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THE annoyance and inconvenience suffered in Nelson owing to the want of some uniform standard time has more than once been called attention to by THE ECONOMIST. We suggested that at stated hours every day the fire bell should be tolled for a few seconds. Such an arrangement could be made without cost to the city, and would prove a great boon to the public generally. A numerously-signed petition was sent in to the Council on the same subject, but for some reason or other the aldermen could not be induced to view the matter in the same light as do the citizens generally. We believe the objection was that there was the possibility of the time ring being mistaken for a fire alarm. This would appear to the ordinary mind an objection which could easily be got over. We notice that a similar condition of affairs exists at Vancouver. The Terminal City, like Nelson, has no generally recognized time, and the means the people are there adopting are exactly those suggested by THE ECONOMIST—the ringing of a bell at stated hours. We read in the Vancouver *World* that "there is a general feeling throughout the city that an arrangement can be come to between the corporation and the authorities of the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, whereby the largest bell can be utilized in ringing say 6 or 7 o'clock in the morning, 12 o'clock noon, and 6 p. m. Such an arrangement would give the city a uniform standard time and prove of immense advantage to citizens in general, and especially so to employees and employers. Carrying out such a scheme would practically suit the people as well as having a town clock."

TENDERS are being invited for the building of the long-promised Post Office and Custom House at Nelson. Judging from the drawings and specifications, the building will be a very handsome and commodious one, and it is said that it will cost in the neighborhood of $75,000 to put it up. Work will commence early in the spring, and will be pressed forward with all reasonable speed. There is not likely to be any trouble from start to finish, as the specifications are clear and the scale of wages to be paid all engaged on the building is fixed. Perhaps it would not be too late to suggest an alteration in the plans which would provide for a clock tower and clock. The extra cost would not be much, while the convenience to the public would be great and the appearance of the building immensely improved.

KIDNAPPING is an old game. In days gone by it used to be played with profit, but telegraphy, the railway, and modern police surveillance have done much to stamp it out. Even the brigands who once infested the mountain tourist haunts of Europe are no longer in active business. The chances of being caught and punished are so greatly against the kidnapper now-a-days that those on whose heads he would hold ransom are comparatively safe. However, kidnapping is said to have been revived at Omaha. The other day the fifteen-year old son of a wealthy packer in that American city disappeared mysteriously and all efforts to locate him failed until the anxious parents offered rewards for the boy's recovery, and "no questions asked." But the sum named was evidently not sufficiently tempting. Later on a man on horseback galloped up to the home of the youth, and as he passed the gate dropped a letter. This was directed to the boy's father, and read "Your son is safe, and we will return him to you in consideration of the payment of $25,000." Then followed particulars as to where the money was to be left and the conditions under which the prisoner was to be released. The case is in the hands of detectives, and how it will turn out remains to be seen. If the kidnappers succeed in this instance, we may expect an outbreak of kidnapping in the United States that will beat anything ever heard of in this line.

AT the next session of the Provincial Legislature application will be made for a charter for a company who propose to run a tunnel from Four-mile Creek, not far from Silverton, to a point on the south fork of Carpenter Creek, near Sandon. The tunnel will be about five miles long, and the promoters of the scheme hope to encounter large bodies of ore. The mountain is highly mineralized. This will be the first work of the class on a large scale undertaken in the Provice, so that much interest attaches to it. Should it prove a financial success, mountain boring may in time materially alter the geography of the country.

THE cities of the Coast appear to be suffering from the attention paid them by burglars well up in the business. As a means of protecting their property, the people are crying out for more police, and blaming the present force for a lack of energy and skill in detecting the midnight visitors. It has been suggested that a burglary insurance company would do a big if not profitable business just now. Perhaps it

would. In this connection it may not be out of place to mention an incident which recently occurred in an English town. A burglary insurance company had been established at the place alluded to, and shortly afterwards the secretary received a letter from "the president of the burglars' union," suggesting that the company should hand over part of their premiums to the union with a list of those they had insured. In consideration of this bonus the union would undertake not to molest any person insured. Thus the companies would never have any claims, and they could afford to pay the night operators a handsome sum, as the rest of the premiums would be clear profit. This is a novel suggestion on the line of "legitimate business." How it works we are not told, but an alliance with burglars should be a last resort.

