the inter-urban train from Seattle and a work train.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28.—Sir Wm. Howland is dangerously ill. He is 95 years of age, and has been for many years a leading and public-spirited citizen of Toronto.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 28.—Major Strickland, of the N. W. M. P., is dangerously ill with dropsy. The Major is well known in the North, having been in charge, at different times, of the N. W. M. P. stations from the White-Pass summit to the Yukon.

London, Eng., Dec. 28.—The very heavy snow fall that has visited London lately is seriously interfering with street and railway traffic. Several fishing and trading schooners have been wrecked off the English coast.

Washington, Dec. 28.—J. Beresford, a brother of Lord Charles Beresford, was killed in a wreck on the Soo line recently.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—It has been discovered by someone with a penchant for research, that there is a clause in the city charter which makes it impossible to imprison men for drunkenness, as a consequence no less than fifty-two men who had imbibed too much Christmas 'good cheer,' were released from custody.

New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Florence Maybrick, who has passed a few years in English prisons, has started out on a crusade of reform in the American penitentiaries.

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—The greatest football match ever played in British Columbia took place here a few days ago, when the Stanford university team of California met the Vancouver eleven. The match was witnessed by a big crowd, and evoked great applause from the spectators. The Stanfords went down to defeat, the score indicating Vancouver eleven points, Stanford eight points. Two more matches will be played, one on Saturday, the 29th, and the other New Year's day. The greatest interest has been aroused and is it expected that thousands will attend the games.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The pension system on the Canadian government railways goes into effect on April 1st. The government will contribute a sum not exceeding \$100,000.

Alberni, B. C., Dec. 28.—At a large and very enthusiastic meeting of the Conservative convention Wm. Manson, the present holder of the seat was unanimously nominated.

Everett, Wash., Dec. 28.—Owing to a scarcity of vessels and a scanty supply of cars, the lumber business in this vicinity is at a standstill.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Roosevelt has issued a proclamation to the people of the United States asking them to contribute funds to relieve the millions of famine sufferers in China.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 27.—The miner named Hicks, who was buried alive in a tunnel for fifteen days, has been released and in good health. Scores of men worked both night and day to get to him.

Hon. R. F. Green, minister of lands and works, resigned from the cabinet on Saturday. The Hon. gentleman has been contemplating this step for some time, as his extensive private interests interfered with the discharge of his executive duties, but did not wish to embarrass the government by leaving such an important office vacant. However, the decision of the government to go to the country, enables Mr. Green to retire.

Curling Schedule For Kappel Cup.

At a meeting of the Atlin Curling club, held in the parlors of the Kootenay last Wednesday, the following teams were drawn to compete for the cup presented by Mr. A. J. Kappel, of Vancouver. The contest begins on January 5th, to be continued every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings during the month. Following is the schedule, skips, players etc:

- Sat. 5th.—Fraser vs. Smith.
 - Tues. 8th.—Bourne vs. R. D. Featherstonhaugh.
 - Thurs. 10th.—Smith vs. Bourne.
 - Sat. 12th.—R. D. Featherstonhaugh vs. Fraser.
 - Tues. 15th.—Smith vs. R. D. Featherstonhaugh.
 - Thurs. 17th.—Bourne vs. Fraser.
 - Sat. 19th.—Fraser vs. Smith.
 - Tues. 22nd.—Bourne vs. R. D. Featherstonhaugh.
 - Thurs. 24th.—Smith vs. Bourne.
 - Sat. 26th.—Fraser vs. R. D. Featherstonhaugh.
 - Tues. 29th.—Smith vs. R. D. Featherstonhaugh.
 - Thurs. 31st.—Bourne vs. Fraser.
- Following are the rinks:
 Smith, skip; Vickers, Kershaw, Eggert.
 Bourne, skip; Cummings, Bragg, H. Young.
 Fraser, skip; Wheeling, Rosselli, Anderson.
 R. D. Featherstonhaugh, skip; Dowling, Williams, Gigot.

Installation of the officers of the A. O. U. W. will be held Wednesday the 9th of January, all members are requested to be present.

Local Events.

The latest books arrive at C. R. Bourne's as soon as published.

The report of the Atlin Christmas tree social will receive lengthy attention in our next issue.

Ed. Sands, Charlie Gilmour and M. R. Jamieson paid Atlin a visit last Wednesday evening and spent a few hours with friends.

Alex. Blain has been renewing acquaintances with old friends in Atlin, during the holidays.

Arthur Dick and Horace Fraser left early this week to stake the trail between here and Log Cabin.

Advices have been received from Victoria notifying the local executive that Mr. A. S. Cross has been appointed returning officer for the Atlin electoral district.

By dint of great patience and much labor J. T. Regan managed to recover seven of the eight boxes of gelignite that went through the ice last week. It was in about sixty feet of water.

Messrs Hanna, Cartmel, Anderson and Hamshaw, with sweet and entrancing selections of music, delighted an audience in the billiard room of the Kootenay last Wednesday evening.

