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Christmas.

The years pass by rapidly, to be sure It seems but yesterday since the Christmas of '96 was being celebrated with Christmas gifts and Christmas carols; since friends were taking friends by the hand and wishing them all the compliments of the season; since youngsters were dreaming of Santa Claus and all his treasures; since the old, old story of Bethlehem was being told in every variety of phrase in thousands of churches, and in myriads of homes; since family gatherings without number, hailed Christmas as the brightest day of all the year, and since multitudes on the last eve of this great Christian festival, raised their song of gladness, with which was mingled the exalting hope that thus they would all meet in coming years. But the weeks have passed rapidly by, and Christmas is again at the door before the echoes of its last rejoicings have fairly died upon the ear. Winter, with its gloomy and rigors indeed; spring, with its sunshine and showers, its buds and its blossoms; summer, with its burning heats; and autumn, with its golden fruitage—all have come and gone, so that before we could well say of 1897, "It is new," it has become old, and in a few days will have disappeared entirely and for ever.

And so Christmas has again come round! Christmas! What memories are awakened by the word! How the distant and the near are brought into strange and striking contact! How men's thoughts wander back over eighteen hundred years and more, and in imagination yet once again stand by the cattle ci b where was cradled in lowliness that wondrous One, who has been for all these intervening centuries such a power among the sons of men, moulding their thoughts, refining their feelings, elevating their ambitions, stimulating in every way their varied energies, and awakening, as well as retaining among their countless myraids, a love which many waters could never quench, which for multitudes, has turned prisons into vestibules of heaven, made tortures welcome, and death itself, even in its most repulsive form, an humble servant—nay, an obedient slave, and at the same time a most welcome friend.

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Birthday celebrations all over the world and in all ages there have been many, and these varied beyond estimate in character and concomitants. But which of them was ever like this celebration to which Christmas calls? Which of them had ever such variety in its details and yet such enthusiasm and sameness in its essential facts? A few years at most have been sufficient to make any other birthday celebration become obsolete and disappear. Who can now tell when William the Fourth was born? Who cares when our fathers kept holiday while George the Third was King? These old royal birthdays—no doubt once welcomed with wine and wassail, with thunder of cannon, and shoutings of throats—have all died away into the distance and have become as insignificant and unknown as those of the humblest shouters who then looked for a pot of beer to waken their loyalty and loosen their tongues.

But somehow or other this one birthday never grows old, and its varied celebrations never seem stale. Varied and numerous groups still year by year join in the angels' hymn-journey in thought with the shepherds to see the great sight—the wondrous Child whose advent visitors from the unseen had so strangly heralded, and to bow, with Magi, before this lordly shrine.

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All a myth! Say you? If so it is a myth the mightiest parallel of or even second to which the world has never seen one, and is never likely to see. Humblest of peasants, proudest of monarchs, wisest of sages, simplest of sages, simplest of children, the rude and the refined, the tyrant and his drudge, the states man and his tool, they who held the plough and he who ruled the harvest, the smitten and the smiter, the pure hearted girl in maiden meditation fancy free, as well as the most abject and forlorn wreck of womanhood, in city streets and country quiet, the grief-laden and the glad, the child of luxury, and the homeless outcast, the honored and the despised, the monarch on his throne and the beggar on the dunghill, gray hairs and golden tresses, man in all the heydey of his glorous summer and man bowed down and bent by hoary old women of all ages, of all ranks, and of all tongues, lisping childhood and stammering tottering age, all, each, in his and her own way with more or less intelligence and emotion, turning aside to behold this great sight and wondering when not adoring as they caught and catch echo of the hymn that is old yet ever new, "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth Peace."

Look at it, think of it, explain as best you may. It stands solitary and alone amid all the birthday festivals that earth has ever seen. Alexander's, Cesar's, Charlemagne's, Napoleon's birthdays! What of them all? Who cares? Though the duet of all these men pent to form the bung of a beer barrel or to nourish a thistle, who could mind? Their names once made the world grow pale. Even the moral they now teach is but poor and small. The human tools they cast away by thousands in order to pave their way to what, at best, was but a dream, perhaps over them, certainly followed them, and no doubt died at their command But who cares for them to-day? Who would shed a drop of blood for their honor? Who would spend a cent in order to tell to others when their birthdays came round?

Mr. E. J. Field Talks.

E. J. Field, late manager of the Wonderful mine says: "There is no limit to the amount of good to be accomplished by intelligent organization on the part of mining men such as is contemplated by the Northwest Mining Association. There must be complete and hearty co-operation between the mine owners and employees, so that each will feel that the benefits resulting to them are commensurate with the outlay involved on their part. To be effectual such a plan should embrace an efficient and hospital service, which could be maintained by the diversion to the association's treasury of the monthly payments of one dollar which are now being collected from the wage earner and paid to outside hospitals for service which in many instances are far from satisfactory. Life and accident insurance, to be furnished at actual cost to members of the association, would follow in due course and an endowment fund should be established for those who may pass a certain age limit, and such employee as may be permanently disabled while engaged in mining. Such an organization can readily secure proper and needed legislation for the benefit of its members. Legislation could be reduced to a minimum and an effectual stop placed upon the absorption of mineral lands by railroads and other corporations."

AROUND THREE FORKS.

The Idaho Concentrator is Running Once More.