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NEWS from South Africa is not the most pleasant these days. The Boers still under arms manage to give the British forces some disagreeable surprises. The departure of Lord Roberts and a big body of the soldiers who fought under him, appears to have given the fanatical followers of Oom Paul renewed vigor. It is now evident that they mean to fight to the bitter end. Such a decision is to be regretted in the cause of humanity. That the fighting Boers will be wiped out, is a foregone conclusion, and as this disagreeable task has to be accomplished, the sooner the war is brought to an end the better. That the Boers have displayed great courage and tact during the campaign must be conceded, and one could admire this were it not for the fact that it has been so overwhelmingly off-set by acts of basest treachery. Under the protection of the white flag they have been guilty of wholesale murder. But reprehensible as are such acts as these on the part of the Boers, they are a thousand fold more reprehensible on the part of the gang of Irish-Americans who went to South Africa as an ambulance corps—now finally for the purpose of caring for the sick and wounded, but in reality to fight the British. "Thirty-three of these fellows returned the other day to the land they had disgraced," says the New York *Times*, "and on arriving here, instead of receiving the contempt they had earned, they were cheered and dined." The original party consisted of fifty-eight persons, who before leaving America made affidavit that they were going to South Africa not as an ally of the Boers, but as ambulance men. It was, however an open secret that they meant to fight. It is anything but creditable to the public sentiment of the United States that these treacherous perjurers should be lionized on their return. The incident will do much to tarnish the deservedly respected Red Cross Flag under which so many real heros have labored in the past.

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THE newspaper enterprise appears to be a growing and profitable one. We do not wish that any of our readers should take the hint, and rush into the business with the object of making a speedy fortune. Oh, no; for if they failed they might be blaming us, or insinuating that we were prompted by envy, hatred or malice in suggesting the idea. Statistics recently compiled go to prove that there are 42,800 newspapers published in the world, and to this number Russia contributes but 743, or one newspaper to every 170,000 of its people. From these figures, Russian is clearly the country in which to embark in the business.

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DR. SELWYN, formerly head of the Mineralogy Department of the Dominion Government, has been giving the Vancouver newspapers the benefit of his opinion on the subject of the treatment of the ores of the Province. The doctor points out that the dry ores of South America cannot be smelted without the wet ores of British Columbia, or some other wet ores, whereas the wet ores of British Columbia can be smelted without the dry ores of South America, although it pays to mix as much dry ore with them as they will collect the value of. This being the case, would it not be well to force the dry ores of the south into British Columbia to be here smelted instead of sending our wet ores there to supply the necessary element to profitable smelting? Here in this Province we have every facility for smelting operations—the right class of ore and fluxes, abundant water-power, and a never failing supply of coal and coke. An improved railway service affords the opportunity of handling the ores advantageously, so that there is really nothing to prevent the profitable treatment of our own minerals as well as the output of mines at the other side of the boundary line which have not in themselves the necessary fluxing properties. As we noted the other day, the St. Eugene management has contracted for the supply of a large quantity of the output of that mine to Chili. A certain proportion of wet ore is needed there in order to treat the rock of that country. Instead of sending our ore to Chili, would it not be better for British Columbia that the ores of Chili be treated in this Province? The smelting industry has received a great impetus in this country of late more particularly in the Kootenays since the opening up of the great coal beds at Fernie and the building of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. With mountains of ore and adequate smelting facilities, we shall only require such changes in the tariff as will encourage home industry in lead products to make British Columbia the richest and most productive country in the world.

