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The School Children Present an Unique Entertainment to the Public—Santa Claus' Visit.

Atlin and Discovery have this season had their fill of Christmas festivities and the week will be wound up by a masquerade ball at the Gold House, Discovery, while the year will be closed by a dance at the Grand Hotel.

Tuesday evening at Discovery was set apart for the children. A Christmas tree festival was given by the members of the Presbyterian Church, in the church, and the few hours of pleasure enjoyed by both young and old, will ever remain a happy memory of 'Xmas 1901.

On Christmas Eve, midnight service was held in the Episcopal Church, and after the service the presentation of a purse, containing the sum of $60, was made to the Rev. F. L. Stephenson, which, it is needless to say, gladdened the heart of that estimable gentleman.

Christmas Day was given over to turkey shooting and private dinner parties, which last were no doubt fully appreciated by many of our local bachelors.

Yesterday evening, the night of Atlin's Christmas tree, was one which, undoubtedly, will long be remembered by the very large gathering who witnessed the advent of Santa Claus to Atlin.

The entertainment was so unique and was so perfectly carried out in all its details that a lengthened account of it is justly merited.

The general arrangements were in the hands of a committee representing the Episcopal and the Presbyterian Churches, and to that committee much of the success of the entertainment is due. The entertainment was held in the Presbyterian Church which was most tastefully decorated—though the building was too small to hold the immense crowd who desired to witness the performance. The details of the programme, as far as concerned the children, were in the hands of Miss Hughes, and we do not pay her too high a compliment when we say that these were perfect. We also understand that she arranged all the parts, which made a very happy blending of the never-to-be-forgotten fairy tales of our childhood. Miss Hughes and Mr. Lumsden acted the parts of of father and mother grieving over the absence of their children on this festive season, when one by one the girls and boys appear in costume: Ethel Pillman, as a nurse, touched the hearts of the audience by her beautifully delivered piece; the Cock Robin by Johnnie Brooks would make many a father proud of his offspring; Little Miss Muffett, impersonated by Gwennie Stephenson, was heralded by a well rendered chorus by the children, and told her little story to "mother;" Blue Beard, Albert Durie, made a great commotion over the running away of one of his wives, Jennie McDonald, while Cinderella, Bernice Blackett, about to be squelched by the wicked Witch, Agnes Smith, is transformed into a little lady by the wand of the Fairy, Josie Doelker, and captures the heart of the Prince, Mack Smith, while the Page, Truie Olive, gallantly fits the slipper. The scene is changed, the bold Burglar, Walter Blackett, who would crack the Bank of Commerce safe, decides to turn over a new leaf for fear of Constable Guy Lawrence, and Captain Kidd, Horace Fraser, takes all his hearers prisoners by his dash and bravado. With the chorus, Heave, ho, entered Sailor Bill, Willie Olive, whose experiences on sea and land made him thankful to be able to spend his Christmas at his mother's "ingle nook," as also was Little Red Riding Hood, Aileen Stephenson. Little Bo Peep, Maggie McDonald, captured the house with her winning ways and her pretty speech, and Little Boy Blue, Frank Link, made his mark. To cap the climax and put the finishing touch to a really beautiful tableau, The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, Carrie Doelker, with her brood of twelve little tots, all nicely dressed in white, came toddling in. Maggie McDonald sang the ever pleasing lullaby, By, By, in which she was joined in the chorus by the little ones. This brought to a close one of the most unique entertainments ever given in Atlin, and too much credit cannot be given to Miss Hughes for this successful issue to her untiring efforts of the last several weeks. The dialogue was prepared by her and all who were fortunate in witnessing the entertainment showed their appreciation by their generous applause. Several solos were sung by the children, by Miss Hughes and by Mr. Lumsden, all of which were most heartily enjoyed. Mr. Pilling faithfully performed his duty at the organ, ably assisted by our old friend, Mr. Handtke, with his violin, while we must not forget the indispensable Maid of All Work, Daisy Durie, whose duties kept her ever on the move, but did not dispell the winning smile she had for everybody.

