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The Miner.

THE ORES ARE HIGH-GRADE IN GOLD, SILVER, COPPER AND LEAD.

WHOLE NUMBER 240 Nelson, British Columbia, Saturday, December 28, 1895. PRICE FIVE CENTS.

METAL QUOTATIONS.

NEW YORK.

Dec.—	23	24	26	—
SILVER	66¼	66¼	66¼	
LEAD	3.10	3.10	3.10	

Lines down on other days, 25th a holiday.

COPPER.

Liverpool, Dec. 27, 1895.

The effect of the large decrease of 1,502 tons in the public stocks of Copper in England and France during the past month has been neutralized by the large offerings of American Copper of all kinds at very low prices—a consignment of about 9.65 cents per lb. having been accepted for Electrolytic. So long as the conditions, we cannot look for any permanent improvement in the market. Although the representatives of a number of large producing Companies have sold very freely for some time past, other large Producers appear to have sold but little and will now probably have to accept still lower prices.

James Lewis & Sons Circular.

ORE SHIPMENTS.

	TONS
VIA KASLO.	
Dec. 16-17—Slocan Star to Everett	15
Dec 17—Payne Group "	2½
Dec 18—Slocan Star "	17
Rueccau "	1
American Boy "	1
Deadman to Smelter, Mont	1
Dec 19—Northern Belle	1
Slocan Star to Everett	15
Dec 20—Noble Five "	15
Deadman to Smelter, Mont	1½
Dec 21—Slocan Star to Everett	15
Dec 23—Noble Five "	15
Last Chance "	20
American Boy "	14
Slocan Star "	15
VIA NAKUSP.	
Dec 10—Alamo to Omaha	20
Rueccau to Everrett	15
Slocan Star "	20
Dec 14—Alamo to Omaha	20
Idaho "	20
—Slocan Star to Everett	20
Dec 15—Idaho to Omaha	20
Ira White to Pilot Bay	3
Dec 17—Slocan Star to Everett	40
Idaho to Omaha	20
Dec 21 " "	40
Dec 23 " "	40
Total	582½

Total Shipments Since June, 1895.

	TONS
Nelson	211½
Ainsworth	1124
Trail Creek (gold ore)	13,905
Slocan via Nakusp	2,481½
Slocan via Kaslo	1,382½
Blue Bell to Pilot Bay	22,101
Total	41,235½

Shipments from Trail Creek mines are stopped owing to there being no snow on the lower roads.

BULLION SHIPMENTS.

	TONS
Already reported since June, 1895	2020
Dec. 21-26—Pilot Bay to Aurora	100
Total	2,120

MINING TRANSFERS.

ROSSLAND.

December 2—

Knight Templar—T L Burbridge, A H Symons and T D Waters to W T C Wakefield, $5.

Grouse, Etna, Tip Top No. 4, Alto, Alpha, Orizaba, Alice No 3, Phœnix, Esparanza, Helen, International—A M Symons, L Burbridge, A M Burbridge, T C Haus, S D Waters to W J C Wakefield. $5.

April Fool—W S Erslow, John Decker, E T Kelly and Hamfield to C M Cowper-Coles, $2,000

December 3—

R E Lee—R T Daniel to M B Nolan, $5,000.

Alabama, Sunset, Gold Hunter—S Nelson to Kamloops Mining and Developing Company, ½ in each, $2,000.

Greenwood—Chas S Pearce to A A McKenzie $100.

Golden Crown and Island Belle—Alex Nelson to John Earl, 1-6 in each, $1.

December 4—

Boulder and Albany—S T Golaham to John Earl, 1-6 in eaca, $1.

Zilar—Wm Perdue to John Burns and John C McKay, ½, $1.

Zilar—John Burns to Wm Perdue, ½, $150.

Cœur d'Alene—M A Balcwin to T D Sears, ⅛, $1

Midnight—W H Williamson to T D Hughes, $500.

December 5—

Almo—John Elliott to George C Munroe and Thomas Harrington, $1.

H and T C—C E Waterhouse to P T Kelly, $1.

December 6—

British Columbia No 1, and H and T C—P T Kelly to John Edgreen and Joe Vogel, $20.

Ida May—John Rosshorn to Jacob Currie, ⅛, $1

Camp Bride ¼, and Consolation ¼—Charles Crossman to A B Railton, $1.

December 7

Edna—John Shanahan to Thos M Stack, ¼, $1

Major—John Shanahan to Thos M Stack, ¼, $1

Maggie No 3—A B Acorn to H McCutchson, ¼ $1.

Dixie—Sam W Hayes to Dixie Mining Co., $5,000.

British Columbia—A W Carter to W M F Tye. $500.

Montana No 2—Ross Thompson to Wm F Tye $500.

NAKUSP.

December 11—

Wild Cat, Grey Eagle, Lucky Jack, Redman, Half Moon, Kate Hayes, Raccoon, Baby Elephant, Mountain Rat and Buckeye—J Bate, J Henderson, R Hutchison and S Bate to G G Smith, 1-5 in each, $5.

December 14—

Bismark—John G Devlin to Thos Devlin, ½, $350.

Marion—Charles Harrington and A J Bostwick to S B Hendee and B C Van Houten, ½, $1

KASLO.

December 2—

Kaslo No 3—Charlotte Henderson to M D Clement, ½, $1,

December 4—

Little Pittsburg—A D Wheeler to M R Luther, $1.

Katie—Wm La Trace to Mrs A A McKinnon and Mrs. Frank Fitch, ½, $1.

December 5—

Phœnix—J A Comer to A Adams, ½, $1.

December 6—

Iron Hand—Thos McGovern to W H Franklin to Hall Mines Co., $1,500.

December 7—

No 27—Dan D Young to A L White, $400.

Sunday Sun—John Fitzgerald to Margaret A Clifford, ½, $150.

Dec 12—

Boots—M Luther to S Weise, ½, $1.

NEW DENVER.

November 25—

Franklin No 8—F Provost to J Cameron, ½, $250

Same—F Provost to M Regan, ½, $250.

Ivanhoe and Elgin—F Cox to Minnesota Silver Company Limited, $1.

Alturas—A D Wilson to W J McMillan, ½, $1

November 28—

Legal Tender—E C Peace to C Freeman, ½, $1

November 30—

Little Queen—F Sexton to G O Foss, J A McDonell and L Crissman, $1.

December 4—

Butte—J R Gates to J T Foley, $1.

Butte—J T Foley to J R Cameron, ½, $500.

La Planto—Bruce White to Byron White Company, $200.

Tip Top No 3—A Boder to R E Lemon, ½, $1,

Windsor—B White to Br'n N White Co. $100

Washington Fraction—A S Beebe to J L Retallack, ½, $250.

Keystone and Exeter 1-6, St Keverne and O B H ½—M Landridan to J H O'Leary, $1,

Currie—J C Durrie to J L Drumheller, $5.

Queen Bess—J H Moran to W Glynn.

December 7—

Lillian—M Landrigan to J A Whittier, ½, $100

Group I Mill Site—N D Moore to Slocan Milling Co $20,000.

NEW LOCATIONS.

NAKUSP.

December 11—

Red Bird—John Henderson, east of Lower Arrow Lake.

Stanley—S B Hendee and A J Bostwick, south of Half Moon on Lower Arrow Lake.

Kootenay—John Henderson, north of Baby Elephant on Lower Arrow Lake.

KASLO.

December 12—

Revenue—S Weise, ½ mile n w of Ainsworth

December 13—

Pleasure Trip—David Good, 4 miles from the Kootenay River.

Kootenay Star—John Redding, same.

December 14—

Lucky Ben—B Bowdler, ½ mile east Blue Bell

Omaha—W Howser, formerly Little Pittsburg

THE WEATHER.