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BUILDING operations in Nelson during the past year have been on a very extensive scale. The total outlay under this heading will not fall far short of $300,000. It is gratifying to note, too, that there is an air of stability about everything accomplished in this particular line. Among the new business blocks the Kirkpatrick-Wilson-Clements building takes the lead. It is of brick, with stone foundation, and cost $42,000. The new C. P. R depot, entails an outlay of $30,000, and will be a great improvement to the city, affording much-needed facilities to meet an ever-increasing traffic. The St. Joseph's School is built at a cost of $13,500, while the additions to the General Hospital will run up to $9,000. During the year the Emmanuel Congregational Church has been added to

r places of worship. The building has been put at a cost of some $5,000. Then there are several bstantial warehouses which a year ago did not ex- in Nelson, but which to-day bear witness to the lume of the wholesale business done from this busy ntre. But it is in the number and style of the resi- nces built with n the past twelve months that the oughtful observer will find food for reflection. These early show that not alone is Nelson a commercial ty, but that it is a most desirable residential quarter a place where a man will make a permanent home. o far as at present outlined, the building programme r next year promises to be a lengthy one, as several portant additions are contemplated.

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TUESDAY next will be New Year's Day, and will lso usher in a new century. We cordially wish our aders a Happy and Prosperous New Year. In re- iewing the past twelve months, we have much, as a ommunity, to be thankful for. During the year he city has made phenomenal progress and never id the prospects look brighter for the future. Nel- on has enjoyed a rare immunity from disease during he past twelve months, and we enter upon the new ear with a clean bill of health. True, Death has aid his cold hands on a few of our good people, and o those who are still mourning their loss we extend ur sympathy. Let us remember that we not alone nter on a new year, but a new century. Ere the lose of the one there will be fresh tombstones in every raveyard, and before the close of the other we hall all have passed away. We know not what the ear may bring forth, and can only commit ourselves o the tender care of Him who is "the same yester- ay, to-day and forever," and in whose sight a thous- and years are as one. How short is life even to those who are spared to live the allotted span is a thought which must suggest itself on an occasion such as this when we pass another century-stone on the road to eternity. Among the good resolutions which all will be making on Tuesday next, let us not omit that old but ever welcome one to do unto others as we would they should do unto us.

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AT the annual meeting of the Nelson Charities Organization the other evening, the pleasing an- nouncement was made that there are at present in the city no cases requiring the good offices of the society. This is very gratifying, indeed, and sus- tains the reputation of Nelson as the happiest and most prosperous city in the Province.

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As evidence of the growth of Kootenay, Captain Troup stated in Phœnix the other day, "The freight handled in my territory breaks all previous records. On both general merchandise and in ore tonnage the business of the C. P. R. in the Kootenays and Yale is steadily increasing, and is surprising even to myself. I have seen the time when two carloads daily repre- sented the incoming freight; now it is nearly fifty cars a day." Certainly never in the history of Nel- son has the amount of freight handled been anything near so great as within the past couple of weeks. The improvements at the depot made things much easier than would have been the case even a few months ago.

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IT looks as if the American smelting combine is trying a freeze-out game on British Columbia ores. Now this is just what the people of this country would like them to do. Already too much of our ore goes over the boundary line, and if the smelting combine there thinks that it can cripple our mining industry by combining against our ores, it makes a great mis- take. The natural result of such action will be to force our mining men into the smelting industry. Al- ready there is a strong tendency in this direction, and the success attending the home smelters now in oper- ation is such as to encourage the enterprise. There is not at present a smelter in British Columbia which is not running full blast—except, indeed, the establish- ment at Pilot Bay, and the reason it is kept idle is that it is in the hands of American smelting men whose policy it is to keep it idle. The other smelters of the Province are all increasing their capacity, so as to be in a position to meet the ever-increasing demands of their patrons. The freeze-out game will not be a winning one for American smelting men.

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A BREAD TRUST is the latest. The Torontonians who lean on "the staff of life," will in future have to look to a big combine to supply their needs. When they pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," their minds if not their hearts are likely to turn to the com- pany with a capital of $850,000 who will in future control the supply. Heretofore they were wont to put their trust in heaven, but henceforth their trust will be on earth—right within their own municipal boundary.

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EVERY man has his own eye for beauty. One Wil- liam Koller, of Pittsburg, Pa., set his affections on a colored belle named Jennie Henry. Recently he mar- ried Jennie, as no doubt he had a right to do in a "free country." But a crowd numbering a thousand persons thought otherwise, and the charivari they gave the married couple was under police protection. "Kill them!" "Lynch them!" were among the greetings vociferously tendered. Such is a sample of the freedom enjoyed in Pittsburg, Pa.