At the close of the programme, the sleigh bells of Santa Claus were heard and riveted the attention of youngsters, and oldsters, alike. He was most lavish with his gifts, and regrets were heard that it was "so long till next Christmas." A pleasing presentation was made to Miss Hughes on behalf of the school children and their parents of a beautiful Atlin nugget chain, which was feelingly acknowledged.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 28th, 1901.

THIS, being the last issue of 1901, we wish all our patrons and the public a most prosperous New Year.

It is our intention to give our readers a general resume of the year's progress in the district, together with interesting vital statistics concerning the work of development. During the next week or so a special issue of the CLAIM will be issued, and, as we will print a number of extra copies we hope the increased demand will recompense us.

With next week's issue each subscriber will receive a beautiful coloured picture, 18 by 24 inches, of King Edward VII, which is well worth framing.

THAT a mass meeting should be found necessary to suggest the performance, by delinquent officials, of a plain and self-suggesting duty, is another of the many absurdities for which this camp is now famous and to which it owes its unique place in mining annals. Unless the Menzies' leaseholders can show cause why their grants should not be declared forfeited and cancelled for non-compliance with the conditions of their respective leases, it is so clearly the routine duty of the Gold Commissioner and the Minister of Mines to so declare them that we cannot but wonder the matter has been so long left in abeyance. So much of the ground blanketed by these leases is either legally held by individual claim-owners or is still vested in the Crown and open to location, that this particular group of leaseholds should have been firmly taken in hand by Mr. Graham long ere this, in order to definitely limit or indefinitely extend the area available for individual drift mining. Once the value of the ground, to the individual miner, was made known to him by the development work of the past two seasons, the opportunity should not have been allowed to slip to retrieve the error of judgment by which the only real drifting proposition in the district was permitted to pass out of the possession of the hard working miner into that of the idle and speculative leaseholder. This holding of corner lots for one's more enterprising neighbor to give value to is one of the things which should receive scant courtesy in an active, progressive mining camp.

We feel assured that the resolutions passed at the recent meeting will receive instant attention by the Department, and the remedy provided by law be applied with promptness and efficacy, and let the remedy, Mr. Eberts, be wide spread in its application. This is by no means an isolated case.

MASS MEETING.

Miners to Petition the Government

For the Cancellation of Certain Leaseholds --- A Miners' Association to be Formed.

A meeting of the miners and business men of the district was held in the Nugget Hall, at Discovery, on Saturday last. There was a large attendance. On motion, Mr. H. Cancellor was called to the chair. Mr. D. G. Stewart, who acted as secretary, explained that the chief object of the meeting was to protest against the granting of the re-staked Menzies' leases and to demand the immediate cancellation of all hydraulic leases not legally held. Among the many speakers, the following gentlemen, who made a mark for themselves, may be mentioned: N. McLeod, H. E. Ward, A. C. Hirschfeld, D. J. Cochrane, T. H. Barnes, Capt. Hathorn, Dr. Young, W. P. Grant, James Stables, M.L.A. A resolution was unanimously passed and a committee appointed to draw up a petition for signature to be forwarded to the Government, setting forth the opinion of the meeting.

It was decided to form a Miners' Association, and the following gentlemen were appointed as a committee to draw up bye-laws, etc., and to report at a meeting to be held on Monday, 30th inst: Capt. Hathorn, Jas. Stables, M.L.A., N. McLeod, D. G. Stewart, W. Jordan. The meeting then adjourned.

For a County Court Judge.