A considerable quantity of snow fell during the week, with high gales and a rapid thaw yesterday succeeded by a sharp frost.

THERMOMETER.

Dec. 22—Max	36°	Min 12°
" 23—	37°	21°
" 24—	41°	23
" 25—	27°	22°
" 26—	34°	23°
" 27—	40°	20°
" 28—	40°	19°

These readings are taken at 9 a. m. and consequently represent the highest and lowest temperature during the preceding 24 hours.

AN AMERICAN ON BRITISH INSTITUTIONS.

In these days when the greater part of the press of the United States can not find anything to bad to say about Great Britain it is pleasant to find one of the leading men in America, no less a man than the Hon. Jtstice Field, of the Supreme Court of the United States, speaking as follows. Mr. Field is a man who is respected throughout the world for his honesty and uprightness and fortunately he is in a position to say what he thinks without having to truckle for votes. Mr. Field recently passed through Canada, and a long account of an interview with him appears in the Montreal Daily Witness. In reply to a remark by the correspondent, who observed, "You have beaten us in the race for population" the judgesaid, "There were special reasons for that. But you are bound to prosper. Greatness will come in time. It always does where England plants her foot; and that not because of her might, but for a nobler reason. Wherever England plants her foot she at once establishes order; she makes laws; she protects life and property. And those who place themselves under that flag stay under it, assured that they can sit under their own vine and fig tree. That is the secret of the British Empire—that it stands for order, for the sacredness of human life, for protection of every interest, however humble. You have a great country and are part of a mighty empire. When I think of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and this great country to the north of us, I am filled with wonder." "Do you think this unweildy empire will last?" "Justice and righteousness will make it last," replied the venerable old judge. "These form the cement which binds nations together. If they are absent no nation can prosper. It may appear to be great for a time, but it will eventually go down in ruin. England's rule, in the main, is for justice and righteousness, and therefore I would safely predict permance for her great empire."

Speaking of the relations between Britain and the United States, the judge said: "The only rivalry between the two countries, enlightened and tolerant, will be an industrial rivalry of which we cannot have too much. The English-speaking people, whether American or British, understand justice and will eventually do right. It is not their genius to do other. If there be irritation it will pass away; local acerbities will vanish. We are growing out of localism; we are taking the larger view." "Whether Canada will go on to nationhood," said the judge, in answer to another question, "or become a part of the United States, who can tell? One thing is certain—Canada can never be coerced to join us. No sane person would think of such a thing. If, after carefully considering the problem, both countries agree that it would be best to obliterate the imaginary boundary line and to become one, then I think their desires could be accomplished. But it is madness to talk of coercion. The day of force is over. We are having, and will have, more and more, the reign of wisdom; and it will be wisdom and good feeling which will ultimately determine this matter."

THE MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

The Premier of Manitoba has declared that his government is not prepared to introduce the separate school system as a means of settling the burning question of that province. The matter is, therefore, in statu quo, and a deadlock is imminent. The Dominion authorities decide that Manitoba must have separate schools. Manitoba refuses to obey. Consequently Mr. Clarke Wallace resigns and all the Orangemen of Canada are "up for Manitoba."

THE NELSON HOSPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MINER.

Sir:—I shall be glad to know whether all the persons who promised various sums to the Hospital have paid up their subscriptions and also whether any amounts are owing from paying patients who have been treated.

"A SUBSCRIBER."

LOCAL NEWS.

Next year, 1896, being leap year, is a dangerous one for bachelors.

Sir Joseph Trutch, chairman of the Hall Mines Company, is expected in town next week.

Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Co. have just received a carload of window glass and one of Scotch and Irish whiskies.

The Rossland Prospector has issued a Christmas number which is a credit to the journal and to the town and district.

Application is to be made to Parliament for an act extending the time within which the B. C. Southern Railway Co. may complete its undertaking.

The captains of the various steamboats report worse weather on the lake during the last fortnight than they have ever known previously for such a long period.

The Church of England Christmas tree for the little ones will be held on Tuesday next and on the following day, January 1, there will be one in the Presbyterian church.

Work on the skating rink has been rapidly pushed forward and as the weather seems to have settled down to a steady frost, every thing will be ready by the first. Season tickets price $5.00 each are now on sale.

The wedding of Dick Gallup and Miss McKenzie came off at Balfour on Monday last. Guests from all over the district had been invited and upwards of 60 were present. Messrs. McPhail of Kaslo and Fred Irvine of Nelson acted as best men and the Misses Gallup as bridesmaids.

From the list of ore shipments this week it will be noticed that the season has begun. The Rueccau, Good Enough, Last Chance, American Boy, besides the Slocan Star are all swelling the volume of exports. The Ruth is shipping to Pilot Bay.

We have received the Christmas number of the British Columbia Mining Record. It contains many illustrations some of which appear to be old friends. There is a great deal of information about mining matters in this province which will be useful to people at a distance.

On January 1st a theatrical company of superior class will visit Nelson and play four nights in the Fire Hall, opening with C. M. Green's highly successful play "Destiny." The company, which numbers eight persons, has been touring throughout the Northwest and has been well received everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan MacArthur, of Winnipeg visited Nelson, Rossland and Revelstoke this week. Mr. MacArthur is interested in the Revelstoke smelter. He thinks the government should continue the work of rip rapping the Columbia River at once. He was much gratified at the progress of the country since his last visit about a year ago, and hopes to return in the spring. Mr. and Mrs. MacArthur left for Winnipeg, via Spokane.

The Christmas entertainment for the children of the Methodist church Sabbath school was held on Thursday evening last. A stereopticon exhibition, consisting of a number of Scriptural views, was given by the pastor of the church, after which the presents provided for the occasion were taken from the Christmas tree and distributed among the children. The entertainment was a decided success.

The firm of Simpson & Co. recently imported some ducks from Manitoba and some of these were sold to Mrs. Morris, who has a store at the corner of Ward and Baker Streets. On being opened the gizzards of some of these ducks were found to contain gold in considerable quantities. Certain flakes which were shown us were worth perhaps ten cents. It is by no means an unusual thing to find gold in the crops of ducks that feed in auriferous waters, but Manitoba does not contain many of these and it would be interesting to find out where these birds came from.

The youngest of Mr. Farley's boys had a narrow escape from death the other day. He was tobogganing down the alley way that turns up Ward street at the telegraph office corner. That alley way ends as everyone knows on the bridge, and is there only an open railing to prevent people going right over. The little fellow came flying down the steep slope at a great pace and being unable to stop himself plunged literally head first over the bridge. The fall is fully 20 feet and fortunately there was a heap of soft snow there or the child would certainly have been killed. As it was he got up and complained that he had hurt his ear!

THE SMELTER.

As far as the works are concerned everything will be ready by Wednesday. In fact it is practically ready now but some delay will ensue on account of the non-arrival of some pipes and other fittings that should have come to hand some time ago.

The railway has been in working order for some days and many heavy loads of machinery have already been hauled up.

We are glad to report too that the tramway has been working fairly satisfactorily during the past week. The new pulleys are on the way and when they arrive it is expected that the affair will run smoothly.

The company has built a substantial wagon bridge across the canyon to facilitate the haulage of freight that arrives over the N. & F. S Ry.

THE BUREAU OF MINES.

Professor Carlyle the Provincial Mineralogist is expected to arrive about the end of the month, and a course of lectures will be commenced as soon as possible. Mr. Carlyle will lecture on mining, Mr. H. Carmichael on chemistry and Mr. Pellew-Harvey on metallurgy. A fee of $10 for the course will be charged. We presume that these lectures are to be held in Victoria so that presently we shall have our friends from the Coast coming up here to teach us all about mining.