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EDWARD BURTON, who will be probably the first Premier of the new Australian Federation, visited British Columbia in the autumn of 1893.

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CAPT. JOHN PATTERSON has announced himself as a candidate for the East Ward. Capt. Patterson would be a useful member of the council board.

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MANY names are mentioned in connection with al- dermanic honors at the approaching elections.

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THE ECONOMIST acknowledges with thanks the gift of a box of holly from Mr Joshua Davies, of Vic- toria. Mr. Davies, by the way, owns what is conceded the finest garden in British Columbia.

# MINING NEWS

## LARDEAU.

From the Eagle.

Vincent Lade and Andy Ferguson have left for Thomson's Landing to arrange for getting the big C. P. R. boat to come in from Arrowhead for the Triune ore, some 120 tons. They will accompany the ore to Trail. The last 20-ton shipment of this ore went $290.67, the total values being $237.58 in gold, $4,985 95 in silver and $589.96 in lead, or in all $5,813.49, giving a net profit of over $250 to the ton.

An agreement has been signed giving an option on the Cromwell mine to the strongly backed Warner Miller Syndicate of New York and others for the sum of $150,000. The Cromwell mine was located in September, 1899, and when the first assessment work was done upon it the lead was found. The ore returned assays running from $130 to $750 per ton, the latter being, of course, in respect of a quite exceptional sample. The principal value was in gold. Six and a-half tons shipped to the smelter gave returns of 5.75 ounces gold and 18.1 ounces in silver to the ton. The property is close to the Triune mine. What little work has been done on the Cromwell has exposed a strong ore body 28 inches in width.

## SLOCAN.

From the Drill.

The Arlington has been hustling out ore this week to beat the band, notwithstanding the wretched state of the road. The ore is now going out in 30-ton cars, of which five were forwarded since last report, making 150 tons in all. The total for the year is above the 1300 ton mark. The Two Friends people, as also the Bondholder, are moving their ore down to the wagon road, and will have it down to the railway shortly. The lack of [illegible] cars is having to keep back these shipments. Following is a list of the shipments this year to date:

| Mine. | Week. | Total |
|---|---|---|
| Enterprise | ..... | 1020 |
| Arlington | 150 | 1355 |
| Black Prince | ..... | 60 |
| Kilo | ..... | 20 |
| Hampton | ..... | 8 |
| Neepawa | ..... | 7 |
| Two Friends | ..... | 20 |
| Alberta | ..... | 3 |
| Bondholder | ..... | 20 |
| Slocan Chief | ..... | 16 |
| | 150 | 2527 |

The Molly Gibson is shipping ore to the Nelson smelter, at the rate of a carload a day.

About 25 tons of ore per day is passing through the Chapleau stamp mill. Everything is going along smoothly.

George Kydd, Nelson, is applying for a crown grant on the Trenton, situated on the Eight and Twelve Mile divide.

A crown grant is being applied for on the Evening Star group, owned by Hugh Sutherland, and comprising seven claims.

J. F. Holden has five men employed on the Phœnix group, on Republic hill. The property looks most encouraging.

The ore being taken from the No. 2 of the Speculator is identical with that of the Arlington, being covered with native silver.

The sinking of the winze on the Chapleau has shown up a better grade of ore and a larger body of it than has yet been seen on the property.

The Marion, on Silver Mountain, will resume operations at once.

The principals in the Iron Horse deal have gone to Pittsburg, to arrange for issuance of stock.

P. W George has driven over 200 feet on his claim, on the main Lemon Creek. He has 18 inches of ore, carrying good values in gold.

A letter received in town from parties connected with the Two Friends company, states that the Marpole interest will not be sold by the sheriff as arrangements had been made to liquidate the debt.

Billy Harrington was down Tuesday from the V & M. They are preparing to erect a blacksmith shop and orehouse. Another big specimen of ore was sent to Toronto during the week, for exhibition purposes.

## BOUNDARY.

From the Phœnix Pioneer.

E H Thruston made the final payment of $23,000 on the Carmi this week.

Reports from the Rambler, near Eholt, are to the effect that the property is looking better every day.