Recent telegraphic reports stated that the Boards of Trade of Victoria and Vancouver had taken up the question of appointing a County Court Judge for Atlin. The following is quoted from an editorial in the "Colonist:"

"The affairs of Atlin came up for consideration on account of some remarks addressed to the Council by Mr. C. Dubois Mason. Mr. Mason, among other things, spoke of the need of a resident judge at Atlin, and made out a very strong case for one. The Council decided to memorialize the Provincial and Dominion Governments on the subject. The most important feature of the case is due to the fact that the absence of a judge makes titles to mining properties uncertain and insecure. Several instances have come to the notice of the 'Colonist' where important negotiations have been dropped because of the uncertainty in regard to Atlin mining titles. The story of disputed claims and of the injury done to the camp by the inevitable delay in having titles settled would fill many columns, and would be a recital of which the people of British Columbia would have no reason to feel proud. Atlin is a rich country. There are good placers, much hydraulic ground and plenty of ore deposits, but the chief product of the district has been disputes. The one thing needed to give Atlin an impetus is security of title, and a resident county court judge will provide for this."

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FREIGHT WRECK.

A Slump in the Copper Market

Enumerators Give Vancouver a Population of 28,000 —Dawson Man Gets a Commission.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—A costly freight wreck has occurred on the Nelson and Fort Shephard railway. The train ran away near Nelson and five cars were piled up at the bottom of the hill.

Major Woodside, formerly editor of the "Dawson Nugget," has received a commission in the Canadian Mounted Infantry, and has left for the east.

The Birmingham Town Hall has been wrecked and pro-Boer speakers were mobbed by an infuriated crowd cheering for Chamberlain.

Census enumerators make Vancouver's population 28,000.

Copper drops to 13!

Three people were killed and twenty-six were injured by a collision of a Southern Pacific express train between San Ardo and San Lucas, California.

Rich Ore on the Engineer.

The following extract, taken from a personal letter written by Mr. J. P. Pearson, discoverer of the Engineer mine, Taku arm, will be read with interest. The letter bears date of the 11th inst:

"We are now sinking a shaft on the Foundation ledge. We are at present 35 feet below the lake level and are finding some of the richest ore yet found in the country. With every blast we find flaky specimens like the one I am sending you by this mail, which you will find to be telluride and free gold.

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Mr. Lamare Receives a Eulogy From a Leading London Financial Journal.

The "Empire," a prominent London mining journal, in an editorial, states:

"While many British Columbia and American companies and prospectors have been decrying Atlin as a camp which offers no inducement to the investor, it has been left for a foreign syndicate to demonstrate unmistakably that the creek beds of that country are not far behind the most famous ones of the Klondike in wealth, while vastly superior in many other respects. The company referred to is La Societe Miniere de la Colombie Britannique, represented by E. Janne de Lamare, who, though recently of Paris, now subscribes his home at Atlin City, B. C., so thoroughly has he identified himself with the Province. Their property lies on Boulder creek, is three and a half miles long and half a mile wide. Thousands of dollars have been expended in installing an hydraulic plant, and the preliminary expense has naturally been so heavy that dividends have not yet been declared.

It must be with considerable gratification that the company learns of the results of the development work done upon its property during the present winter. The work is being carried on by the Norton Brothers and three men, and the returns have fully justified expectations. A drift was first run, from a prospect shaft sunk by the company in the hydraulic pit, for some distance into the bench on the north-west side of the creek, the difficulty of getting rid of the seepage water compelled the men to abandon this drift. A new shaft was sunk to bedrock, 40 feet lower down the creek, to a depth of 16 feet, a drift was then driven up and across the creek. The men are working in pay the full face of tunnel. From this drift some very coarse gold has been taken, four nuggets, in value, respectively, 4½, 3¾, 2½ and 2 ounces, were picked off bedrock. The best guarantee of the value of the ground is the fact that the men are all thoroughly satisfied and are making money.

Of the other men working on the creek, we hear the most encouraging reports, and the men—some 20 of them — are all making good wages.

The best New Year's gift from Atlin to send to your friends at home is One year's subscription to the ATLIN CLAIM.

LAND ACT, 1901,

NOTICE is hereby given that Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar, B. C., commencing at a post planted on the shore of Taku Arm about half a mile north of the mouth of Atlintoo River, thence east 40 chains; thence 40 chains S.; thence 40 chains W., more or less to the shore of Taku Arm, thence following the shore of Taku Arm to the point of commencement.