Ernest Harrop came down from Three Forks a few days ago en route for Ainsworth and Nelson on business. Speaking to a Kootenaian man he said: "The mining business in the vicinity of Three Forks is looking very well. We are not working the Monitor at present but on the adjoining claim the Hustler Fraction, we are doing considerable work and have already shipped five cars of ore from it so far this season.

Mr. Geo. Petty is in the Boundary district at present developing a gold property, the Surprise. It has a ledge nearly three feet wide and averages about twenty dollars to the ton. A wagon road has been completed to the property which will begin shipping soon, as they have considerable ore in sight.

The Idaho and Alamo concentrator has been repaired and is now working on some fine ore which they are taking out. On the whole I believe the camp is looking better than ever and more ore is being taken out now than last season, though fewer prospects are being developed this year than last.—Kootenian.

A Misunderstanding.

There seems to be a misunderstanding in regard to the suit of the shareholders of the Sunset company against the company and R. E. Lemon. There is no charge of fraud made against Mr. Lemon and the suit seems to be wholly a civil one to determine the rights of the respective parties. It seems that a one-half interest was forfeited by the company by its failing to take up the bond and this was not secured by Mr. Lemon, but by other parties, with whom Lemon had no connection. At present the secretary of the company is said to hold a half interest.

YELLOW SKIN AND EYES.

Biliousness causes yellow skin and eyes, tired, weary, sluggish feeling, etc. Burdock Blood Bitters cleanses the blood and regulates the liver, curing all its diseases: "From a child I suffered from biliousness and headache, and all the money I spent for medicine brought me no relief. Four bottles of B.B.B. cured me completely, however, and I gladly recommend it."

MRS. W. COLEMAN,
Toronto, Ont.

GOLD STANDARD SHAKEY.

United States Senator Chandler Arraigns His Party.

Says that It Courts Destruction if It Persists in Opposing Bimetallism.

United States Senator W. E. Chandler of New Hampshire, one of the few leading members of the Republican party, who persists in taking seriously the party platform pledges, professing friendship to bi-metallism, has written a letter to the Washing (D. C.) Post. The letter was drawn out by a discussion arising over a bill sought to be introduced by Secretary of the Treasury Gage, in which Gage threatened that if a silver congress should be elected in 1898 and pass a free coinage measure, President Mckinley would veto it. The letter is in part as follows:

"If the secretary of the treasury and his gold standard associates will cease their demand for impossible currency legislation, congress will pass the necessary appropriation bills, probably take care of Hawaii and Cuba, there will not be a serious party division during the session, and there will be an adjournment. If Secretary Gage continues to press upon congress a bill the object of which he says is first to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard and the immediate result of which is to throw doubts upon the sincerity of the Presidents declarations in favor of continued efforts to secure bi-metallism, a political turmoil will arise in congress which will split the now united republican party into fragments while it will unite and consolidate the now incongruous opposition. It is not feasible to retire the greenbacks, and there is more probability that a bill will be sent to the president to increase their amount. It is not possible to secure the passage through either house of a bill making the greenbacks into gold notes or authorizing bonds payable in gold. The effort to do either will probably result in the passage of a bill for the redemption of the greenbacks in silver dollars and for the payment of all United States bonds in gold or silver coin, in the discretion of the president, who will be commanded to exercise his option for the advantage of the government, and not for the advantage of the creditors.

"With such an uproar in congress as these proceedings will create, with certain congressmen embroiled therein, with presidential vetoes as threatened by Secretary Gage under angry discussion, it will happen that all business enterprises and bonds and stocks will be disturbed, prices will fall, insolvencies will increase and the republicans will lose the congressional elections of 1898 as disastrously as they did in 1890, and beyond the hope of a favorable reaction in 1900, at which time, therefore, a Bryan democratic president and congress will be chosen.

"Whether we are to have one of these results, political safety, or the other, political destruction, depends entirely upon the course to be pursued by Secretary Gage and those who are pressing him forward, namely: The gold standard league of New York and the self-constituted monetary conference. How much Secretary Gage cares for the republican party is not known. Whether President McKinley, whose professions of good faith towards bi-metallism are coming to a test, will stop his secretary, is not known. It is to be hoped he will. But no political situation has been clearer than the present one is to sound eyes, since the republican party began its marvelous career of 42 years ago. There are times for all things. There is a time to move and a time to keep still, and now is the time to move. It is simply absurd for the republican party in this congress to affirmatively open discussion of the question and bring a yea and no vote on currency legislation. We ought to await the progress of international bi-metallism, the advent of business prosperity and the filling of the treasury by the normal workings, soon to be seen, of the new tariff law. Shall we wait for these things or rush on to self-destruction? President McKinley must decide. Will he act for his people or for his plutocrats? Upon his answer will depend the events of 1898.

Wm. E. Chandler.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 18, 1897.

The Pioneers' Christmas Dinner.

William McKinnon, of Silverton, who was in the city this week, discussing his first Christmas in the Slocan with Neil Gething, both of whom, with George Anderson, were members of the party that camped on Carpenter creek during the winter of '91-'92. They took dinner with George Long, Jap King and Ben Anderson, who occupied one of the adjoining tents that went to make up the canvas town. The principle dish was plum duff, but, while both gentlemen were willing to admit that it was good, neither was ready to assert positively what it was made of. They were certain that there were no plums in the camp but knew that there were plenty of beans, and it was the general practice to substitute the latter for anything of which they happened to be short. However, it was good, and they were ready to pronounce their first Christmas dinner in the Slocan a success.