J. P. Harlan, ore buyer for the Standard smelter, is meeting with considerable success in making contracts for ore.

Work is expected to be started on the Yellowstone group, adjoining the Last Chance, between Phœnix and Greenwood, in the early part of January.

The Morning Glory and Quilp mines, at Republic, are reported to have made a contract to furnish 100 tons per month of their silicious ores to the Granby smelter.

The B. C. mine is still shipping ore in box cars, as the C. P. R. management cannot see any profit in hauling empty dump cars back to the Boundary from the Trail smelter.

John Dorsey, of Phœnix, who went east a couple of months ago to interest capital for the development of Summit camp properties, has returned, and reports having been successful.

It is reported that the Butcher Boy group, adjoining the Carmi, on the West Fork, has been bonded to capitalists represented by Geo. A. Sonnemann, of Spokane, for $100,000.

The Emma, in Summit camp, owned by Messrs. McKenzie and Mann and W. T. Smith, is being pumped out, and it is said some ore will be gotten out and shipped to the new Standard smelter, being completed at Boundary Falls.

James Punch, in charge of the ore quarrying on the surface of the Knob Hill, has from 15 to 20 men at work. This ore, which makes a ideal flux, is being sent out every day to the Granby smelter at the rate of from three to five cars.

Work is proceeding apace with the installation of the 35-drill compressor at the Mother Lode. During November about 2,500 tons of ore were sent to the smelter, and the daily output is to be 300 tons after the new compressor is in running order.

There has been a mild placer excitement on Fourth of July Creek, a few miles south of Phoenix. Claims have been staked at both sides of the international boundary line. Nuggets worth $1.25 each and $9 per yard gravel are said to have been found.

## TRAIL

Following were the ore shipments received at the Trail smelter from the different shipping mines for the week ending December 22 :

| | Tons |
|---|---|
| Centre Star | 2105½ |
| Iron Mask | 97¼ |
| B. C. | 879½ |
| Payne | 187¾ |
| Cornish | 19¼ |
| Idaho | 39½ |
| Bosun | 20 |
| Ymir | 23 |
| Erie | 19 |
| Sullivan | 263¾ |
| Lade | 87¾ |

The matte shipped from the smelter was 158 tons, and the bullion amounted to 90 tons.

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William Alley of Trowbridge, has recently attained his eightieth birthday, and is probably the oldest bell-ringer in England This veteran was baptised by the wet Crabbe, who was then rector of Trowbridge, and began his bell-ringing career when quite young. He rang at the Queen's coronation, and at all great events since, including the jubilee periods, and, after ringing at the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, her Majesty accepted his photograph He has been connected with the ringers in Trowbridge belfry for sixty-six years.

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A strange story is told by Otto Londeck, of Montreal, who says he was formerly coachman to Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, millionaire, of New York, and against whom he is contemplating a suit for damages amounting to $35,000. Londeck states he was in possession of a secret regarding Mr. Morgan's son. Mr Morgan several times asked him to divulge the secret, but he refused, and for this he was cruelly persecuted. One evening, he says, he was returning home when he was kidnapped and carried into a dark cavern, where he was kept for months. Every day some one would call and give him food. From time to time, Londeck says, a messenger would call to see him, saying that he would be given his liberty if he would reveal the secret to Mr. Morgan. This Londeck refused to do. His rescue from the cavern, he says, was effected through his sweetheart, Miss Frances Murphy, a servant, who was aware of Mr. Morgan's alleged severity to Londeck. She engaged able detectives and in that way Londeck was found. Londeck says he went from New York to Hartford, Conn. then to Kingston, Ont., then to Quebec. In all of these places he was followed by strangers, who frequently assaulted him. He says he is being persecuted, but will never reveal the secret. He has given the matter over to a detective agency.

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The holiday display of meat at P. Burns & Co.'s store was the finest ever witnessed in Nelson. It would do credit to any city on the continent.

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# To the Electors of Nelson:

At the request of a number of electors, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for mayor at the coming civic elections. I have served as alderman during two years of the four during which the city has been conducting its own affairs, and my record made in the council on the questions that are now the most important issues before the people of the city is such as will bear inspection.

