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No War News.

Special to the KOOTENAY MAIL.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—No news from the front; at least war office gave out that there was none at midnight for publication. Distinction with a difference.

The Boston & British Columbia

A special report on the Big Bend district, by W. H. Brewer, appeared in the Engineering & Mining Journal, December 2, last, in which the following appeared:—

"During the past year this section has been brought into an unenviable notoriety through the work of two promoters named George W. Beach and William Crosbie, who organized the Boston & British Columbia Mining and Smelting Company. During a recent trip to Revelstoke the writer took great pains to investigate thoroughly the workings of these promoters with regard to the organization of this company, and interviewed many leading citizens of Revelstoke who were entirely disinterested, as well as some who to some extent might be considered as interested parties. * * *

* * * They are a fairly good prospect; the development work on September 27th last, consisted of one tunnel 40 ft. long, with its mouth about 200 ft. below the summit of the hill; one tunnel with mouth about 50 ft. below the first, and somewhat longer than 40 ft., and another tunnel, apparently a cross-cut, which has been driven about 20 ft.; also a winze sunk below the floor of the first tunnel. At the mouth of the first tunnel, there was a limited quantity of ore on the dump, the tunnel having been run as a drift along the ore body. It was from such development that Mr. George W. Beach, who is described in the prospectus, as "the well known mining expert of British Columbia," made the following statement in his report to the board of directors, and published in the prospectus, "From actual measurement I have computed that there is 750,000 tons of copper ore in sight."

"It is hardly necessary to make any further reference to the other statements made in the prospectus, when this one fact has been considered. But accompanying the prospectus was a map which is entitled "sketch map showing approximate position of claims, and leads, also development work," "Sketch showing mines, ore-bins, aerial tramway," with a picture entitled "Smelter" appended, and a topographical map showing the Columbia River from the head of Arrow Lakes to Death Rapids, and the Big Bend District, generally. With the exception of the latter, it may be said that the sketch maps are pure and simple works of imagination, because as an actual matter of fact, no tramway, no ore-bins and no smelter exist. After a careful perusal of all the papers issued in connection with company's prospectus, the writer is astonished that any sane man would think of investing, because the statements, both individually and collectively, are so absurd that they stamp the scheme as "wild cat" on the face of them."

This week the MAIL received word from a gentleman in New York, stating that this company would shortly bring out a "report." This should prove interesting reading in Revelstoke. The gentleman also remarks: "I have never been able to learn anything satisfactory about this company, although I have been trying to do so since last April, and if they are such a company as reported, it does seem as though your government officials ought to take some action and prevent people being deceived. Their prospectus and other literature which was prepared to float their stock, is certainly alluring and deceptive."

In the same article Mr. Brewer has the following to say of the Carnes Creek Company:—

"The Carnes Creek Consolidated Gold Mines, Limited, with headquarters at Revelstoke, is pursuing a commendable policy, judging from their reports. The property owned by this company consists of eight adjoining mineral claims known as the Rosebery Group) located on Carnes Creek, 37 miles distant by trail from Revelstoke, also the Homestake mineral in the same vicinity, and a mill site. At the time of the publication of the report last march, there had been performed about 300 feet of drifting and cross cutting, besides some shaft work.

The report also contains a long list of assays made from time to time as the work progressed, which showed the values have varied from $17.50 per per ton in gold to $230 per ton in gold. The report also contains a certificate from W. Pellew-Harvey, of Vancouver, giving the results from the treatment of 350 lbs of coarse crushed arsenical pyrites, which were treated by amalgamation, followed by cyaniding. The values obtained are given as $22 in gold and 1 oz. silver per ton.

This company was organized in Revelstoke, and the writer was informed that most of the capital which has been expended was furnished by local men. The writer takes pleasure in drawing attention to the progress made by this company, because the company is apparently following the right lines to be pursued in developing mining propositions, and the results if satisfactory should prove very beneficial to the entire district. Indeed, there is no doubt that the work of this company will next year attract a good deal of attention from outsiders toward the Big Bend district, who will be very favorably impressed by the confidence exhibited by the local men.