George Henderson said that he had a very distinct recollection of his first Christmas dinner in the Slocan He was a member of the Carpenter creek party, which was joined late in December of '91, by old Joe Montgomery. Among the delicacies in Joe's outfit of grub which he had prevented from freezing was a half sack of potatoes, and Mr. Henderson succeeded in panhandling the old man out of two of these. He declared that he never tasted anything so delicious in his life and he would not have swapped them for the finest plum pudding that was ever made.—Slocan Pioneer.

Curliana.

The following letter and challenge have been sent to the Kaslo Curling Club by Secretary Fallows on behalf of the Sandon Curling Club. The challenge has been accepted and a date will be arranged as early as possible.

Sandon, B. C., Dec. 20th, 1897.

The Secretary, Curling Club, Kaslo, B.C., Dear Sir:—Our Patron Mr. Hewitt Bostock, M. P. has presented a handsome silver cup to the club on the following conditions:

1. That it is open to all Curling Clubs in the Kootenay.

2. That it is to be competed for in Sandon only.

We have very much pleasure in giving your club a cordial invitation to visit Sandon and compete for the same.

We shall be glad therefore to have as early a reply as possible stating when it is convenient for you to come so that arrangements may be made for a match between all clubs concerned.

We may say that we have built a new rink this year and for a fortnight or more have had splendid ice which is likely to continue for the winter.

Yours truly,
Wm. W. Fallows, Secretary.

Curling Notes.

The interest in the "roaring" game continues unabated. The regular rink contests have taken place as scheduled notwithstanding the attractions of other holiday festivities.

A special game during the week between former Calgary players with Jas. Waugh, district umpire as skip and A. E. Hall, who championed a Sandon rink clear of many a treacherous rock, resulting in Waugh, with that "winning" way of his, leading at the 12th end by one point. Score, Waugh 9 and Hall 8. Someone present remarked, "Waugh was the making of a fine player."

The School Dance.

The School dance on Wednesday night was one of the most successful entertainments ever given in the place. Nothing during the evening occurred to mar the pleasure of any one present. In fact all the attendants enjoyed themselves in genuine home style. It was also a huge success financially as it nets about $100 over all expenses. Too much credit cannot be given to Miss Skinner for the success of the entertainment. She began it herself and engineered most of the details. All vote it one of the most satisfactory assemblies of the season.

The Mounted Police.

Ottawa. Ont., Dec. 28.—When the second draft of 10 men is taken from the Mounted Police the force of the Northwest Territories will number approximately 475 men. It will probably be raised to 500 men and left at that. It has been found that a number of the the best men of the force have thrown up their commissions as a result of the threat to reduce the force, coupled with the inducement to embark upon the gold hunt in the Kloudyke region.

HACKING COUGH CURED.

GENTLEMEN—My brother was troubled with a very bad hacking cough, but after using three bottles of Norway Pine Syrup he was completely cured. I cannot recommend it too highly.

MISS M. BRADSHAW,
Wesleyville, Ont.

ASHTON'S DEATH.

A Verdict of Exposure Implicating Borene.

In our last issue we made a brief reference to the death of Albert Ashton on the 16th of December on the K and S. R. and the finding of a jury at Kaslo implicating Charles Borene of Whitewater, as an accessory resulting from a scuffle. A post mortem was made by Dr. Hartin who found nothing to show that any serious injury had been inflicted by Borene, and yet the jury brought in a verdict as follows:

We, the jury, find that Albert Ashton came to his death through exposure, aggravated by an assault on his person by Chas Borene, at or near the Victoria Hotel, Whitewater, in the County of Kootenay, B. C., on Thursday evening, the 16th day of December, 1896.

This, of course, led to the arrest of Borene for manslaughter. We are aware that in their day and generation Coroners' juries are intelligent, but how "exposure" could be "aggravated by an assault" is something beyond the comprehension of the heathen gods to say nothing of frail humanity. If it was exposure that occasioned the man's death, the deadman could have averted it by going under shelter somewhere. If they felt death was the result of injuries received at the hand of Borene, though in conflict with the Doctor's finding, they should have put the matter that way.

As it is, it is "exposure" that should have been arrested instead of Borene for allowing itself to be "aggravated" either by an assault or by anything else. Mr. Grimmett was called down to conduct the defence; and doubtless after the disposal of the charge against Borene, he will receive a retainer to take up the defence of either Mr. Exposure or Mr. Aggravated Assault.

BORENE HONORABLY ACQUITTED.

The preliminary hearing of Charles Borene of Whitewater, charged with killing Albert Ashton on the 16th of December took place at Kaslo this week. A large number of witnesses was called by the crown, including the physician who made the post mortem examination. After the case for the crown was closed, Mr. M. L. Grimmett, of Sandon, addressed the court on behalf of the prisoner, contending that no case had been made out by the crown and that in no way directly or indirectly was the prisoner responsible for Ashton's death but that death was caused by exposure. The Magistrate fully concurred in this contention and without calling on the prisoner for his defence dismissed the case, at the same time stating that Kelleghan the chief witness for the crown was apparently prepared to swear to anything. Kelleghan is the man who started to walk to Kaslo with Ashton when the latter was frozen to death and who apparently deserted him. It will be gratifying to Borene's friends to hear that he was honorably acquitted of the crime with which he was charged.

The Reco's Find.

The Reco mine has been unearthing a specially pleasing find for the last two weeks at a depth of 1,000 feet in No. 4 tunnel. It is a lead of ruby silver, about two feet in width. The ore is worth from 75 cents to $1 per pound at the present price of silver. Yesterday the company had a specimen of some 50 pounds they were sending to Montreal with Mr. Ribblett's collection.