CHRISTMAS AT NELSON.

If any body comes to Nelson under the impression that the sole articles of merchandise dealt in are pick handles, mackinaw coats, canned salmon and other usual contents of a frontier store, an inspection of the various shops this week would at once dispel the illusion. Mines have a reputation for always being willing to pay for the best and the storekeepers of Nelson are alive to the fact.

It is somewhat beyond our province to enter into a description of female attire; but judging from the dresses of the fair sex to be seen on the streets, in the churches, at concerts and dances the establishments of A. T. Garland and Fred Irvine & Co., are fully equal to supplying our women kind with all the requirements of the latest fashions. The same stores cater also for men in rivalry with Gilker & Wells, whose "Post Office" store seems never to be without a customer in it. People who have more time and require a little more style than can be got out of ready made clothes naturally go to F. J. Squire who has always on hand a large stock of excellent cloths and tweeds. As men will have tailors, so ladies require dressmakers and consequently we find many of these in Nelson. There seems to be a continual stream of customers to Mrs. McLaughlin's on Josephine street, and again to judge by the effect, ladies find there the things that their hearts delight in, and the establishments of Miss Hogan, Miss Scanlan and Mrs. Short seeem to have a liberal patronage. The question of footwear is at all times an important one in this country. The climate and the occupation of the inhabitants necessitate everything in the range from snowshoes to the latest pin toed tan boots that grace the feet of the dandies of New York or London. At W. H. Graham's store every variety including all the different kinds of rubber shoes can be had. Mr. Graham devotes himself entirely to boots and shoes, which form also no inconsiderable parts of the stocks of the clothing establishments before mentioned. At Christmas it is a time honored custom for butchers and grocers and purveyors of all the good things that go to make up a seasonable dinner to dress their shops and display their wares in lavish style. At Burns store on Christmas Eve seven whole bullocks were hanging up besides a large number of goodly sheep, and customers had a hard time to decide whether to spend their money there or at Traves & Farley's which is only separated from its rival by the Post Office. Here too a display of meat was made that showed that out here in the far West the Britisher wanted his beef at Christmas and wanted it good. But beef is not the only thing that goes to make up a modern Christmas feast. At Simpson & Co's, nearly everything else could be got. Oysters fresh from the Atlantic, halibut, John Dory salmon, from the Pacific, whitefish and jack from the Great Lakes. Fruits from the South oranges from Japan, nuts from the East. Butter and eggs from the green pastures of Uncle Sam. Things in cans, things in baskets, things in boxes. Tobacco, cigars and last but not least ducks from Manitoba in whose crops were found grains of gold. Kaufman, and Shaw and Farley vie with Simpson & Co. in providing anything that may be called groceries and they also keep large stocks of fruits and vegetables. In groceries also the Hudson Bay Co. steadily pursues its old policy of keeping the best of everything from rice to champayne, and from its teeming store sundry cases and bottles and jars continuously issue forth that later on make glad the heart of man. In this direction Turner Beeton & Co., rival the old store while Messrs. Lemon and Bigelow are kept busy supplying similar goods to their customers.

Turner & Kirkpatrick not only supply groceries and luxuries of that kind but do a large business in stoves and general hardware. They have just imported a line of skates that are just in time for the opening of the new rink and will probably not remain long on hand.

During the long winter evenings there is quite a demand for reading matter. Stanley's book store on Baker street generally has a stock of standard books and is only out of all the latest novels because people will buy them so quickly. The Nelson Drug Store just opposite has pretty well disposed of the old stock of Turner Bros. and besides its regular business has gladdened the hearts of the little ones by importing a large consignment of toys. Since it moved into its new quarters this company carries an even larger stock of drugs, perfumes and other kindred articles than it did before, while Teetzels store determined not to be left behind attracts its customers not only by the excellence of its stock but by the exceedingly pretty setting of shrubs and flowers for which the store is famous. Just between the Madden House and May's the barber is Booths Tropical Fruit Store. Besides tropical fruit there is also to be found here plenty of apples and other fruits from temperate climes as well as such varied articles as candies, oysters, and pigs feet. During the past year Mr. May has found his business increase to such an extent that he has taken to himself a partner in the person of Mr. Duhamel, and they together, even with the aid of Mr. Matheson in his rival shop, have to work hard to trim the beards and cut the hair of Nelson's men. The rush for jewelry for christmas presents keeps both Dover and Jiszkowicz busy. At both establishments a stock will be found of all the latest novelties that ladies love so much. In addition these stores have always watches and clocks of every kind and value on hand. Mementos of Nelson in the shape of photographs can be had at Neelands who takes care to keep them up to date, and in addition has a large quantity of engravings and drawings ready for framing. Besides the hotels there are several first rate restaurants, notably, Sam McLean's Bimetallic and Mrs. Roberts bakery in the windows of which many tempting dishes are displayed. Goodwin & McCormack at the Merchants keep a liberal table and have plenty of customers. Further down Baker street the Home Resturant is most conveniently situated for the men employed at the smelter who patronize it liberally. Later on in the day Booths oyster rooms are full while all night long a perpetual stream of people pours up and down Josephine street on its way to and from Maggie Duffy's where the toothsome bivalve is consumed in hundreds. It would never do to omit the provider of the staff of life from this list and Humer's oven chimney still pours forth in the mornings a dense cloud of smoke, which is followed shortly after by Mr. Humer issuing from his shop laden with beautiful loves of pure white bread while within buiscuits and cakes of every kind can be obtained.

The two strictly wholesale houses of A MacDonald & Co. and Herrin & Co. though making no display have really to be thanked very largely for the excellent stock which some of the retail stores keep.

It will thus be seen that Nelson is by no means behind her sister towns of British Columbia in providing its inhabitants with all the comforts and luxuries of civilization.

"THE MINER" PRIZE COMPETITION.

The Following Prizes Are Offered for the Best Suggestions on the Improments of the Mining Laws of British Columbia.

FIRST PRIZE—An order on a Tailor for Clothes to the value of $25.00.

SECOND PRIZE—An order on a Jeweller for $10 worth of Jewellery.

CONDITIONS.

1. Letters containing suggestions must be as short as possible, not exceeding 3,000 words, and must reach THE MINER office on or before January 31st, 1896.

2. They must be written on one side of the paper only, with pencil or ink and must be signed with some motto, the author's real name and address being enclosed in a sealed envelope, which will not be opened except in the case of the prize winners. The motto must be written on the outside of this envelope.

3. Bona fide subscribers to THE MINER only are eligible to compete.

4. THE MINER reserves the right to publish the whole or any part of the suggestions received.

5. A committee of three will award the prizes. The names of the judges composing the committee will be announced shortly.

We hope that the practical miners and prospectors who know something of the actual working of the mining laws will not be backward in giving us the benefit of their experience.

TROUT LAKE AND AINSWORTH MINING DISTRICTS.

Last weeks issue of the British Columbia Gazette notes a rearrangement of the boundaries of The Trout Lake and Ainsworth mining districts in West Kootenay, the following definitions being substituted for those published in March of last year:

"Trout Lake Mining Division—Commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of West Kootenay; thence west along the southern boundary of the Illecillewaet mining division to the eastern boundary of the Lardeau division; thence southerly along the eastern boundary of the Lardeau division to its junction with the Slocan division; thence easterly along the northern boundary of the Ainsworth mining division to the Lardeau river; thence northeasterly to the eastern boundary of West Kootenay district (crossing the Duncan river at a point to include the southern watersheds of the Cameron or Hall Creek and East Creek); thence following the eastern boundary of West Kootenay district to the point of commencement.