GROCERIES.

Fancy and staple groceries the best. Pickles of every kind: Mixed Pickles, Plain Pickles, Sweet Pickles, Picalillie, Chow Chow, Mustard and Catsup, in bottles, jars and in bulk. All of the purest and best. Lowest prices on these goods.

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FRONT ST.

The Revelstoke Athletic Club.

The organizing committee met on Wednesday the 31st to report progress and feasibility of the above club and are so encouraged as to call a public meeting to-night at 8:30 o'clock sharp in the front hall over Opera House. All interested in sport are expected to attend.

J. McMaster, the flour man is again in town.

FIRE MEETING.

Regular Meeting of No. 1 Brigade Last Night.

At the regular monthly meeting of Brigade No. 1 last night there was a large attendance of members, and the question of the appointment of a chief was discussed at some length. It was apparent that the members of this brigade are in favor of the appointment of a chief for each brigade, to serve without salary. Several members of No. 2 company were present and it was decided to hold a joint meeting of the two companies Thursday evening in No. 1 hall to discuss the question. As the glass has been broken in at least one box, the city council will be asked to authorize the chief to offer a reward of $25 for the arrest and conviction of any person tampering with the system.

GRIP AND PASSWORD.

Floor Work.—S. O. E. B. S. Anuual Dinner.

The most important event in secret society circles recently was the annual dinner of Loyalty Lodge, Sons of England, while the other lodges have been drilling on floor work.

I. O. O. F.

Revelstoke lodge initiated one candidate Thursday night and conferred three first degrees, Bro. J. A. Stone, P. G., conferring them.

S. O. E. B. S.

The annual spread of Loyalty lodge took place Friday night, and the I. O. O. F. lodge room was well filled by sons and daughters of Old Albion, about sixty being present. After justice had been done to the excellent supper the floor wos cleared and dancing was indulged in till late. The

MENU:

Turkey and Cranberry Sauce.
Ham Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes and Green Peas
Lemon Pie Fruit Pie Raspberry Tart
Orange Jelly Pine Apple Jelly
Raspberry Jelly Vanilla Jelly
Assorted Cakes
Cream Cheese Celery
Apples Oranges Nuts Salted Almonds
Muscatels Dates Candies.
Tea Coffee

Following is the programme and toast list, President Taylor in the chair:

Toast—"The Queen and Royal Family."	
Violin Solo	Jas. Taylor
Song—"The Village Blacksmith"	J. Lee
Comic Song	H. Edwards
Song	A. R. B. Hearn
Song—"Union Jack"	H. Varnes
Toast—"The Ladies"	W. Mather
Song	T. Skinner
Recitation, "Ordered to the Front"—W. Watson	
Song	Jas. Gill
Piano Solo	R. Smythe
Toast—"Army and Navy"	Capt. Taylor
Song	Jas. Taylor
Song	Bro. Grogan
Song	F. Riches
Comic Song	S. Laurence
Toast—"The Press"	Messrs. Thompson and Grogan
Song	Capt. Taylor

"God Save the Queen."

Capt. T. E. L. Taylor, who has been the president of the lodge since its institution, was made the recipient of a handsome gift by the members of the lodge. It consisted of a solid silver ink stand, inscribed as follows:

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TUESDAY, FEB. 6, 1900.