This mine is now shipping twelve tons a day which places it fourth on the list in the Slocan.

The pleasing feature of this mine is that as depth is driven wealth increases, which is a marked characteristic of all the established mines in this section. This find of the Reco wealth and volume considered is the best the mine has ever turned out by a considerable percentage.

Better Than Klondyke.

The Slocan's silver will in the aggregate yield far better than the hardly gotten gold of Klondyke, and in the end the Kootenay silver district will—as, indeed, it now does—far surpass the productive value of the Yukon. Already amongst other mines of this great silver country there are the Payne, yielding dividends of nearly $100,000 a month and the Ruth, reported to be paying out profits of nearly $50,000 a month, whilst the Reco has just declared a dividend of $100,000, and the Idaho another of $30,000. In addition to which there are the Whitewater and other paying mines. Even in 1897 the Slocan shipments will considerably exceed the output of the Yukon—which can not be reckoned at more than $3,500,000 to date, whilst in 1898 the Slocan's production will again advance by leaps and bounds. Now, too, it is being found that there is considerable gold as well as silver in certain Slocan districts, notably those on Lemon creek.—B. C. Mining Critic.

MINING BRIEFS.

With Scissors and Pen.

The Stranger at the head of Jackson Basin entered the list of shippers last week sending down one car of ore.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Association of Mining Engineers will be held in Vancouver on January 25, and will be accompanied by a banquet which the prominent mining men of the district are expected to attend.

The Alberta mineral claim, situated on Springer creek, near the famous Howard Fraction property, can now be classed among the shipping mines tributary to Slocan City, and it now looks as though the Alberta would prove to be equally as valuable as the former named mine.

Mr. Sanford came down from the Cameronian mine on Saturday, where he has been working for some time. He speaks highly of the prospects of the mine. Rawhiding began last week, and a car will be shipped to the Nelson smelter without delay. He says that 35 feet from the mouth of tunnel they are putting in a crosscut to strike the foot wall and learn the full width of their lead. He is confident that in a lower tunnel they will strike even a richer ore that they find in their present operations.

To Help the Klondykers.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The expected conference between Secretary Alger and Hon. Clifford Sifton, did not take place to-day. Secretary Alger had overestimated his strength and found that he had not sufficiently recovered to undertake the work of arranging the details for the relief expeditions. The Canadian visitor is to remain in Washington for a few days, however, so that the conference is merely postponed for a short time. Capt. Brainard has been authorized to issue advertisements for the supplies that are to be carried by the relief expeditions.

Again Victorious.

As was anticipated our hockey boys wallopped the Nelsonites on their own dump on Christmas day, after a very closely contested match. Some good individual playing was made by the Nelsonites but when it came to team playing they were too light for the occasion. The score was 6 to 5. We learn the treatment of our boys while playing was not of the most courteous character—in fact it was in strong contrast with the usuage the Nelson boys received here. After the match, however, the Nelsonites treated the visitors right royally—in fact they gave them, in diplomatic language, the freedom of the city.

Projected B. C. Railways.

Railway bills promise to occupy a very considerable portion of the time of the legislature at its next session, says the Victoria Colonist, about twenty projected roads having already published notices of their applications. As would naturally be expected, the golden northland is the scene of operations selected by these companies, to which several additions have been made this week. The Gazette contains the following four new notices, all applied for by H. E. A. Robertson:

For a company to construct a railway from Rossland to Robson.

For a company to construct a railway from Fort Steel to the International boundary.

For a company to construct a railway from the Skeena river to the eastern boundary of the province.

For a company to construct a railway from Teslin lake to the coast of British Columbia.

Sandon Ore Shipments.

The following is a list of ore shipments over the K. & S. from Sandon for the week ending Dec. 30:

MINE.	TONS.
Payne	400
Ruth	140
Reco	20
Last Chance	60

CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT.

The Union S. S. Gave the Children a Treat

On Tuesday evening the Methodist church had, undoubtedly, the largest crowd ever within its walls, many having to stand, which was very encouraging to the promoters of the entainment. The church was very prettily decorated with evergreen arches, mottoes, etc., and with the large platform erected for the children's exercises, gave the building a holiday appearance; but the greatest attraction to, at least the little people, was the heavily laden Xmas tree.

Although the children's parts on the programme were hurriedly gotten up they acquitted themselves creditably, giving evidence of much latent talent among our youth. We have not space to mention each part in detail, but the decided hit made by Master Tom and Miss Elva McMartin, two little tots, in their song calls for special mention. They were loudly encored to which they responded latter in the evening. Master Russell Hawke, too, gave the audience much amusement by his coy manner and mimicry, though failing to give his recitation. Master Clyde White in his speech gave promise of future oratory. Another pleasing feature was the singing of the union choir under the able directorship of Mr. Fallows. This was the first time a Sandon audience was favored by a strong chorus of local singers—union is strength. The voluntary by Mrs. Ardery, Messrs. Griffith and B. Cliffe was well received.