"Ainsworth Mining Division—To include all the country on the rivers, streams and tributaries thereof flowing into Kootenay lake north of Goat River mining division, except those portions of Lardeau and Duncan rivers included in the Trout Lake mining division."

CHURCH NOTICES.

SUNDAY, December 29, 1895.

METHODIST CHURCH, Corner Silica and Josephine Streets. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Morning subject: "The Benefits of Opposition." Evening subject: "What Have I Done?" Sunday School at 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 2.30. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 p. m. Christian Endeavor Society meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

CATHOLIC CHURCH. Services first and second Sundays of the month at Nelson. Mass at 10.30. Vespers at 7.30.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Holy Communion after morning service.

MINING CONVENTION.

The Northwest Mining Association has decided to call a convention of the second vice-presidents—over 300 in number—to meet in Spokane on Feb. 22. Invitations have also been issued to the Hon. E. Dewdney, Lieut-Governor of British Columbia; Col. the Hon. James Baker, Minister of Mines; Hon. J. Martin, Commissioner of Lands and Works; Messrs. Mara and Kellie, Mr. Clute. Hon. Mr. Eberts, Attorney General; Capt. Fitzstubbs, Messrs. H. Abbott, W. Brown and George McL. Brown of the C. P. R.

THE WAR SCARE OVER.

GENERAL MILES ON AMERICAN DEFENCES.

WAR CONFINED TO THE AMERICAN PRESS.

Panic on Wall Street—Congress Passes the Commission Bill —Another Bolt Hole.

Since last week the English speaking world has been eagerly engaged in reading newspaper criticisms of the President's message. The English press almost unanimously regards the message as an electioneering dodge and generally takes the same view as we indicated last week. In America by far the greater number of papers either in total ignorance of affairs or purposely ignoring them regards the message as an ultimatum and talk about war with England as if it was the one thing Americans wanted to make them happy. But the New York World and the Evening Post, two of the largest and most influential papers in the country take quite a different view and point out the absurdity of the United States pretending to interfere with the Venezuelan boundary question.

The only direct effect the message had was to create a panic in Wall street and depress securities in some cases as far as 15 per cent. bringing ruin and dismay to a good many American citizens. The London Stock Exchange was hardly affected at all. Cabinet ministers, instead of being closeted in Downing street, awaiting in anxious council, the arrival of telegraphic dispatches from the ambassador at Washington, have all gone to their homes for Christmas.

Meanwhile at Washington the bill authorising the Commission has been passed unanimously. The nomination of of the Commissioners is apparently left in the hands of the President. It will be a matter of surprise if the report of this Commission is not one which will dispel the war scare like a puff of steam in a summer sky.

We pointed out last week one bolt hole in the message. Reading it over again has disclosed another. The President declared that the United States could only interfere (even with the aid of the Monroe doctrine) in the event of Venezuela objecting to the proposed demarcation of the boundary. It would not be altogether a novelty in diplomacy if Venezuela will presently find that she is wrong after all, that the disputed territory is really British and that she does not want it anyway. If England has to go to war with the United States over this business (which we do not believe will be necessary at all) she will also have to fight Venezuela which will at once settle that boundary question for ever, by simply turning Venezuela into a British Colony.

Saturday 28th.—The war scare seems to be over. The despatch which Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone sent to Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World, in answer to the latter's request for a message to the American people on the Venezuelan question has attracted much attention. Mr. Pulitzer telegraphed that American sentiment was at the turning point, that once turned the wrong way no power on earth could hold it back; that a word of peace and fellowship from Mr. Gladstone would aid to check the clamor, soothe passion, encourage sober thought, and may avert a calamity. In reply Mr. Gladstone cabled: "Dare not interfere. Only common sense required. Cannot say more with advantage."

This common sense our American friends possess in quantities. The only people in the States who seem to lack it are the editors of certain papers. For a time these foolish persons have led the whole nation by the nose. But common sense is reasserting itself, which is a good thing for the public generally but may be bad for the press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—General Miles, commanding the United States army, has given out a statement, by request, in regard to the United States being able to make a defence in case of war. He said: "If war should break out at the present time, all we have in the south, or in fact anywhere, else with a few exceptions, would be a lot of old guns on rotten carriages. The country is in a deplorable condition on coast defences. There are only three modern, high power guns in the country. Two of these are at the entrance to New York harbor, and the third is at San Francisco. If Congress would make liberal appropriations the coasts can be placed in condition for defense in two years' time. The work would cost in the neighborhood of $80,000,000.

NEWS OF THE CAMPS.

NAKUSP.

From our own Correspondent.]

A heavy fall of snow last night has increased the beautiful to about a foot in depth.

A Christmas tree and social was held in the school house on Friday evening and the little ones were made happy by a good supply of presents. The songs and recitations given by the scholars were greatly appreciated by the elders and reflect great credit upon the teacher, Miss Caldwell.

The str. Kootenai has been hauled up on shore to remain for the winter. It is reported that the machinery is to be taken out of her and she will then be used for a store boat.

A dance was given at the Halcyon Hot Springs on Wednesday evening, to which the Arrow took up a good load of passengers from here, returning about 7.30 next morning. Those that went report having had an enjoyable evening.

THE END OF THE FEUD.

By MARTHA M'CULLOCH WILLIAMS.

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It was early May. The woods road lay dappled with golden shadow. It was narrowish and winding, with deep ruts in its red clay surface. Either hand of it were banks a good two feet higher, mottled with mosses, brown and gray and green, through which there sprang up everywhere the tiny yellow eyed pale blue flowers that Tennessee folk call sweethearts. They were so thick indeed it seemed as though a blue cloud swam barely above the mosses. Now and again the spread of them was broken with a tuft of fine grasslike stems sown all their length with shining yellow stars hardly bigger than the sweethearts.

The wood was bare of undergrowth. Neither were there small trees nor heaped leaves at foot. That showed to any wise sylvan lore that it was burned over yearly by hunters who cared more for a clear chase than for timber or even the betterment of the land. The eye went everywhere through mazes of straight black trunks, which at last melted into a solid wall of distance, whereupon was lightly laid a roof of floating color. The red of new oak leafage was in it, the tinted verdure of scarce unfolded maple, the yellow green of hickory buds, backed all by the fuzzy silver of indeterminate faroff boughs.

On one hand a dove fluted desolately to her mate. Upon the other rival blue jays went through all manner of feathered coxcombry under the eye of their ladylove sitting high in wait for the victor. Below them a big black logcock went swiftly away to the woods' deeper depths, his motion as wild and wavering as that of a haunted soul. From a crannied knothole high on the southerly side of a big oak two squirrels peeped saucily out, then snatched back the head as though scenting danger.

A minute after you saw the reason—a reason upon four legs and with a keen, cold nose. It was a foxhound, blue mottled, lithe and lean—not the leanness of hunger, but of perfect condition. He came on by little dashes, now making a few quick steps, now stopping short, with the head over the shoulder, evidently in wait for something or somebody coming on behind. At foot of the squirrel tree he stopped, sniffed intelligently up its trunk, gave two dignified barks, howled once, then sat upon his haunches and looked steadfastly into the boughs overhead what time he was not glancing wistfully down the road.

Presently his vigil was rewarded with sight of a wagon coming toward him. It was a heavy, springless vehicle, scantily piled with sacks of shelled corn. A lean old black mule and a round saucy dun colored one had much ado to draw it through the stiffening mud, which was the sign remnant of a rainy week just ended. Some one walked at the side of the team, singing high and clear:

Ja-ay bird died of the whoopin cough,
Sparrow died of the colic.
Along came a frog with a fiddle on his back,
Sayin, "Boys, le's go to the frolic."