THE wagon road resolution passed by the board of trade Thursday night is very misleading. Expert testimony does not go to show that the canyon is dangerous of navigation. Instead it all goes to show that it can be navigated with perfect safety, whenever it is possible to navigate any part of the river below 9-mile riffle. Many opinions of experienced river men can be quoted in support of this statement. The adverse opinion was that given by Joe. Genelle last spring, when he was also seeking the contract for completing the road. His supporters in this claim were also interested for obvious reasons in having the road completed. The opinion of every river man who has navigated the river in any kind of a craft, from a canoe to a steamer, is that the road will be useless except at the highest stage of water, and then the river is not navigable above the canyon. If this is so, and the weight of testimony goes to show that it is, the money the board of trade wishes to have expended in the completion of the road will be money lost. Would it not be better, though the MAIL is opposed to the principle, for the government to use the $4,000 required in completing the road, in bonusing a boat to run for four or five months of the year for several years. This would give ample transportation facilities, as far at least as can be secured short of a railway, for a long time to come. With a steamer running regularly, development work would proceed rapidly, and it is hoped that in a few years there would be enough business in sight to justify the building of a railway into the Band.

The board of trade now appears to be under perfect control of a small party who are determined to work its name for all it is worth, politically. Recently many members have resigned for this reason. They are now pointing to the three resolutions passed at the last meeting of the board as furnishing proof of their contention, claiming that politics was responsible for their introduction and passage. The absurdity of the position taken by the board is very evident. One resolution asks for an appropriation for the wagon road, and at the same time condemns Mr. Kellie for his "interference." Without Mr. Kellie's sanction the item will probably not be placed in the estimates, and certainly cannot be allowed without his consent. The other resolution asked for special legislation. It not only denounces Mr. Kellie but the government as well for certain appointments. The board is in the unenviable position of asking favors of the local member and the government and deliberately insulting them in the asking.

The suggestion made by Ald. Abrahamson in regard to a central fire hall was a very good one and should be acted on by the city government before any expensive additions or repairs are made to No. 1 hall. The recent fires have convinced everybody of the utter uselessness of the fire alarm system with a brigade in each end of the town, especially when no one sleeps in the halls. It is not now too late to consider the proposition of moving the new fire hall to the centre of the town and do away with No. 1 hall. If this is done, a team purchased, which can be used every day in city work, the teamster required to sleep at the hall, comfortable quarters fitted up for a few men, a thoroughly efficient fire department will be on hand at any time. The expense of moving the hall, organizing the new force of fire fighters, and maintaining the two brigades. It is hoped that the council will take the matter up at once before any further expense is entailed upon the city for something which is of little value.

THE PASSING OF THE SHIPS.

The stately ship, and the brig, and the bark
In the harbor at anchor ride;
They've naught to do but swing back and forth
With the ebb and the flood of the tide.
They all in their time have made many a trip
To lands far away from home;
They have seen the ocean as smooth as glass
And have seen it lashed to a foam.
But now, alas, they at anchor ride,
Like everything else out of date;
They've naught to do but swing back and forth
At anchor, for such is fate!
The Goddess of Progress has cast them aside
For a newer and better scheme
Of plying the seas, for don't you know
That this is the age of steam?
So Mistress Progress said to the ships:
"I'm sorry, but what can I do?
For each ocean greyhound has taken the place
Of twenty such hulks as you."
So, while the greyhounds plow the seas,
The ships at anchor ride,
With nothing to do but swing back and forth
With the ebb and flood of the tide.
—Theodore L. Snelling in Boston Transcript.

KNOWING.

One summer day to a young child I said,
"Write to thy mother, boy." With earnest face
And laboring fingers all unused to trace
The mystic characters, he bent his head
(That should have danced amid the flowers instead.
Over the blurred page for a half hour's space,
Then, with a sigh that burdened all the place,
Cried, "Mamma knows!" and out to sunshine sped.
O soul of mine, when tasks are hard and long
And life so crowds thee with its stress and strain
That thou, half fainting, art too tired to pray,
Drink then this wine of blessing and be strong!
God knows! What though the lips be dumb with pain,
Or the pen drops? He knows what thou wouldst say.
—Julia C. R. Dorr in New York Mail and Express.

CHEERFUL EDITORS.