ARTHUR C. DICK.

October 23rd, 1901

NOTICE.

"ROCK OF AGES" Mineral Claim, situated at Discovery Camp, Pine Creek.

To J. H. MALLALEU AND W. HOLLINGSWORTH OR OTHER THEIR AGENT OR AGENTS:

WE, the undersigned, W. G. Mitchell, and F. A. Wise, part owners of the above mineral claim, hereby give notice to the above-named J. H. Mallaleu and W. Hollingsworth or other their Agent or Agents, that we do hereby request the said J. H. Mallaleu and W. Hollingsworth to contribute their share of the assessment work done on the said claim, viz.: Two years' assessment work and survey, from May 22nd, 1899, amounting to the sum of $250. Unless the said amount be paid to us on or before the 12th day of January next we shall proceed under and by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Mineral Amendment Act, 1900, repealing Section 11 of Cap. 45 of the Statutes of 1899.

W. G. MITCHELL.
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Atlin, B. C., Oct. 12th, 1901. sc-7-3m

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Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next sittings for leave to incorporate a railway company, called the "Lake Bennett Railway Company," to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway from a point on or near the Dyea river, on the International Boundary, between British Columbia and Alaska, to a point at or near Lake Bennett, thence to a point on the Yukon river at or near Selkirk in the Yukon Territory.

With power to equip, construct and operate branch lines; to build, own and maintain docks and wharves; to equip, own and build boats and to operate the same; to equip, own and operate telegraph and telephone lines and to generate electric power for heating, lighting and motive power; to expropriate land necessary for the said railway and to levy and to collect tolls, and to make traffic arrangements incidental to said line of railway.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 15th day of November, 1901. de7-9t

D. G. MACDONNELL,
Solicitor for Applicants.

APPLICATION FOR LAND.

NOTICE is hereby given that Sixty days after date hereof, we intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land, more or less (for terminal and industrial purposes), described as follows: In Cassiar, Atlin district, Province of British Columbia, commencing at a post about one third of a mile north of Atlintoo river, on the lake shore, marked "British Yukon Navigation Company's, Ltd., initial and N. W. corner post," thence east 20 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 20 chains to its intersection with lake shore, thence following along the line of lake shore to the point of commencement.

Dated this Second day of November, 1901.

THE BRITISH YUKON NAVIGATION CO., Ltd.
per P. F. SCHARSCHMIDT, Supt.,
Agent.

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NOTICE is hereby given that 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, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway, of standard gauge, from a point at or near Hazelton, on the Skeena river, in the District of Cassiar, by the most feasible and practicable route to a point at or near the Northern boundary line of the Province of British Columbia, at or near Teslin lake, or Atlin lake, or both, and also from said Hazelton by the most reasonable and feasible route to a point at or near the Eastern boundary line of the Province, via the Skeena, Babine, Driftwood, Omineca and Finlay rivers to the Peace River Pass, thence Easterly to a point at or near the Eastern boundary of the Province; with authority, also to construct, equip, maintain and operate branches from any point in the proposed line or lines, not exceeding in any one case thirty miles in length, and with power to construct, acquire, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and to construct, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on any navigable waters, and to construct, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines along the routes of said railway and its branches, or in connection therewith, and to transmit messages, for commercial purposes, and to collect tolls therefor; and to acquire and receive from any Government, corporation or persons, grants of land, rights of way, money, bonuses, privileges or other assistance in aid of the construction of the Company's undertaking and to connect with and to enter into traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all rights, powers and privileges necessary, usual or incidental to all or any of the aforesaid purposes.

Dated this 21st day of October, A. D., 1901.

CORNWALL & ROGERS,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session by the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Company for an Act to amend its Act of Incorporation, being 61 Victoria, Chapter 50, of the Statutes of the said Province, by giving the Company power to build a branch line from any point at or near Hazelton on the main line of the railway by the most feasible and practicable route, following the general direction of Bulkley river to a point at or near its junction with the Telqua river, in the Cassiar district, and to amend Section 11 of the said Act by increasing the bonding powers of the said Company.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 21st day of October, 1901.