"Oh, do hush dat, Tony!" a voice said from the wagon—a throaty voice, unctuous with good humor in spite of its complaining speech. It came out of a huddle of curves that close looking resolved into a very fat black woman sitting flat upon the wagon floor. One arm was tight about her knees, the other flung over the edge of the wagon bed. Raising her voice to drown the clanking of the equipage, she went on, still in tone of deep discontent:

"Hit do 'pear lek ter me er body whar gut de hymnbook an all dem peeanner musics whut yo' mother had an de new chune book f'um de singin school ain't gut no 'casion ter go singin dam dar ole corn songs same lek dee wus er boy—er nigger boy at dat. Mus' be yo' name. I took an tole Miss Francis how hit gwine be at de ve'y fust off; but, no, siree, she des would name yo' a'ter yo' pappy, case he don dead. God knows, I spec', she done 'pent of it er many times. I hear her say t'orrer day she 'feard yo' ain't nebber gwine git may'ied, nebber in the worl. C'eptin yo' 'haves yo'se'f diff'unt I sorter think so myse'f. Who yo' spect gwine want nobody wid de boy walk an boy ways yo' been gut dis las' year er so?"

"I am sure I don't know," Tony said, with dancing eyes, a finer red dawning in her fresh cheek. "And really, Mammy, I don't think I care—much," she went on, speaking the last word under her breath as she clambered back into the wagon. "There is something in life besides getting married, though you, who have had three husbands, naturally think otherwise. Any way just now I could not marry a prince, not if he wanted me ever so bad. I have other things to think about—mamma and the children and my farming."

"Dam children, dee not nothin ter yo'—nothin but yo' half kin," mammy broke in, with a sniff. "Dat suppin else whar I thry ter keep Miss Francis f'um doin—may'in dat dar preacher man whar come ter gin her consolement 'bout Marse John Ant'ny, yo' pappy, dyin so young. 'Pear lek ter me 'twus er metty quar consolement—ma'y'in her hisse'f an den up an dyin ter leabe po' Miss Francis wid fo' mo' gal chilluns ter plague her, an nare nudder blessed thing. Dee wouldn' hab nary rag ter cober deese'fs wid, nary bite ter eat, ef hit wa't fer whut Marse John Ant'ny lef'. Dat how come he's own gal look so scan'lous. I boun ter say it fer yo', Tony, dee ain't no many gals lek yo'."

"Shut up, Mammy. You know whatever is mine is mamma's," Tony said, her lips setting in a determined line. Noting it out of the tail of her eye, Mammy sighed aloud. Childless herself, she loved this elder child of her Miss Francis better than all the world beside. It was gall and wormwood to her faithful heart that of the fine fortune to which Tony was born nothing now remained save the big wasted plantation, whose management the girl had taken into her own hands. Though the child was but 19, her mother, nominally her guardian, was really her charge. She had been so indeed before her second widowhood began. Now more than ever she clung to her daughter, lacking as she did the firm hand of the persevering minister, who had been six months dead.

But for that Tony would never have had liberty to farm her own land. The Rev. Cyrus Illways had been forever bewailing the cares of this world which cumbered his spiritual advancement. Notwithstanding he had somehow managed to absorb the lion's share of all the land brought in. By consequence he left it in such condition that no thrifty man was willing to run a furrow there as tenant or cropper. Fences were ruinous. The house roof even leaked like a riddle. Money for the most necessary repairs had vanished down the reverend gentleman's capacious throat.

Yet to the very last his sweet wife had adored him, as Tony, in turn, adored her mother. The girl had a large, nobly generous nature. A discomfort which touched only herself was something to be laughed at. It made tears come, though, to hear her mother fret and pine for things essential to her small gentility. Mrs. Illways fancied herself the most uncomplaining soul alive. She did not ask for much, only things decently near the fashion for herself and the children. Tony? Well, Tony did not care. At least she never

"Do hush, Tony!"

said so. What wonder, then, that her mother took no account of anything she lacked. Mammy bewailed them quite enough for two.

"Me an Bulge-dawg, us is de onlies' ones whar looks out fer Tony," that good woman said. "Her mammy, she des so wropped up in dam dar preacher chilluns ob her'n 'pear lek she don' keer ef po' Tony don' git two caliker frocks in de year."

Bulge-dawg it was who sat waiting for his mistress. As the wagon came abreast of him he began to caper excitedly, barking aloud and leaping half his length up the tree. At Tony's whistle he fixed upon her a pair of reproachful eyes. She laughed, but shook her head as she said caressingly:

"Poor Bulgy! Did he want the squirrel so bad? Come along, old fellow. You ought to know it ain't worth while to tree anything when we are at work. I wanted to bring my gun ever so bad, but Mammy was afraid it might go off and shoot her. Besides poor old Nance ought not to pull an extra pound as hot and muggy as it is."

"Dat she oughtn'," Mammy supplemented, with another deep sigh. "Dat one thing why I tole yo' yo' oughtn' try dis yere dribin ter mill yo'se'f same lek yo' wus po' white folks. Yo' wa'n't gwine stir one step 'dout I come too. I weighs suppin, I does."

Tony's shoulders lifted in the faintest possible shrug. "You know how it is," she said. "I can't plow. I can drive. The whole plantation is out of meal and so in the grass from all that rainy weather we must work like Turks to get out again. So I have come myself in place of stopping a plowman. I ain't a bit sorry either. It is such fun seeing the trees, the fields, the houses and what other folks are doing. You know you like it, too, Mammy, in spite of your grumbling. As for me, I am a freed bird. I have not been outside our own fences in two months, and now the high water makes us take a road I never traveled before in all my life."

"De good Lawd he knows I wish yo' nebber had er sawed hit," Mammy said, thrusting her tongue in her cheek. "I been thinkin eber sence dat man back yander say us ha'ter come dis way ef Marse John Ant'ny Morris, yo' pappy up in heaben, kin see whut gwine on down yere terday I spec' he try ter git up outen de grabe fer ter stop hit."

"Why?" Tony asked, taking a firmer grip of her rope reins. "Do you think he would hate so to see his daughter doing honest, necessary work? I hope—oh, so devoutly—my father was not such a snob as that. Tell me, is there any reason"—

"Reason! Reason!" Mammy broke in. "Whar yo' eyes, chile? Yo' ears? Ev'ything? Don't you unnerstan' ha'ter be suppin metty powerful ter set me off in dis yere traipse wid yo'. My heart git up in my froat ebery time dam mules back dey ears, but yo' shain't come 'long yere by yo'se'f, not ef I knowed fer certain my ole neck gwine git bruk fer hit. No won'er yo' ain't nebber seed dis yere road. Hit run th'ough de Harp Cross plantation. When us git in sight er de house dar, I gwine dribe ef it gin me de heart bust, an make yo' lay low in de wagin. Date dar sateful ole sinner shain't hab de sati'faction er seein yo' dat wus borned de bes' quality in dis county doin nigger wu'k."

"I don't mind work nor if the president saw me at it," Tony said, sitting very upright. Mammy groaned again.

"I don' b'leeve de chile know half whut she talkin 'bout," she said, as though speaking to herself. "I know I ain't nebber tole her, but sho'ly Miss Francis"—

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Whatever the future may have in store nothing can happen to Kootenay of greater importance than the events of the year that is passing out. Kootenay may become a name to conjure with, her mines may be all Golcondas, her little towns may become dazzling cities and her giant peaks, alone unchanged, may hardly recognize the canyons and valleys around their feet. But it will be to 1895 that the memory of the oldest inhabitant will turn as to the year of the birth of the country's prosperity. Anniversaries of all sorts are the fashion. Golden, silver, copper, even tin, weddings; anniversaries of christenings, of coming of age, of death, but none of these come up to the greatest of all, the birthday. The birth of our country's greatness must always be reckoned from 1895. It is true that there have been "booms" here before, but they have died out. They have not even been sufficient to carry the fame of the country beyond the Rockies or to the shores of the Pacific. When men are busy in any place which for the moment affords them every opportunity of piling up wealth, it is hard to get them to listen to the tales of a new country. But in 1895, in spite of the engrossing attractions of other mining fields, Kootenay has forced herself on public attention in the world by sheer downright wealth. Some few of her mines have been thoroughly exploited and their produce has at once compelled the attention of the investor. It must not be inferred that there is a will rush of capital seeking investment here. That time has not come yet. But now at the end of 1895 people know about Kootenay, they know where it is and what it produces and many are eagerly watching its further progress.