Mr. G. W. Grimmett superintendent, took the chair and opened the following programme:

Voluntary—Mrs. Ardery, Messrs. Griffith and Cliffe.
Scripture Reading.....Mr. Sanford
Prayer.....Mr. Cleland
Speech.....Master Clyde White
Recitation.....Master Clarence Smith
" .....Miss Violet Jones
Anthem.....Choir
Recitation.....Miss Emily Jones
" .....Master Guy Baxter
" .....Miss Goldie Warner
Duet—Master Tom and Miss Elva McMartin.
Star Exercise.....Children
Recitation.....Russell Hawke
Quartette.....Male Quartette
Recitation.....Miss Edith Hawke
" .....Miss Gertie LaFavoure
Song .....Myrtle Nicholls
Song—Russell Hawke, Clarence Smith Edith Hawke, Lottie Olsen.
Recitation.....Sammy Nicholls
Christmas Class.....Children
Recitation.....Lottie Olsen
Address.....Superintendent
Santa Claus—Distributing presents and candies to the children and other "favored" ones.

Collections for the evening $18.60. The singing of the doxology brought a pleasant evening to a close.

MINING RECORDS.

Recorded at New Denver.

ASSESSMENTS.

Dec 22—Gentle Annie, Century Fraction, Reliance, Elzahar Fraction.

Dec 27—Yuma Fraction, Aurora No 2, Aurora Fraction, Bostock No 2.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Dec 27—Yuma Fraction, Aurora No 2, Aurora Fraction, Suburban Fraction, Wyomhur, Yuma, Night Hawk Fraction.

TRANSFERS.

Dec 23—Tiptop, Maggie and Nellie, all interest of Anthony D McGinty taken in execution by sheriff.

Golden Cup ½, Archie A McDonald to A T T R Blackwood, Oct 11.

Dec 28—Home Run ½, N K Franklin to Chas W Greenlee, Oct 11, $5.

Same, Harold Selens to same, Oct 30.

Emily Edith Fraction, Iron Clad, Eagle and Eagle Fraction 1-3 each, and Emily Edith ½, Patrick Dalp, to Mary E Rammelmeyer, agreement to sell for $2,500, Nov 2.

Silver Standard, Giant, Emily Edith, W H R, Jas Bowes to Mary E Rammelmeyer, agreement to sell all interest for $2,500, Nov 3.

Dorothy, A 3 Ballton to the Ruth No 2 Mining Co, Dec 23, $5,000.

Jo Jo, Alice Trenery to Wm Hunter, Dec 23.

Recorded at Slocan City.

TRANSFERS.

Dec 17—Jenny Long ½, Mary McKay to A T R Blackwood.

Scotia, Wm Wilcox to Wm Clough.

Dec 21—Empress Fraction ½, Alma Kirkwood to R J Kirkwood.

Dec 23—Sundown Fraction 1-6, Herbert Bunting and Wm Scott to Wm White.

SEVERE HEADACHE CURED.

DEAR SIRS—Being troubled with a severe headache, I was advised by a friend to try Laxa-Liver Pills. I only used half a bottle, and have not since suffered from the complaint. They seem to be a perfect cure.

MRS. JOHN TOMLINSON,
Hamilton, Ont.

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OUR RESOURCES.

Mr. Rathbone, a mining engineer who has had an extended experience in many mining countries, and who was through this country within the past year, gives some valuable suggestions to the English press, on his return to his native country, England. He says Canada, and especially this portion of it, is rich in minerals, but the people are not taking the best means of developing their resources. As the Canadians are essentially an agricultural community they did not give the early attention to mining they might have given consequently the American people took the lead and developed home mines before much was done in Canada. As a result experienced miners and capital, after being employed at home for a length of time, crossed the boundary and began operations here. This, he thinks, should not be. Our capital, at least, should come from the mother country, but the grabbing propensities of the mine owners in this province are operating against us. As soon as a few feet of shaft is dug or a few feet of tunnel driven, the owners have a million dollar mine, and will not sell for less. This is asking the capitalist and purchaser to take all the risk. If the owners would take reasonable remuneration for the work done and agree to accept a resonable percentage of the profits, if any, as the work went on the purchaser to supply the necessary developing capital, it would be much easier to get means in the old country to work the mines of this province. He is perfectly right in this. If a claim owner gets good payment for any work he may have done on his embryo mine, he is nothing out but something ahead, and after, he looses nothing, if his prospect turns out unfortunate, as the new man puts in the operating capital. If the mine turns out well he gets return from what he has not invested, and he should not grudge an outsider to get something for money sunk.

Mr. Rathbone also has the good judgement to recommend the Kootenay country in preference to the Klondyke for reasons we have frequently advanced—that there is perfect safety of life and property here, a good climate and all the other necessities for comfortable living and profitable business operations.

We sincercely hope that the report that seems to be gaining currency, that it is the intention of the Federal government to create Mr. Bostock a minister of mines, will never materialise. We have no objection to Mr. Bostock being a minister, and there certainly is more need of a minister of mines than than there is of a Secretary of State or a Comptroller of Customs or Inland revenue; but what we do object to and most strenously is an unnecessary increase of $7,000 a year in our already most grievous governmental burdens. Mr. Bostock is as capable a man as several who are now in the cabinet, or some of those in the previous cabinet, but that does not mend the matter. We have just twenty-five times the cabinet representation the United States have, and many times that of Great Britain after whose pattern our cabinet is supposed to be modeled; but we have more time-servers and shysters in Canada than there are in either of the other two countries named, and this explains the milk in the cocoanut. It is high time the body politic of Canada rose in their might and taught some of their political time-servers a lesson. They elect a baker's dozen yclept a cabinet, and that cabinet in office think they have nothing to do but play shuttlecock and battle dore with the finances without saying to the electors by your leave. The cause of all this is that curse partizanship that runs so high in the Canadian people as to threaten the financial ruin of the country. Here we have a net public debt, Federally, of close on to $275,000,000 on 5,000,000 people or $55 per head of our population, and the people never question any attempt of the political demigods to increase it at will. We repeat that it is time to call a halt.