If some one or a dozen want to pay their subscription to The Journal with coins, now is the time—$1 a half.—Wakefield (Neb.) Journal.

The editor moved into John Graham's residence this week, where he will be glad to receive wood, chickens, hay, corn, oats, pumpkins or even money on subscription to The Enterprise.—Onward Enterprise.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that D. Stamper is no longer connected with the International Brotherhood of Railway Bridgeman in any way, and further the International Brotherhood of Railway Bridgemen will not be responsible for any debts he may contract in its name after this date.

THOS. GILLESPIE, Master.
DANIEL FRASER, Secy.,
Division Lodge No. 1.

January 29th, 1900.

ASSESSMENT ACT AND REVENUE TAX ACT.

REVELSTOKE DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the statutes that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1900. All the above named taxes collectible within the Revelstoke Division of West Kootenay District are payable at my office, the court house, Revelstoke.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:

If paid on or before the 30th day of June, 1900:

Three-fifths of one per cent on real property.

Two and one-half per cent on the assessed value of wild land.

One-half of one per cent on personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

If paid on or after 1st July, 1900:—

Four-fifths of one per cent on real property.

Three per cent, on the assessed value of wild land.

Three-fourths of one per cent on personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.

Provincial revenue tax, three dollars per capita.

H. N. COURSIER,
Assessor and Collector.

Revelstoke, B. C., January 30th, 1900. 3t

NOTICE.

In the Estate of Donald Morrison deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of Donald Morrison late of Trout Lake City, B. C., Free Miner, who died on or about the 16th February, 1898, near Trout Lake City, intestate, are required to send to the undersigned on or before the first February, 1900, at Revelstoke, full particulars of such claims duly verified, and that after said date the undersigned will proceed to distribute the estate of the said deceased among those of whose claims he shall then have had notice.

And notice is also hereby given that sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up till noon on the 1st February, 1900, for the purchase of all the interest which the said Donald Morrison had at the time of his death in those certain mineral claims known as the "North Star" and "Mount Royal" Mineral claims situate on Silver Cup Mountain near Fergusion, B. C., such interest being an undivided one-half interest in said claims.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 1900.

H. N. COURSIER,
Gold Commissioner, Revelstoke District.

Kootenay Lodge No. 13 A.F. & A.M.

The regular meetings are held in the Masonic Temple, Bourne Hall, on the third Monday in each month at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed.

H. J. PRATT, SECRETARY.

REVELSTOKE LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 25.

Regular meetings are held in Oddfellows' Hall every Thursday night at eight o'clock. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed.

T. J. GRAHAM, N.G. E. A. KETTLESON, Sec.

SELKIRK LODGE, NO. 12, I. O. O. F.

Meets every Tuesday evening in Oddfellows' Hall at 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend.

B. HANBURY, N. G. W. MATHIE, Sec.

COURT MT. BEGBIE I. O. F, No. 3361.

Meets in the Oddfellow Hall on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Visiting brethren invited to attend.

R. D. J. C. JOHNSON, C. R. C. W. MITCHELL, R. S.

Gold Range Lodge, K. of P., No. 26, Revelstoke, B.C.

Meets every Wednesday in Odd Fellows' Hall at 8 o'clock. Visiting Knights invited.

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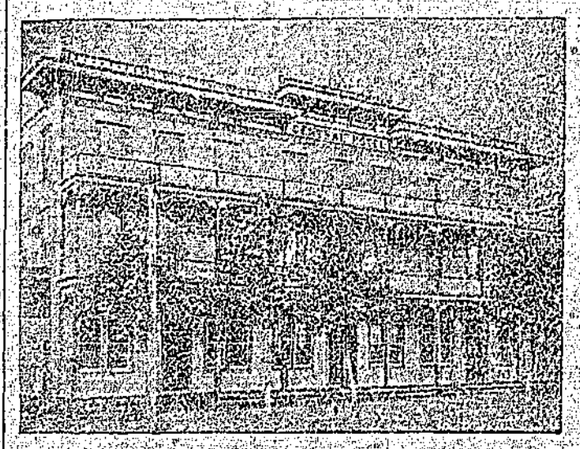

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A LA MODE.