But fame alone will not buy bread and butter, and fortunately Kootenay has made more substantial advances towards the material prosperity of its inhabitants. At the end of last year the Silver King was the most developed property in the district; now it has several rivals, which although they may not equal the great mine on Toad Mountain in development and future promises, have outrun it in shipments and have attained that goal of all mining enterprise, the payment of dividends. But though the Silver King is slow, its proprietors are laying out money with a lavish hand in preparation for future large and economical working. A smelter capable of dealing with 100 tons a day has been built at Nelson, connected with the mine by a wire tramway of four and a half miles in length. Some thousand odd tons of ore have already been brought down and the furnace will probably be blown in before another edition of this paper sees the light. The Hall Mines has all along pursued the policy of thoroughly proving their mine before laying out vast sums to work it with and this policy from a local point of view, compared unfavorably with the more rapid American methods exhibited at Rossland and in the Slocan. At last this period of probation is over, energetic work is to be begun, and the people of Nelson and the shareholders of the mine may alike look forward to that season of prosperity which may naturally be expected to follow in the train of active operations.

The beginning of the year saw the Pilot Bay smelter almost ready to begin work. Although a good deal of work had been done when the present company took hold of the affair in July, 1894, the buildings as far as they went had been untended, and in their half-finished condition had already begun to go to ruin. Then, in the passage of time, new inventions have come out and the ideas of the original designers required adaptation to the requirements of the new management.

But at Pilot Bay waste of time, or indeed of anything else, is unknown, and the result was that on the 16th of March, 1895, the stack was blown in, a 200 ton concentrator was at work, about 9,000 tons of ore had been brought from the Company's Blue Bell mine and regular work was begun. Up to the end of last week some 45,000 tons of ore have been won from the Blue Bell, considerable quantities of high grade ore have been purchased at Ainsworth and in the Slocan, with a few trivial intermissions the smelter has been running day and night, and has produced 3,860 tons of silver lead bullion, which has been shipped to the United States.

At Ainsworth the celebrated No. 1 mine has passed into the hands of a Nova Scotia syndicate and some work has been done, though the volume of its shipments has not been as large as expected. The Skyline has been re-opened under vigorous management and has responded well. The mine has not only maintained its reputation but has presented its owner with a new ledge which is said to be remarkably rich. A considerable quantity of Skyline ore has gone across the Lake to Pilot Bay.

Kaslo has seen the completion of its railway to Sandon and its inhabitants have now the satisfaction of seeing car after car of the rich Slocan ore coming down for shipment in their quiet bay. In the early summer some little anxiety was felt that the river would again take charge of the lower portion of the town, but the City Council took hold of the matter and have put in such works as will probably confine the turbulent stream to a channel where it can do no harm. Empty stores and houses have found tenants and merchants and storekeepers who at the beginning of the year were lamenting the slackness of trade, find themselves as busy as ever they were. No doubt the completion of the railway has contributed toward this most happy result, but it is also owing in a very large degree to the increased prosperity that is general throughout the district.

The Kaslo & Slocan railway, which was constructed by MESSRS. FOLEY BROS. & GUTHRIE, the well known contractors of St. Paul, is probably the best built bit of line in the Province. It is narrow gauge (3 ft. 6 in.) and is 27 miles in length to Sandon and runs between two and three miles further to Cody. After rising at an even but steep grade to Bear Lake, it continues on round the Payne Bluff on a level of nine miles to Sandon. It thus passes some 700 feet above Three Forks, of which town the houses look like toys far away in the valley below. This line will be of the greatest service to the district it taps, as affording an alternate choice of route with the C. P. R. branch, known as the Nakusp & Slocan. This line, which last year ended at Three Forks, has now been extended to Sandon. Great rivalry to secure the transport of the Slocan ore exists between the two corporations, and this culminated the other day in the entire destruction of the N. & S. terminus by an organized gang of Kaslo-Slocan workmen, under the leadership of the contractors' manager. The buildings were pulled down and utterly destroyed while the line itself, rails and ties, was torn up until not one stick or one spike or one brick remained of the N. & S. terminus.

The Slocan Star at this time last year had already come to be looked upon as the first of all the wonderful Slocan mines. Its ledge had been "proved" for a considerable distance and a tunnel was being run to cut it at a depth of some 500 feet below the outcrop, In March last this tunnel cut into the vein, which was found just where it was expected and composed of materials that exceeded anticipations. Since then the company has paid a dividend of $50,000 and has built a concentrator. Shipping began a short time ago and 500 tons have gone out over the Kaslo line and 500 more are now being sent out via Nakusp.

Other mines in the district are taking advantage of the snow to send out their ore and the output for this season will be considerably larger than ever before. Steady development has been the rule and many improvements and facilities have been added. The Washington has put in a concentrator.

A concentrator has also been completed by the owners of the Idaho and Alamo. It is situated about a mile below Three Forks and for some months has been steadily turning out about 20 tons of concentrates a day from Alamo ore. The Cumberland has also passed into the hands of this syndicate and has become a shipper. The Alamo paid a dividend in September of 7½ per cent, amounting to $35,000. The Idaho has paid two; one in April, amounting to $30,000, and another in September of $4,500. The discrepancy is accounted for by the fact that very little besides development work had been done between April and September.

At the foot of Slocan Lake prospecting on the creeks that flow in from the eastwards has disclosed deposits of dry silver ore of enormously high grade, as well as very rich gold bearing quartz. The country where the finds were made is some miles from the lake and owing to the roughness of the ground and the density of the brush is only reached with difficulty. Private enterprise has made some trails, but only sufficient work on the claims has been done to whet the appetite of their owners for next season. There seems no reason to doubt that the lucky prospectors have here discovered some of the richest deposits in this wonderful country.

It is at Trail Creek, however, that the most remarkable progress has been made. In December, 1894, Rossland had hardly emerged from a paper existence. Two or three insignificant stores and an hotel or two constituted the two. To-day it is the largest town in the interior of British Columbia, with a population of 3,000 people The townsite of Trail also has come to the front and is now rivalling its elder sister. A smelter is being built close by the river, and a railway will presently connect the two towns and will bring the rich ores of Rossland for shipment or treatment at Trail.

The mines themselves which are the root and substance of all this prosperity are well capable of supporting the responsibility they have made for themselves. Late in 1894 the Le Roi and War Eagle were acquired by American companies and were brought at once into the rank of shippers. The War Eagle very soon responded by handing back to its shareholders the $32,500 which they had put up for its purchase and exploitation, and since then it has paid them $100,000 more in two dividends of $50,000 each. The lode has responded to development and there is now an immense quantity of ore in sight, but not satisfied with this the company is driving in a lower tunnel to still further prove the property. This tunnel will have to be fully 1800 feet in length before it is expected to tap the vein.

The Le Roi being approached by an irregular and awkward shaft instead of by tunnels as the War Eagle is was somewhat slower in paying a dividend than its neighbour. It paid $25,000 in the fall. A great deal of the profit has been expended in machinery and other reproductive measures and its output now exceeds 100 tons a day.