S. H. Plumb, of McKee, Mrs. Plumb and the little ones, are visiting Atlin during the holidays. Mr. Plumb has much of his time taken up 'minding baby,' yet he finds the time to have an occasional yarn with his old college chum.

Sheriff Shirley received a wire from his brother George, dated the 24th December, from Vancouver. George was about to leave for Red Bluff, California, on his round-about way for the old home in Ontario.

Sheriff Shirley sold the plant, tools and material of the Columbia Hydraulic Mining Company, on Spruce creek, on Friday, the 21st. George Adams, representing eastern parties, was the purchaser.

Captain Bragg and George Sinclair are supposed to be out somewhere in the vicinity of O'Donnell looking up some ptarmigan leases. 'Cap' says they will bring back enough birds to stock all the larders in town. Ptarmigan mulligan would go very well just now.

Stages for the A. O. U. W. & A. B. dance at Discovery, on New Year's Eve, are due to leave Atlin at 7 p. m. Everything points to a large turn-out, which is proper. The gentlemen have their curling, hockey, whist, smoking concerts, glee clubs and lazy-stick competitions; and here is an opportunity to give the ladies a chance to have a really good and enjoyable time, and there you are.

McDonald's Grocery makes a specialty of fresh eggs and butter.

Pine City Paragraphs.

The skating rink was flooded again. Sweet & Jamieson had a crew of men on the pumping apparatus. 'Bob' says a mixture of six bottles of beer to two of gin makes the finest kind of machine oil.

A singing fever struck the town a few nights ago. Some cruel person, who had no ear for music, said the performers had wearied of hearing the dogs howl and were endeavoring to drown them out with something just as good. 'Ccan't say.'

The Christmas tree social was a decided success. Frank Mobley was a good chairman. Mrs. C. R. Bourne, as organist, and the orchestra, discoursed sweet music at times during the evening. Songs, choruses, recitations and a fancy drill made up a most excellent programme. Refreshments, and jolly good ones, too, were served. The committee, on whose shoulders fell the work of preparation, etc., are to be congratulated upon such a successful crowning of their endeavors.

Rumblings From Boulder.

Joe Traber and his associates, so report says, are taking out generous quantities of the yellow stuff.

A Roxy, one of "Little Willie's" partners, left the creek late Christmas eve. He has not been heard of since. It is said, in cigarette circles, to be a love affair. Should anyone meet him wandering about please head him for the creek and give him the right kind of a start.

Alex. Blaine, of Boulder, one of the champion whist players on the creek, got 'cold feet' a week ago and left to see a sick partner in the hospital. He must be lost, strayed or stolen; anyone giving information of his whereabouts or sending him home to his friends, collect, will be suitably rewarded. [Alex. has added 'pulling on the lazy-stick' to his accomplishments, Boulder creek men beware!]

Gold Bottom Advices.

G. S. Cummings, the mining expert who has the prospecting of Gold Bottom in hand, arrived in town last Thursday, accompanied by Lyman Hodge. Work on the shafts has been temporarily abandoned, until arrangements are made to install a steam pump. Louis Gierke is out after moose and Dan Holland and Jimmy Stokes are improving the trail. Mr. Cummings may go to the lower coast to get the necessary machinery, his idea being to get back over the ice and have the plant installed before the snow goes.

The grade of the creek is good and there is plenty of water and an excellent dump, three essentials in hydraulic mining. If the prospect shows good, Mr. Cummings says there sure will be a big clean-up by the time the leaves begin to fall next season.

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GREETINGS.

We extend greetings to all and hope that prosperity and happiness may be meted out to everybody in generous proportions. The heart overflows with good feelings. If our arms were long enough and strong enough we would like to hug all the women in the world and shake hands with all the men. Collectively this is impossible, so, during the holidays, we will do our best to overlook no one of either sex.

Provincial Election.

Christmas night we received a telegram which read—"Nominations January 19th; elections February 2nd." For the past two or three months the Coast papers have been filled with rumors and predictions of an election. Various dates were named as to when the event would come off, but, as usual, in such cases, the whole thing was guess work.

We have refrained from taking any part in the discussion, as our policy has been to devote our best efforts to furthering the interests of the camp, and eschew politics, well knowing that if the government decided to go to the country, ample notice would be given the electorate and plenty of time afforded for the discussion of all questions affecting the country at large and our own district in particular.

We believe now, however, that the time has come when we, as well as all good citizens, should express our views. The government has appealed to the country, they are to give an account of their stewardship, and it is for the people of the province to say whether in their opinion the business of the country has been administered in a manner that meets with their commendation, and, more particularly, in our own district, to say whether the promises given by the conservative government in 1903 have been lived up to.

The political history of British Columbia has been a very chequered one. Business has been run on hap-hazard lines. There was no division of parties, coalition governments were formed from time to time only to go to pieces. It was a case of every man for himself. There was no definite policy—no central or local executive to which a member felt himself bound to consult or to render an account to.