In direct contract to black and many of the fashionable somber colors are red cloths, serges and camel's hair goods.

Great favor is still shown to jackets, overdresses and skirt decorations shaped with curving effects and scalloped edges.

Among novel styles in trimming which have appeared fur is used to emphasize and enrich the floral and other designs on lace or net.

French milliners continue to use the wings of birds in profusion, the entire bird appearing on many of the newly imported models.

Blue is certainly one of the dominant colors now in vogue, for it is blue in every tint and tone, for day or evening wear. It ranges from deepest "Dewey," or admiral, blue to the palest hyacinth and lavender dyes.

Not a few of the long, graceful enveloping French redingotes and Newmarkets are belted around the entire waist. A few are belted from the underarm seams across the back and still others from these seams across the front.

Fancy satin or cloth medallions, lattice and scroll designs in openwork mohair and other silky wool braids, chenille, bits of fur and silk cord, all in new applique effects, are very fashionable used as a garniture for stylish cloth costumes.

Combinations of materials and colors in one gown appear to be quite as fashionable as they have been for many seasons past despite the reports which came early in the season to the effect that new autumn gowns were to be formed of a single material and dye.

Polka dotted velvets were worn a year ago as hat and bonnet fabrics or trimmings. This season they are similarly employed, but they likewise appear among the fancy coats and jacket bodices, drap skirts, skirt decorations and the new shirt waists or blouses trimmed with satin bands the color of the dot in the velvet.

A DOZEN LOVE STORIES.

A New York woman had her sweetheart arrested for theft and then married him.

A St. Louis woman pretended to be her husband's sister and let him marry another woman.

The divored wife of a Jersey City man is now a cook in the employ of her ex-husband's second wife.

In spite of the strict rules of celibacy in the Amana colony, two members fell in love and were married.

W. B. Pile married Mrs. Vanliewan in Independence, Kan. It was her fifth trip to the altar and his third.

While dressing for her wedding, a Vienna woman learned of the groom's death. Three days later she married another man.

A Newbury (N. Y.) girl remained faithful while her sweetheart served a nine years' term in jail and married him on his release.

An Australian sent his sweetheart money to buy her passage from England. On her way over she fell in love with a passenger and married him.

While in bathing at Atlantic City, a man proposed and was accepted, and a preacher being on the beach they were married in their bathing suits.

While a London church was on fire a bridal party entered and insisted upon being wed, so the parson tied the knot while the edifice was in flames.

For 15 years Herman Reder of New York had courted Jennie Skaidowski. The day was set, but one day before it she married his younger brother.

A Napoleon (O.) couple were married recently after an engagement which extended unbroken over a period of 60 years. The man is 80, and the woman is 72 years old.

WAYS OF WOMEN.

When a girl begins to talk about her soul, it makes you think that her stomach is out of order.—New York Telegram.

A Kansas woman in Butler county has managed a 450 acre farm for ten years and has saved $20,000. This is printed merely to show what a woman can do when not handicapped with a husband.—Denver Post.

A woman expects a man to work all day to buy her one of the new style dresses that drag all over the street and then sympathize with her all evening because she has to work so hard sewing strips on the bottom.—New York Press.

When the last judgment is half over, we shall see some woman who had been sitting for hours beside a reflecting pool adjusting her skeleton serenely walking up the aisle between the sheep and the goats and assuring every one she had no notion it was so late.—Exchange.

It has long been scientifically demonstrated that a woman cannot throw a stone straight. It now appears that she steers an automobile the way she throws a stone. There are awful possibilities in the near future. A wabbly bike can be dodged by an athletic sprinter, but a wabbly automobile has a horror all its own.—New York Press.

THE TRUST QUESTION.