It would not be out of place if the government at Ottawa would hasten slowly with their proposed expenditures on railways and other public works to the Klondyke country. Every authority agrees that beyond the value of the mines there is nothing in the whole area worth speaking about. Some better information then as to the extent and wealth of these mines, than is at present at hand, should be secured before any considerable expenditures are made. As it is the mines are pretty well monopolized by foreigners, and the absurdity of the Canadian government placing a debt on the heads of the Canadian people to enable a few foreigners to make wealth in our icy domains must appear on the surface. By all means let the government learn what there is to this Klondyke cry before the Canadian people are further taxed to promote it.

Dining With the Queen.

Christmas suggests good dinners, and by an easy stretch of the imagination the mind can travel to Windsor castle and the pomp and circumstance of dinners there. It may interest some to know "the way of it"—just in case you should be invited to dine with Her Gracious Majesty.

An invitation is practically a command. It is as necessary to go as it is to return your partners lead of trumps at whist. Death alone excuses. But to the seat of Royalty,—at least,—dead men are not invited.

Having duly accepted, you are "dead-headed" there by special car, or by special train, if there are many of you, and, duly arrived, there are special attendants detailed off for every guest. A quiet hint is given, by the way, that punctuality must be observed, and in fact, the guest trains are run hours too soon, so that they may escape trouble.

Guests remain in their rooms at the castle until notified by an official that it is time to repair to the dining room. There they are properly introduced to the person they are to go in with and posted as to their proper place at the table.

Then the doors of the adjoining room are thrown back and the Queen is seen, seated upon one of the gilded chairs that are a feature of the castle's furnishing. The guests file past her in order of precedence, are introduced, kiss her gloved hand, and presently proceed to the dining room.

Here they remain standing behind their chairs, until the Queen enters on the arm of one of the princes or of a maid-of-honor. She always dresses either in black with white gloves or in gray with black gloves, and carries a gold-headed ebony cane. She generally is waited upon by two East Indian servants in gorgeous native attire. Her seat is at a small separate table, sometimes without a companion, but generally with one of her own family. Rarely, she asks a special guest to join her.

An elaborate ten or twelve course dinner is served to the guests, but Her Majesty dines as simply as the average subject of limited means can do,—soup, fish, a roast and some simple desert. She slips away long before her guests are half-way through, and is sometimes seen again in the drawing room if there is a programme of music for her guests after dinner.

Like ourselves, when we were children, we must "speak only when we are spoken to" at least so far as our conversation with Royalty is concerned.

But revenons a nos moutons! The table service is the famous gold set that cost George IV a few millions of dollars. The entire plate at Windsor Castle is said to be worth $10,000,000.—'Tis enough, 'twill do!

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Through his own carelessness Daniel McNaughton forfeited his life last Saturday and was buried in Nelson last Wednesday.

A coroner's inquest was held last Tuesday and from the evidence submitted it appears that on the day mentioned McNaughton and two or three companions decided to go deer hunting along the line of the Slocan branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway. They accordingly equipped themselves with rifles and had been out only a short time when the accident occurred. McNaughton in a very careless manner was using his gun as a walking stick, the butt of it resting on the ground. In climbing over a wind fall he forcibly placed the butt of the gun on the fallen tree to steady himself as he climbed. The gun was discharged and the ball entered his mouth, coming out at the back of his head. When his companions reached him he was dead. The jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts stated.

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PREHISTORIC TIMES.

Remarkable Discoveries Which Point to a Mighty Battle of Twenty Thousand Years Ago--One Hundred Thousand Men Slain.

Evidences of a mighty battle between barbaric races contending for the possession of the mighty valley of the Mississippi many thousand years ago, in which 60,000 and perhaps 100,000 tany-skinned warriors gave up their lives, have been discovered in the Indian Territory—that wild and almost unknown portion of the public domain set apart for the use and benefit of the nation's wards. The initial discovery was made by laborers employed in grading a roadbed for the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf Railway, a few weeks ago, near Redlands I. T., in the northern part of the Choctaw Indian reservation. They were surprised to find, at a depth of six or eight feet, a deposit of human bones, ancient pottery and stone weapons of warfare. The road at this point ran through one of the terraces of the Arkansas river bottom for a considerable distance, and as the grading progressed carloads of human bones, most of which crumbled when exposed to the air, and great quantities of rude battle axes, arrow points, long, daggerlike javelin points and pieces of pottery were unearthed.

The workmen made no effort to preserve the relics, and the real value and extent of the prehistoric remains might never have been known had not Professor Edwin Walters, an archaeologist and geologist in the employ of the road, happened along about this time. He recognized the importance of the find and has recently made extensive excavations. By digging and sounding he has ascertained that 30 acres, most of which is heavily timbered, are underlaid with human bones. His first theory was that he had found an ancient burying ground in which for many successive generations the tribesmen had been laid to rest, but when he picked up a skull in which 13 moss agate arrow points were embedded the conclusion was forced upon him that he had come upon a prehistoric battle ground. Further excavations revealed other skulls pierced with arrow points and many skeletons in portions of which arrow points, or stone javelin heads were buried. One of them was dug up with a stone javelin head thrust through the spine and projecting for several inches through the breast bone. Scarcely a skull has been found that does not bear the marks of violence. The great number of stone war implements that are being found confirms Professor Walters' theory that one of the most sanguinary struggles of prehistoric times occurred there.