To give anything like a detailed account of the progress of this camp during the year would be impossible within the limits of this article. It must suffice to say that many hundreds of square miles have been covered with claims among which several give signs of becoming valuable properties. Some of these have been bonded for sums up to $200,000, but an investment of this nature is not always to be relied on as a criterion of real value. Possibly the fact is more reliable, that the camp has shipped 13905 tons of ore between the 30 June and 21st December which is valued by H. M. Customs at $695,250. Most of this ore has come from the War Eagle and the Le Roi, but they are now joined by the Josie, Cliff, and R. E. Lee. Many others are getting in shape to ship and as soon as the railway replaces the present cumbrous system of teaming for 7 or 14 miles it is perhaps safe to say that the volume will be immensely increased.

On August 1st Nelson became a Customs Port of Entry. Previously she had been an outport of New Westminster and the transfer of monthly returns from the old port hundreds of miles away on the Fraser to their legitimate source has been a large factor in attracting attention to Kootenay. Revelstoke still remains an outport of New Westminster and therefore the returns of ore that go out via the Nakusp line are still lost and it is to be hoped that this anomaly will soon be remedied and Revelstoke become an outport of Nelson as she ought to be. In spite of this Nelson takes a high place among the cities of British Columbia. For the four months August, September, October, and November her Customs returns have been as follows;

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Total	$294,021.00
Duty Collected	$61,053.00

REVENUE.

Produce of Mines	$611,470.00
Produce of Forest	205.00
Produce of Animals	3,141.00
Manufactures	4,207.00
Total	$619,023.00

The development of the country is almost entirely a question of transport, and the various companies have not been slow to provide facilities as soon as it became evident that they were required. Kootenay is fortunate enough to have three great transcontinental lines competing for her trade —the Canadian Pacific, the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern. In extending their branches to tap the country it is not unnatural that each should endeavor by "skillful manœuvring" to corral the produce of some particular district, to the exclusion of its rivals. This is a game in which the public is deeply interested and which it appears they can only watch as helpless spectators.

The Spokane line has at last reached Nelson. The old station on the hill above the town has been done away with and the trains after arriving at Five Mile Point run on to a spot which by a pleasing legal fiction may be regarded as "at or near" Nelson. This is not the place to open up again the merits of this question. Suffice it to say that when the formation of the railway was made right up to the boundary of the town the Canadian Pacific Railway stepped in and forbade further advance. It is to be hoped that this halt in the bush is only temporary and that the two railways will presently adjust their difficulties so as to give the people of Nelson the convenience of a station in the midst of the town.

Of the Kaslo-Slocan line we have spoken above, as well as the extension of the Nakusp and Slocan to Sandon. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has extended its branch, which leaves the main line at Revelstoke, down the Columbia River to the head of the Arrow Lakes. The thirty miles of river thus avoided, was always troublesome and was unnavigable at this particular season of the year owing to ice and low water. It is hoped now that traffic will not have to be again suspended during the winter. A spur or branch has also been built from the Columbia & Kootenay railway near Robson to a point just below the dangerous Kootenay Rapid, which was also a bar to traffic at this season. Steamers can now come up from Northport, Trail and other ports on the lower river and land at this new spur, while the upper river boats make connection at Robson as usual.

Many surveys have been made for new lines in several directions and a railway has actually been commenced between Trail and Rossland.

In 1894 the splendid steamer Columbia was burnt between Waneta and Trail. This year the C. & K. Company lost the Spokane, also by fire, at Kaslo. In spite of these misfortunes the company, with characteristic energy, at once commenced to replace the lost boats. On the Columbia, the new steamer Nakusp was built at the town whose name she bears. This boat is certainly the finest on any of the inland waters of B. C., and it would probably be difficult to find her equal anywhere in the far west. Besides having an enormous cargo capacity, her accommodation for passengers is spacious and luxurious, every recent contrivance having been taken advantage of to secure comfort At Nelson the company has just completed the building of a new fast passenger boat, which now only awaits the arrival of her boiler. Still another boat is being built at Nakusp for freight purposes, as it has been found that the Company's steamers have had more than they could handle already and there is every prospect of a further increase next season. On the Kootenay Lake the old State of Idaho has become the Alberta and runs daily between Nelson and Kaslo.

A sketch of the history of the Kootenay for 1895 would be incomplete without a reference to the visit of the GOVERNOR-GENERAL of Canada. His Excellency and Lady Aberdeen made a flying trip to Nelson and Kaslo in October. Unfortunately they had not been sufficiently posted as to the size of the country and were unable to go to Rossland and other interesting places. The weather during their trip was magnificent and it is to be hoped Their Excellencies will come again and examine more closely into the mineral wealth of those mountains of which the scenery so charmed the Viceregal visitors.

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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 sitting for an Act to amend "The Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company's Act, 1891," so as to enable the company to construct telephone lines anywhere on the mainland of the province and to amend the schedule to the said Act relating to the tariff or charges of the said Company.

WILSON & CAMPBELL,
Solicitors for the Company.
Vancouver, Dec. 10, 1895. (255)

Notice of Application for Crown Grant.

TAKE Notice that A. S. Farwell, as Agent for S. M. Wharton and Oliver Bordau has filed the necessary papers, and made application for a Crown Grant in favour of the Mineral Claim "Homestake," situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Adverse Claimants, if any, must file their objections within sixty days from the date of this publication in the British Columbia Gazette.

N. FITZSTUBBS,
Gov't Agent.
Nelson, B. C., Nov. 13, 1895. (237—16, 11.5)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT the next session of the Parliament of Canada application will be made by the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company for an Act authorizing the said Company to construct, equip, work and maintain a telegraph line and telephone lines along the whole length of its railway and branches, and to establish offices for the transmission of messages for the public and collect tolls for so doing and generally do a commercial business as a telegraph or telephone Company and for the purposes of erecting and working such telegraph and telephone lines the Company may enter into a contract with any other Company or may lease any of the Company's lines or any portions thereof.

BODWELL & IRVING,
Victoria, B.C.,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Victoria, B. C., Nov. 18th, 1895. (246)

Kaslo & Slocan Railway.

TIME CARD NO. 1.

Going West.		Going East.
Leave 9.00 a. m.	Kaslo	Arrive 3.50 p.m.
" 8.36 a. m.	South Fork	" 3.15 p.m.
" 9.36 a. m.	Sproule's	" 2.15 p.m.
" 9.51 a. m.	Whitewater	" 2.00 p.m.
" 10.03 a. m.	Bear Lake	" 1.48 p.m.
" 10.18 a. m.	McGuigan	" 1.33 p.m.
" 10.30 a. m.	Bailey's	" 1.21 p.m.
" 10.39 a. m.	Junction	" 1.12 p.m.
Arr. 10.50 a. m.	Sandon	Leave 1.00 p.m.

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Leaves Kaslo for Nelson, Sundays at 8 p. m., Mondays at 3 a. m., Wednesdays at 3 a. m., Thursdays at 8 a. m., Fridays at 3 a. m., Saturdays at 8 a. m. Connecting on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Five Mile Point with N. & F. S. Ry. for Spokane.

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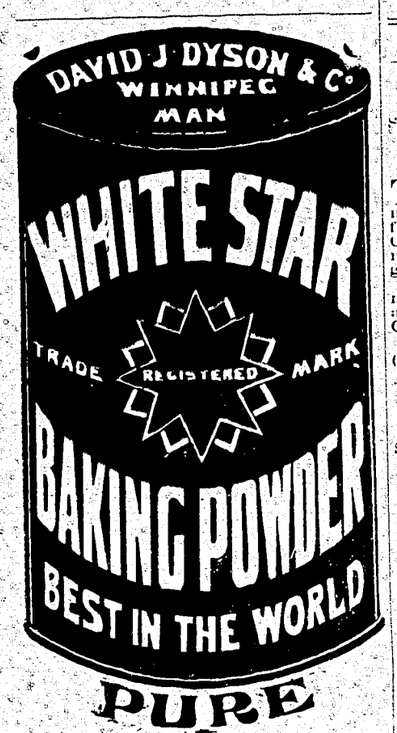

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

(31st of December, 1895.)