Following the example of diamonds, beef and other valuable things, eggs are now rising rapidly in the scale of prices. Can it be possible that a hen trust has been organized?—Chicago News.

An indiscriminate war upon corporations because some corporations have formed trusts is madness. What sort of a state would Indiana be today without a railroad? Yet, without corporations, it would have been impossible to build five miles of railroad.—Indianapolis Journal.

The price of coal is advancing. The causes, of course, are strikes and "lack of transportation facilities." The only trouble with this explanation is that the price is going up at a uniform rate all over the country. Does this look like natural supply and demand or just plain trust?—Indianapolis News.

ANIMAL ODDITIES.

After an ant battle victors will often be seen running about with the head of a dead ant fastened by its mandibles to their legs or bodies.

The Argentine locust has a habit of moving forward like an army in line and gathering together in bunches instead of scattering like true grasshoppers.

A veterinary surgeon of Faribault, S. D., has a novelty in the shape of a wonderful pacing dog. So far as is known this is the only instance on record of a pacing dog, though a trotting dog is not unheard of.

MEN OF MARK.

Martin B. Glynn of Albany is the youngest member of the Fifty-sixth congress, being only 26 years old.

Alexander Henderson of Syracuse has acted as pallbearer at the funeral of 172 of his friends during the last 50 years.

Thomas A. Edison works in overalls and blouse, and visitors to his laboratory usually mistake him for one of the workmen.

Sir Robert Rawlinson, K. C. B., is the only man who was ever knocked out of the saddle by a cannon ball without being killed.

General Miles' seal ring, which is shown in all his half length portraits upon the third finger of his left hand, is of a black onyx stone bearing in monogram the initials "N. A. M."

Emanuel Lasker, the chess champion of the world, is but 31 years old. He comes of a family of players, and his brother, a Berlin physician, is one of the strongest in Germany.

Ex-Senator George F. Hamlin of Kansas is the son of Europe Hamlin and had three uncles whose names were Asia, Africa and America. Vice President Hannibal Hamlin was the son of Africa.

Collis P. Huntington always wears when at work an ordinary black silk traveling cap. This he dons at once upon removing his hat, and his clerks have a story that no man in his employ has ever seen him bareheaded.

The Rev. Herman Augustus Gerdsen, to whose unremitting efforts is largely due the success of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, has held the position of chancellor for three years. Under his guidance the Chautauqua work has greatly developed.

William L. Elkins, who is at the head of the great syndicate controlling the street railway and gas privileges of a large number of cities, began life as an errand boy in a grocer's store. Mr. Elkins is a native of West Virginia and was born in 1832.

Ex-Secretary John G. Carlisle when preparing a case or a speech mechanically plays solitaire. He will begin sometimes early in the evening and be at the game until long after midnight. Although his mind is on the more serious matter, he rarely makes a misplay.

The terrible scar on the cheek of General Guy V. Henry was received in the Sioux uprising of 1873. "When I was fighting the Indians," he explains, "I was wounded and fell from my horse. The savages didn't seem to think much of my scalp, and so they took my cheek."

Hogarth and Wringe, the Shamrock's skippers, are men just a little over 30 years old, and yet both men have been sailing in class matches for several years. Hogarth has had charge of most of Fairlie's successful boats, and Wringe made another boat of the Ailsa when he took her over from Jay.

Samuel M. Jones, better known as "the golden rule mayor of Toledo," is a native of Wales, born at Ty Mawr on Aug. 3, 1846. His parents came to this country when he was only 3 years old. When a boy of 18, he drifted to the oil regions of Pennsylvania, and in 1893 he made a fortune out of a patent sucker rod.

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It is well enough to give hens oily food when they are in a low condition or are debilitated from the attacks of lice.

The heavy sitters should have shallow nest boxes and rather flat nests; otherwise there will be many broken eggs.