The mystery which envelopes that strange scene of primeval conflict may never be cleared away, but to the mind of Professor Walters the story of that early struggle is an open book. The 17 years he has spent in exploring the mounds, fortifications and buried cities of the vanished races of Central and North America have developed facts of surpassing interest to archaeologists. All of the prehistoric inhabitants of North America, Professor Walters believes, came originally from Central America. Thirty thousand years ago three millions of people, breaking away from the vast population that for countless centuries had occupied central and the northern portion of South America, journeyed northeastward along the coast of the Carribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico and finally overspread the Mississippi valley. They belonged to the race of Maya-Toltecs, who, as is shown by their monuments and ruined cities, had attained a remarkably high degree of civilization for that remote period. As the centuries passed the wanderers lost much of their knowledge of architecture, astronomy, chemistry, civil engineering and sculpture, in which the parent race had become proficient. Instead of building temples and monuments, they became mound builders, and their rude structures are scattered throughout the Mississippi valley and the region of the great lakes. Ten thousand years passed, during which the mound builders lost all of the characteristics of the Maya Toltec race, and when, as the successive waves of immigration from the Yucatan swept over the Pacific slope and eastward toward the Mississippi valley, the supremacy of the mound builders was threatened, they fortified their frontier against the incursions of their new enemy. The Mayas made periodic attempts to wrest the rich valley from their grasp, and many were the fierce battles fought.

Professor Walters has found a series of fortifications extending north and south and facing each other. The first of the prehistoric chain of fortifications that mark this one time bloody battle line is found near Oniaha, Neb. From that point it followed down the river bluffs to Kansas City, and from there has been traced southward almost to Mexico. The battle ground just found in the Choctaw country forms a link in this chain of fortifications, and goes far towards proving the correctness of Professor Walters' theories. Here, he believes, the decisive battle of this great international war of the primative race was fought. It is in the midst of a rough rolling country. The Arkansas river, broad and deep, runs east and west at this point, its channel being against a rocky wall on the north bank of the river, in the country of the Cherokees. To the south and left of the river are two broad terraces covered with giant oaks, and it is the higher of the two, through which the railroad runs, which contains the prehistoric remains. Upon this terrace can easily be traced the rude fortifications which were evidently the objective point of the warlike Maya-Toltecs.

Following the topography of the country in his calculations, Professor Walters figures out that the invading army came across the level plain lying to the west, drove the outposts of the mound builders back from their settlements around the great mounds that may still be seen at some distance west of the recently discovered battl ground to the main fortifications or earthworks. Here the two great armies, each possibly numbering 250,000 engaged in a struggle that should only cease when one or the other had been hopelessly vanquished.

What a terrible hand to-hand struggle it must have been! Every acre of that "dark and bloody ground" contains the ghastly remains of from 2,000 to 3,000 warriors, and that they died amid a perfect rain of arrows, javelins and stone axes the vast number of these death-dealing instruments unearthed bear mute testimony. Less than 50,000 men were killed in the the bloodiest battle of the cival war. What fearful carnage must there have been when between 60,000 men, armed only with bows and arrows, javelins and rude battle axes, went down? Little wonder that almost every skull is crushed in with a blow from a battle axe or pierced with arrows, whose tips had previously been dipped in poison. The work of mapping the earthworks, battlegrounds and burial places along the great battle line is one of the most stupendous undertaking yet attempted by students of American archaeology and ethnology. Professor Walters has already given up many years to his self-imposed task, and expects to have it completed in ten years.

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W. H. Lilly goes on Tuesday, 4th of Jan., to Slocan City, to hold a small debts' court.

The Whitewater's late dividend of $30,000 is a handsome Xmas box for the shareholders.

The Blue Bird slide came down on Tuesday, but did no damage. It never is a very bad slide.

Corbin is thinking of building a railway from a point on the Spokane and Northern to Grand Forks.

"Fighting" Joe Martin was in town Monday, but on private business only, and had nothing to say for publication.

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The church services last Sunday were appropriate to the day, Christmas music and sermons were given in both. Services as usual to-morrow.

The Sovereign mine must be a promising institution, when the ore now taken out in development work alone more than pays running expenses.

The K. & S. train on Tuesday encountered the Lucky Jim snowslide. In 24 hours, however, all hands and the cook succeeded in clearing the way fully.

A lot of Illustrated papers at Cliffe's bookstore—The London Illustrated News, The Graphic, The Sketch, The Ladies' and the Gentlemen's Pictorial, etc., etc.

Among the ladies who gave substantial assistance to Miss Skinner in getting up the dance were Mrs. Mc Kinnon, Mrs. McDonald and others, who are entitled to public thanks.

The steamer Nakusp that burned to the waters edge had on three cars of freight—hay, feed and merchandise for the Rossland district. Fortunately there was no mail matter on board and no lives lost.

Mr. Williams, who kept the Queens Lodgings here for some time, has leased the hotel at the concentrator near Three Forks, and has gone out to fit it up. He has a chance to do a large business there.

Mr. Riblett has four very fine samples of ore of about 40 lbs each from the Ruth, the Star, the Reco and the Last Chance, respectively, now in Mr. Harris's office that he is sending to an eastern exhibition.