I believe that the city has valuable assets in the water and electric light systems, and while in the council I did everything possible to safeguard these assets ; and if elected mayor no act or vote of mine will be in favor of allowing any outside corporate interest to become a competitor with the city in the business of electric lighting, a business in which the city has already invested $70,000.

While in the council in 1897, I voted in favor of incorporating a fair wage clause in all contracts, and that principle was carried out in both letter and spirit. I see no reason to change my views on that question now. And I believe further, that with competent foremen and superintendence that the city can get as good value for the money spent by having the great bulk of its work done by day's labor as by the contract system, and no good reason can be advanced why the city should not pay the same rate of wages and work men the same number of hours as prevails in private enterprises.

I am in favor of giving the business and property interests every safeguard possible, and to that end I believe the fire department should be made as efficient as possible, consistent with the revenues of the city.

Nelson should be kept in advance of its rivals, and everything possible must be done to induce manufacturing enterprises to locate here, for it is the pay-rolls that build up the cities of today.

Nelson, a western city, is as orderly and law abiding as eastern cities. This is because the people of Nelson are tolerant. I believe that this spirit of toleration should be continued, and I will if elected mayor do no act to abridge or curtail the rights or privileges of one class of our citizens merely because another class may have different views.

The city has made a start in permanent street improvements, and I am in favor of continuing these improvements as fast as possible, with due regard to the revenues of the city.

If elected mayor, I am in a position and will pledge myself to devote my time to the conduct of the city's business.

FRANK FLETCHER

NELSON, B. C., DEC. 15, 1900

# VENTS AND OSSIP

I UNDERSTAND that quite a number of new hats have been lost and won as a result of election bets in Nelson. The weather last week was not favorable for sporting new head-gear, nevertheless a few politicians appeared on the streets with new hats and smiling faces under them. I have not heard of many extravagant bets being made, such as are common with our Yankee cousins. The only one of this class brought to my notice was made in Vernon. In the *News*, that spicy paper published in the metropolis of the Okanagan, I read: A crowd was attracted at Megaw's corner to see an amusing election bet paid. Two well-known employees in one of our leading mercantile establishments had made a wager on the result of the election in this city the loser to wheel the winner in a barrow from Birnie's blacksmith shop to the corner of Schubert street. It was agreed that for every time the wheeler upset his passenger he should pay $2.50; this was made a condition to prevent undue spilling in the mud, which was several inches deep on the street. But even this penalty was not sufficient to deter the manipulator of the wheelbarrow from dumping its occupant out into the creek, near Schubert street, much to the amusement of the spectators. The loser strove to get even by having the barrow placarded: "Wheeling out rubbish," and by wearing a prominent legend, "to the nuisance ground." It is difficult to say just which of the two had the best of the joke.

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From Nanaimo comes the story that while a party of public men of the Coal City were discussing things in general prior to the opening of a business meeting, one of them wriggled in with the story of a nerve in his tooth, which had been killed by frost. "Did you ever hear of a nerve being killed by frost?" he exclaimed, looking around the group. An unabashed newspaper man then present said he had seen it often. "Often?" cried the business man. "Yes, quite often," replied the journalist, quietly. "Why, I thought it was a first-class rarity," said the business man. "Not at all," replied the scribe, "it's not even a tenth-rate sensation. I've seen it scores of times." "How did it happen? Was it exposed?" "Well, I should guffaw. Exposed, oh yes very much exposed. Exposed to rotten eggs, turnips, cabbages and six or seven dead cats or so. Yes, I've seen nerves killed by post on a public platform many a time through over exposure."

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The children attending the public schools of Nelson were given Christmas vacation on Friday last. For two solid weeks the youngsters will give a wide berth to school books, and devote all their attention to fun and frolic, despite the fact that the wheather does not favor out-door sport. The roads are not in a condition for sleighing—the favorite sport of Christmas times. It is pleasant to note the good feeling which exists between the children and their teachers, as manifested by the presentations made by the little ones on Friday last.