A BALL will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Nelson, on the above date, under the auspices of Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, I. O. O. F.

TICKETS, $1.00 (INCLUDING SUPPER.

Members and visiting Brethren will kindly accept this notice as an invitation.

To Commence at 8.30 p. m.

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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 or the purpose of constructing, operating and working deep tunnels, drifts or shafts, for the purpose of exploring for, discovering, working, getting, acquiring and acquiring and recovering minerals situate in blind veins, ledges or lodes in the Districts of East and West Kootenay, Yale and Cariboo, in the Province of British Columbia, and for entering upon and acquiring lands for such purposes and for collecting tolls for the use of such tunnels or workings by other persons or companies engaged in mining and for acquiring such water powers or privileges as may be necessary or convenient therefor, together with such other powers or privileges, rights or incidents as may be necessary for or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the foregoing objects or any of them.

A. E. HUMPHREYS, Applicant.

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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 Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, a Company incorporated in England under the Companies Act 1862 to 1890 (Imperial), on the 25th day of April, 1895, for an Act confirming, and conferring upon it, the powers of the said Company as the same appears in the memorandum and articles of association deposited in England with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, and giving the said Company power to acquire, by location or otherwise, and to hold in its own name, any number of Mineral Claims, whether situate on the same vein, or elsewhere, and to apply for and obtain mining leases, of any area in extent, or to purchase or to otherwise acquire the same, and to consolidate any of such leases or mineral claims, and hold any water rights that may be hereafter acquired, as appurtenant to the whole, or any part of the applicants' property so to be acquired; and to do all such things as are incidental or conductive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 25th day of November, A. D. 1895.

McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD, Solicitors for the Applicants.

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Notice of Application for Liquor License.

I hereby give notice that thirty days after this date I intend to make application for a license to sell wines and liquors by retail at my hotel, to be known as the Royal Hotel, on Stanley Street.

L. G. CURRY.

Nelson, Nov. 30, 1895. (244, 30, 11, 5)

Notice of Application for Crown Grant.

TAKE Notice that T. J. Lendrum, as Agent for Alfred W. McCune, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a Crown Grant in favour of the mineral claim "Perhaps," situated in the Ainsworth Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Adverse claimants, if any, must file their objections with me within 60 days from the date of this publication in the British Columbia Gazette.

N. FITZSTUBBS, Government Agent.

Dated Nelson B. C., Nov. 8, 1895. (236-9,11,5)

Notice of Application for Crown Grant.

TAKE NOTICE that John R. Cook, acting for himself and co-owners, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a Crown Grant in favour of the mineral claim "Consolidated St. Elmo" situated on Rec Mountain in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay.

Adverse claimants, if any, must file their objections with me within 60 days from the date of this publication in the British Columbia Gazette.

N. FITZSTUBBS, Government Agent.

Dated at Nelson, Oct. 23, 1895. [230-26,10,5]

Notice of Application for Crown Grant.

TAKE Notice that Edmond Haney has filed the necessary papers and made application for a Crown Grant in favour of the mineral claim "City of Spokane" situated in the Trail Creek Mining Division of the District of West Kootenay.

Adverse claimants, if any, must file their objections with me within 60 days from the date of this publication in the British Columbia Gazette.

N. FITZSTUBBS, Government Agent.

Dated Nelson, Oct. 28, 1895. [234-2,11,5]

Notice of Application for Crown Grant.

TAKE NOTICE that A. S. Farwell, as agent for George Harman and Wilbur A. Hendryx, has filed the necessary papers and made application for a Crown Grant in favour of the mineral claim "Henry," in the Hendryx camp in the Ainsworth Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Adverse claimants (if any) must file their objections within 60 days from the date of the first appearance of this notice in the British Columbia Gazette.

N. FITZSTUBBS, Government Agent.

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 19, 1895. (241, 23-11-5,)

CERTIFICATES OF IMPROVEMENT.

J. M. B. MINERAL CLAIM.

SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT. WHERE LOCATED—TOAD MOUNTAIN.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Henry E. Croasdaile, as agent for the Hall Mines Limited, free miner's certificate No. 61073, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice, that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 1895.

(216—23, 11, 5) HENRY E. CROASDAILE.

SUNSET MINERAL CLAIM.

SITUATE IN THE AINSWORTH MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT. WHERE LOCATED—TO THE EAST AND JOINING THE WELLINGTON CLAIM.

TAKE NOTICE that I, R. E. Lemon, No. 60111, for myself and as agent for Duncan McDonald, No. 56889, intend 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice, that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of improvements.

Dated this 17th day of October, 1895.

232 26, 10, 5] ROBERT E. LEMON.

Notice of Application for Liquor License.

The undersigned give notice that they intend applying to the Stipendiary Magistrate of the District of West Kootenay for a retail liquor license for their hotel in Sandon.

J. W. SWITZER.
C. B. McCLUSKY.

Sandon, Dec. 9, 1895. (251)

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, etc., etc.

To Our faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GRELTING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. EBERTS, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Thursday, the Twenty-third day of the month of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which in our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favour of God, be ordained:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this fifth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and in the fifty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

JAMES BAKER, Provincial Secretary

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WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

ALL PLACER CLAIMS AND MINING Leaseholds legally held in the District may be laid over from 15th October, 1895, to the 1st June, 1896.

NAPOLEON FITZSTUBBS, Gold Commissioner.

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 23, 1896. (245)

JAMES MOWAT,

CARPENTER AND BUILDER.

NELSON, B. C.

Plans, Elevations and Details drawn to order. Orders left with Turner & Kirkpatrick's Vernon Street, will receive prompt attention. [261]

NOTICE.

In the County Court of Kootenay, Holden at at the East Crossing of the Columbia River.

In the matter of John D. McMillan, Deceased, and in the matter of the Official Administrator's Act; dated the 22nd Day of October, A. D. 1894.

Upon reading the affidavits of Robert McDonald; John D. Moore and John McPhee, it is ordered that James Ferguson Armstrong, Official Administrator for the County Court, District of Kootenay, shall be Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of John D McMillan, Deceased.

And that this order be published for sixty days in the Nelson MINER newspaper.

(Signed) WM. WARD SPINKS, J.

The creditors of John D. McMillan, late of Kaslo city, in the District of Kootenay, Free Miner, Deceased, are required within sixty days of this date to forward by registered letter addressed to James Ferguson Armstrong, Official Administrator, Donald, B. C. full particulars of their claims and the securities (if any) held by them. After the expiration of the said sixty days the said administrator will proceed with the distribution of the said estate, having regard to those claims only of which he shall have had notice.

Dated at Donald, B. C., this 2nd day of November, 1895.

J. F. ARMSTRONG, Official Administrator.

(242, 23, 11, 5)

NOTICE.

Legislative Assembly.

PRIVAVE BILLS.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving petitions for Private Bills will expire on the 6th day of February, 1896.

Bills must be presented on or before the 13th day of February, 1896.

Reports from the Standing Committee on Private Bills will not be received after the 20th day of February, 1896.

If any of the Rules above referred to are suspended, the Promoters of all Private Bills taking the benefit of such suspension of said Rules will be required to pay double fees.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1895.

THORNTON FELL. Clerk Legislative Assembly.

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