The result was chaos—the country, rich as it is, was, year by year

running into debt, until, with a white population of only a million and a half, our funded interest bearing debt was over \$15,000,000 and the banks refused to advance another cent until the province showed that it would make a bona-fide effort to meet its responsibilities.

This effort was made by the present government, who on assuming office decided to appeal to the country on party lines. The appeal to strict party lines has much to commend it, as the issues are purely local, and what would appeal to a man in dominion politics from a party and national standpoint, might be suicidal to his interests when applied to provincial or local matters. However, the appeal was made and we believe the stand taken was justified by existing conditions, and it is now our duty, as well as that of every citizen, to express an opinion of the results.

We have followed closely the trend of events and in our opinion the present government have certainly done all that could be expected of them. They managed provincial affairs with prudence, have checked extravagance, improved provincial credit and restored confidence outside in the future of British Columbia. Each year has shown an increasing surplus. British Columbia securities in 1903 were a drug on the market, to-day they are classed as A. 1. The country is contented and prosperous; our mining and timber interests are in a flourishing condition; immigrants have been attracted to the province, and British Columbia has received the necessary impetus to bring about the exploitation and development of the richest province in the dominion.

For the above reasons we have decided to give our support to the present government. We do not see under the existing favorable condition of affairs, why it is sensible or politic to make any change. The country is prosperous, the government have lived up to their pledges, and, while a certain section of the press and individuals seeking office, condemn them, yet we believe that the people, as a whole, are perfectly well satisfied, and will return the present administration to a further lease of power.

We do not intend, in this issue, to take up the discussion of local affairs, but simply wish to define our position.

Locally the government has done all that could be expected; all their pledges have been redeemed; and, as far as we are in touch with local sentiment, there seems to be only approval for what our present member has done since holding office.

By the time of our next issue matters will have shaped themselves sufficiently to enable us to comment intelligently on them. In the approaching campaign we hope to hear a reasonable and searching discussion amongst the electorate of the questions affecting our district, and trust that the people will not be led away by side issues. The questions to be decided upon affect us all, they are our personal interests, and we have no doubt but that they will be treated in a fair and broad-minded manner.

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It would be difficult to better illustrate both the novelty and the possible contingencies attendant upon a winter trip through the Rocky mountains than the provision that has been made by the C.P.R. for dealing with any emergencies which may arise at any time between November and May. Very few trans-continental travellers who have not, at some time, been detained by snow-slides, with all the accompanying discomforts of hunger and cold. This is to be a thing of the past. The C.P.R. has put into operation a plan to offset the aforementioned difficulties. As well as the supply boxes with which all trains are equipped, there are provisions cached along the line at most convenient places should unusual conditions prevail. Conductors have keys to the boxes, which contain not only provisions but necessaries in case of injury or sickness.

"Oh! you men," she cried, "with your everlasting cant of loving the good and the pure and the decent—what a joke you are! Listen to me, dear. If men found so much to admire in good women, what chance would there be for such as I? My gold hair, my eyes, my lips and my arms count for more with men than all the virtues. As you said, you had your choice. You're positively funny when you start moralising. Now go back to civilization and I'll join you in a moment or two. Emotional scenes are not my forte. I'll have to powder my nose and smooth my hair or people will say I'm falling off in looks.

She watched him as he walked in the direction of the casino. Once she rose as if to call him back, but seated herself again in the shadow.

Well—it had come, as she knew it would, this yearning of his for the life he had left behind him. She had no regrets. For three years at least, she had lived.

She walked to the end of the pier and seated herself on the railings. It would be several minutes before the guard would again patrol that part of his beat. In the meantime she could sit there undisturbed and think.

Looking down at the waves she remembered a picture she had seen somewhere, of a drowned girl whom the waves had washed up on the beach. She remembered that the face was very beautiful and peaceful. Idly she reflected that she

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would not look so very bad herself. Her hair curled naturally and would not fall in streaks over her eyes. Her hands closed tightly on the railing. Why, it was an inspiration! In a few years she would grow wan and pale—women of her coloring went to pieces young. If she were to go now it would be with the memory of these three happy years untarnished. He still cared enough for her to mourn her loss. She swung her feet over and stood on the outer side of the railing. She turned towards the shore with its myriads of lights. People there were dancing and chatting and laughing and drinking. It was very gay and she loved gaiety—but then what gaiety would there be for her when old and faded—alone? She looked again at the waves rolling in, and laughed as she thought what a very small hole she would make in the water when she dropped. She fluffed out her wonderful hair with her jeweled side-comb.

"I'll make a touching picture if the tide does its work to-morrow," she murmured. "It would be my luck, though, to have the undertow take me out somewhere and lose me where none could see and admire."

She paused and listened intently—ah! the guard was coming that way—she must be quick.

"Good-bye, dear," she whispered, "I leave you, I hit the trail alone."

With a little nod of farewell toward the shore, she drew her white gown close about her, and dropped quietly into the moon-lit water.

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(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

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