Generally the pullet that begins to lay earliest in life is the one that will lay the largest number of eggs through life.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

J. P. Kennedy is in from Illecillewaet this week.

F. Ahlin & Co., grocers, have sold their business to A. N. Smith.

George and Robert Chapman, Arrowhead, were registered at the Central Saturday.

N. Abrahamson came up from the Springs Saturday, and went in to the Lake the next day.

Revelstoke has drawn against Vernon for the first game in the hockey tournament at the Rossland carnival.

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Jas. W. Vail had a slight attack of appoplexy Saturday morning. He has now so far recovered as to be able to leave his room.

Chas. Tompkins came up before the beak yesterday and will do 30 days or pay into the city treasury $10 and costs for drunk and disorderly.

S. Hill is in the city, at the Central. Mr. Hill is disposing of his interests in Galena Bay, and will probably leave for Atlin about March 1.

For coughs and colds, one of the very best remedies is syrup of White Pine and Tar. Made and sold only at the Canada Drug & Book Co.

Volunteers for Strathcona's Horse are coming into town on every train. Comaplix and Trout Lake country is well represented in the would be sons of Mars.

It is reported that Jas. Gill has applied for enlistment in the troops now enlisting for African service and that his application has been accepted by Col. Steele.

If your furniture is scratched and looks old, just get a bottle of Furniture Cream. It will make it look like new. Sold only by the Canada Book & Drug Co.

The Revelstoke Club is now comfortably installed in the rooms in the east end of the Central Hotel. It is well furnished with chairs, tables and reading matter. The billiard table is now in place as well as the card tables in the small rooms.

If you want to get fat drink Long's Dublin Stout and ale, recommended by the medical profession. Orders left with Mr. Paget's express or by mail will have prompt attention. Goods delivered free.—J. E. Long, Revelstoke Station.

A couple Finlanders came in from Sicamous yesterday and apparently had considerable business at the court house. They finally left with a satisfied expression on their faces. One of them could not speak English but he gleefully showed the reporter a license for Jaacob Latanaje and Soppija Yisela to wed. The ceremony will be performed by a Finnish clergyman some time this month.

A special collection will be taken in the Presbyterian church next Sunday night for the purpose of making good the loss, about $40, sustained by the church in the Union hotel fire. Those contributing will kindly place their contributions in an envelope marked "special contribution."

During the snow storm yesterday afternoon a wire crossed the fire alarm wire and turned in an alarm from Box 6, at the Imperial Bank. Within a minute Brigade No. 1 was on its way up town with the hose sleigh, and at the foot of the hill impressed the Chinese scavenger's horse. The Chinaman wanted to stop in front of the MAIL office and would go no further. He was promptly chucked out and the firemen took possession. On reaching McKenzie avenue it was discovered that it was a false alarm. The alarm showed that Brigade No. 1 can certainly make good time.

SCHOOL REPORT

For January, Very Satisfactory.—Increased Attendance.

An examination of the report of the Revelstoke schools for the first month of the year shows a gratifying condition in our local temple of learning. A comparison with the report for the same month last year shows the big advance made. In January, '99, there were enrolled 135 pupils and the average attendance was 105. This year the enrollment for January was 251, and the average attendance 192. There are but five divisions in the school, so that the average number of pupils for each teacher was a fraction over 38.

DIVISION I.

Senior Fifth.—Bessie Lawson, Edna Knowlton, Ghart Graham.

Junior Fifth.—Flora Palmer, Edna Neild, Joe Hooley.

Fourth.—Maud Hyatt, Pearl Robinson, Mary Edwards.

ALBERT SULLIVAN.

DIVISION II.

Senior Third.—Grace Somes, Winnie Daniels, Fred Urquhart.

Junior Third.—Percy Dunne, Hazel Buck, Nellie Daniels.

Second Reader.—Harold Burridge, Kathleen Fraser, Raymond Fenser.

DIVISION III.