The street gaffers have been making the welkin ring for the past week with the one hundred and one tin horns Mr. Harris presented to them on Xmas Eve. It is well for the ears of the public that Xmas comes but once a year.

With the rain and thaw of the past days, all having occasion to travel the upper Reco trail and Cody road were on the alert for the Noble Five slide, which generally shows up once a year. So far, however, the avalanch of snow on the top of the peak has held fast to its moorings.

Mr. Hunter is proving himself a public benefactor. Every time he goes to a dance he comes home hatless, leaving some poor fellow a hat ahead. To meet the demand he is thinking of organizing a joint stock hat manufactory in the place. Nothing less will meet the demand.

All lines of sporting goods at Cliffe's bookstore, such as Hockey Sticks, Pucks, Shin-guards, Playing Cards, Poker Chips, Dice, Cribbage, Checkers, Chess, Boxing Gloves, Punching Bags, Snow Shoes, Foot Balls and many others too numerous too mention. Prices always right.

Messrs. P. Burns & Co. made an exceptionally fine display of meats during the holidays, showing their manager to be quite an artistic carver as well as cutter. Every carcass on the premises was so decorated with evergreens, that the porkers if recalled to life would not have known themselves.

Drs. LaBau and Forin last Monday performed the difficult operation of fitting a gold and silver lower jaw on Mr. Cayser. Cavities were left for artificial teeth. About two years ago Mr. Cayser had his jaw shot away with a rifle.—Nelson Miner. If Cayser had been a woman all this would have been unnecessary, as one jaw is enough for a woman at any time.

In its wisdom the local print says the first thing the new city council will have to grapple with will be a new sewer system. The first thing the council will have to take up after the election of officers will be a code of by-laws within the statutes for the government of the place. It may be better to hire the scavenging done by teams the first year, until it is seen how the present depression turns. It will not be well to incur a dollar of municipal indebtedness, until a period of better times has fully set in.

The Union S. S. review and song service in the Methodist church last Sunday was another of the pleasant features of Xmas week. The church was comfortably filled with the school children, with their parents and friends, also many strangers in the city. As we published the programme last issue we will not repeat as it was carried out with but few exceptions. The several parts were well rendered in turn, but perhaps the most pleasing feature of the interesting programme was Mrs. Sandford's review of the infant class.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. J. Batchi has gone to Tacomm where he will spend a six month's vacation.

Mr. G. H. Winter, of the Bank of B. N. A., spent Xmas in Kaslo and is now on deck again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McIntyre and daughter Ellie, of Kaslo, who spent their holidays with Mrs. W. H. Lilly, return home on Monday.

AT THE HOTELS.

L. Ernest, Alex. Parks, Thos. Faye, Nelson; Jas. Ryan, John McNeill, Cody; A. D. Macdonald, Fred Still, Kaslo; G. Kennedy, Massay, Ont.; Jas. Slocan City; J. P. Powell, Silverton; Alex. Ferguson, Ten Mile; Geo. B. Powell, Montreal.

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Goodenough—J. Waugh, Kaslo; H. S Aldridge, C. Parsons, Montreal; J. G Griffith, Donald; W. T. Tragdon, A. Sproat, New Denver; Hon. J. Martin, Vancouver; H. E. Beasley, C. E. Perry, F. W. Peters, C. K. Milbourn, G. N. Brown, Nelson; C. J. Lewen, Alamo.

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Notice.

The Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act authorizing the company to construct, acquire and operate such branch railways as may from time to time be authorized by the Governor-in-Council not exceeding in any one case the length of thirty miles.

J. V. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

Dated at Victoria, November 30th, 1897.

Application for Liquor License

Notice is hereby given that 30 days from date, the undersigned will apply to the Stipendiary Magistrate of West Kootenay, for a Liquor License to sell liquor by retail, at the Victoria Hotel, Sandon.

H. A. McDONALD.

Dated November 8, 1897.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company to apply to the railway committee of the Privy Council, to sanction the building and construction of a branch line of railway from a point about one mile east of Three Forks to Bear Lake, a distance of about six miles, for the purpose of giving increased facilities to business and of transporting the products of the mines, and to sanction the appropriation of the necessary lands for that purpose under the compulsory powers vested in the said company, by the railway act or any other act in its behalf. Signed

JOHN V. ARMSTRONG,
Secretary Nakusp and Slocan Railway Co.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., Oct. 20th, 1897.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Lot 2287. Marion Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Adjoining the "California," about two miles east of New Denver.

Take notice that I, Robert E. Palmer, as agent for George Alexander, F. M. C., No. 74-000; Florence L. McInnes, F. M. C., No. 81515; O. James Marino, F. M. C., No. 9469 a, and Alexander Sproat, F.M.C., No. 74697, intend 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And futher take notice that action under Section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

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EDWARD C. WEAVER.

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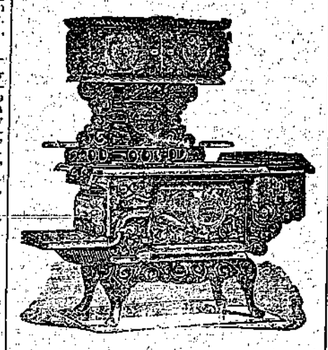

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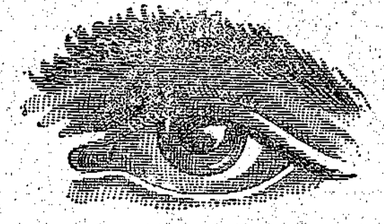

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