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L. M. de Gex leaves for White Horse on Monday.

Show Case for sale.—Apply at the CLAIM Office.

Copies of the new Placer Act of 1901, consolidated with the Acts of 1898 and 1899, for sale at the CLAIM Office.

Mr. Stables is anxious to receive samples of copper ore and to get full particulars of copper locations. During his visit in the East and in the Old Country he met several capitalists desirous of securing such properties. Miners would do well to bear this in mind and communicate with Mr. Stables. Much good may be the result.

The Management of the Gold House, Discovery, cordially invite their friends to a Masquerade Ball, to be held on Saturday, 28th inst.

For a good, square meal, in a hurry, go to The Quick Lunch Room. Mrs. Henning, Prop.

Don't forget the New Year's Eve dance at the Grand Hotel. The finest orchestra in the country will be there and everybody that knows a good thing will not miss that dance of the year.

Placer Act, 1901, consolidated, for sale at this office.

The recent wind storms have effectually taken the ice off the lake and the Scotia might be chartered for a New Year's picnic.

Avoid all aches and pains by taking a Thermal bath at the Troy Laundry.

Furnished rooms to rent—apply Hotel Northern.

"G. B." chocolates at Dockrill & Bourne's.

Sam Johnston of the Vancouver Hotel, not to be outdone by his enterprising neighbors, has had a new and up-to-date bar constructed. It is a dandy, too.

Get your friends to subscribe for "The Atlin Telegraphic Bulletin,"—weekly.

Placer Act, 1901, consolidated, for sale at this office.

Dave Hastie is going to give a grand ball at the Grand Hotel and supper on New Year's Eve. Gentlemen, $1; ladies free.

If the gentleman who inadvertently took a cigarette-holder from Eggert & Son's store, will call, he might as well have the case.

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The best New Year's gift from Atlin to send to your friends at home is One year's subscription to the ATLIN CLAIM.

NOT TO BLAME.

Gold Commissioner's Office Not Responsible

Speculative Hydraulic Lease Staking Not Encouraged by the Local Office.

Since the editorial on the hydraulic lease question, on page two, was printed, we have been authoritatively advised that the Gold Commissioner has not been direlect in his duty in connection with that very important matter. Early in the year he advised the Department in Victoria that a large number of the leases granted in Atlin should be cancelled. In due season word was received authorizing the cancellation as suggested. However, simultaneously with the receipt of the letter, came a telegram "to hold over the order of cancellation," and to this day that telegraphic order has remained in force. Repeated requests have been made for instructions, but none have been received from the Capital.

In view of these facts, any reflections which may be applied by our editorial to the Gold Commissioner or his office are removed, and to the negligence of the officials of the Mines Department in Victoria must the blame be attached.

The Temperature.

The average temperature for the the last week, taken five times every 24 hours, from noon, Friday, 20th, to noon, Friday 27th inst, is as follows:

20th	30	above.
21st	21.6	"
22nd	9.8	"
23rd	25.2	"
24th	29	"
25th	22	"
26th	22	"
27th.	31	"

The highest recorded was 33 above on the 21st and the lowest 6 above during the night of the 22nd. The wind has been variable and strong from the S-E accompanied with snow.

Second Annual Meeting

OF THE

ATLIN DISTRCT BOARD OF TRADE

WILL BE HELD

On THURSDAY, January 9th, 1902,

AT THE

COURT HOUSE, ATLIN B.C.,

AT 8 P.M.

The Public is cordially invited.

Mortgagee's Sale.

NOTICE is hereby given that the "Zara," "Anna Leah," "Blackbird," "Lion," "Daisy" and "Jackie" placer claims, situated on Gold creek, Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District, B. C., will be sold by public auction, on January 11th, 1902, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Government Buildings, Atlin, B. C.

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