Senior Second.—Jessie Ainslie, Charlie Turnross, Gordon Woodhouse.

Junior Second.—Harry Varnes, Annie Palmer, Gertie Lawson.

First Reader.—Maggie Daniels, Harold Guerin, Rose Match.

Second Primer.—Ted Guerin, Jackie Sibbald, May Campbell.

DIVISION IV.

Second Primer.—Thomas Wilkinson, Gertrude Dent, Jennie Hyatt.

Second Primer A.—Allie Bain, Lucy McCarthy, George Woolsey.

First Primer.—Cecil Buck, Elsie Hooley, Emma Allen.

B. Primer.—John McCrury, Tannis Patrick, William Gallicano.

DIVISON V.

Class IV.—Rheta Johnson, Eddie Hyatt, George Campbell.

Class III.—Edna Bruce, Jennie Kernaghan, Eva Doyle, May Manning.

Class II.—Howard McNabb, Ernest McMahon, Charlie Williams, Leonard Woodhouse, Bert Donnelly.

Class I.—Reggie Woolsey, Edgar Bruce, Earle Dickie.

The Story of The Session

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31.

If there was some dissapointment of interest exhibited at the going over of the want of confidence motions, Hon. Dr. McKechnie restored it somewhat by introducing his coal mines regulation act for second reading. Exception is taken by several to the clauses directed at Chinese labor because not being allowed by imperial authorities to expressly prohibit Asiatics in name it applies an educational test which would prohibit European foreigners as well. The "doctor" offered however, to introduce an amendment in committee allowing the inspector of mines to permit any miners now employed to remain so for 12 months to understand the rules laid down for safety in mines. A debate arose upon it which will be continued to-morrow.

THURSDAY

Todays' session was remarkable only as it will not go with the government. Session adjourned till to-morrow, not holding a night session out of respect for the death of Robert Dunsmuir, whose large estate will be greatly effected by the act under discussion.

FRIDAY

The Railway and private bills committee are pushing their work and have it all in hand. The mining committee is not likely to make any radical change in mining laws as the mining members are apparently opposed to tinkering with the act. Delegations galore on every conceivable matter in heaven above and the earth beneath are interviewing the Government. Opposition developed against the introduction of Kellie's shorthaired bill but the member for Revelstoke forced a decision and carried the first reading by a large majority. Turner and Martin's resolutions of want of confidence were withdrawn. Government pulse normal, no symptoms of fever.

The Municipal Council

The anticipated objections to Mr. Peterson sitting as a representative for the third ward failed to materialize, and Friday night every seat at the council table was filled.

A report on the Union hotel fire was received from Chief Saunders.

The Big Bend wagon road resolution from the board of trade was read and endorsed by the council. It was endorsed solely because the resolution claimed that Big Bend transportation would be improved by building the road.

The resolution from the board recommending the repeal of the insurance companies was read and laid over.

As no reply had been received from the provincial government re the recommendation for police magistrate, and no notification had been received that Mr. Lewis had received the appointment, the resolution from the board of trade in re this matter was laid over.

The services of Geo. S. McCarter was retained as city solicitor, at a salary of $500 per annum.

With the passing of several bills the council adjourned.

Card of Thanks.

I wish hereby to extend my sincere thanks to all who so kindly assisted in fighting the flames as well as in removing furniture at time my residence was destroyed, especially to the members of the two fire brigades.

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72 " twill	35c.	"	27½c.
1 pair Huckaback towels	35c.	"	25c.
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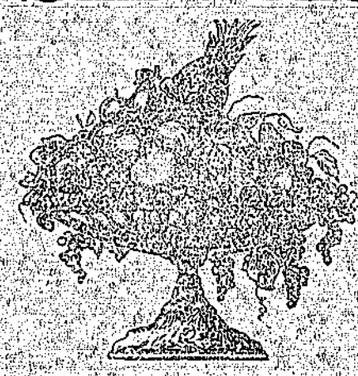

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