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It may not be generally known that the Prince of Wales, who has now seen his 59th birthday, is by nearly two years older than the oldest Prince of Wales at the time of his accession to the throne. The oldest Prince of Wales before him was George IV, who was born Sept. 12, 1762, and succeeded to the throne on the death of his father, Jan. 29, 1820, so that he was 57 years and four months at the time of his accession. But his brother, William IV., who succeeded him—who, however, was not Prince of Wales before his accession—was still older than the Prince of Wales is now. William IV. was born Sept. 21, 1765, and succeeded on the death of his brother, June 26, 1830, so that he was almost 65 years of age at the time of his accession. Next in age to him at the time of ascending the throne was George I., who was born in 1660, and succeeded on the death of Queen Anne in 1714, so that he was 54 years old. But like William IV. he never was Prince of Wales. It is noticeable in both longevity at the time of the sovereign a death and mature age at the time of ascending the throne came in with the Georges. Before them, as a rule, they came to the throne early in life, and died comparatively young. The first king who completed 70 years at the time of his death was George II., and since his day William IV. was 72, George III. died at 81, and Queen Victoria is now also 81, while even George IV. lived to be almost 68—a marvel in itself for such a man. Only Queen Elizabeth and Edward I. exceeded the age of George IV. at the time of their death, and both of them only by a few months were older than he.

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Some days ago I heard a somewhat animated discussion as to whether a certain well known young man in Nelson was engaged or still eligible. A lady who spoke on the affirmative side of the question avowed that she knew the girl back East to whom he was engaged, and hinted that should he continue his attentions in a particular direction she would report matters to her friend in Ontario. On the negative side it was argued that even if engaged, the gentleman in question was quite within his rights to make himself agreeable with the ladies of Nelson, or even go so far as to show a preference for one more than another. Now, I don't quite agree with this. If an engagement exists, the gentleman in question need not be afraid or ashamed to acknowledge the fact—at least he has no right to conceal it. As well might a Benedict pose as a bachelor. In other countries custom if not law, regulates matters of this sort. Married men in Sweden and Norway, for instance, are as much labelled as their wives. They wear wedding-rings thereby proclaiming themselves to all and sundry as appropriated blessings. And not only do they go shackled after matrimony; directly they become engaged they proclaim the fact to the outside public by sporting a ring, just as do their fair fiancees.

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Are there any unhappy lovers in Nelson or broken up families, any person or persons with business troubles of any description whatever, any miner with a claim the value or nature of which he is in doubt about; anyone who wishes to know his or her past, present or future. Step forward, ladies and gentlemen, and have everything made right. There is a clairvoyant, palmest and card reader—three in one—in town, who for a small consideration will settle your love affairs, tell you all about the dear absent ones, arrange every business trouble, and make life worth living. I do not know that this gifted and obliging personage is the seventh daughter of a seventh daughter—there is luck in odd numbers—or that her optics are so arranged that she can see into the future or into the past, but she claims that she can do this and a great deal more. I think I shall pay her a visit, as a certain million dollar investment in which I am interested is not turning out altogether to my wishes. Not having yet encountered any person who has had the benefit of the lady's

advice, and being of a somewhat bashful nature myself, I somewhat dread the ordeal. But when all these advantages are within reach for a dollar or two why hesitate. "Fools step in where angels fear to tread."

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"C. T. L." wants to know if the shacks along the waterfront are under the jurisdiction of the local sanitary authorities. I am not an authority on such matters, but I should think they are, being within the city limits. Portion of the foreshore, as I understand it, belongs to the C. P. R., and the government has control of the rest. Whether the shacks alluded to are there with the consent of the proper authorities is more than I can say. The letter continues: "Anything more unsanitary if not indecent it would be difficult to imagine, than is the condition of the beach in the vicinity of these shacks. It is strewn with the most offensive rubbish, and as one picks his steps over the endless variety of old cans, discarded clothing, bones and decaying vegetable matter, he cannot but think what a pestilential hole Nelson would be were the lake not at its highest during the warm weather." I had no idea that conditions were so bad in the locality mentioned. I must take a stroll round that way and see for myself, not that I doubt the statements of my correspondent.

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The newspaper and messenger boys of Nelson accepted the hospitality of the Hume Hotel on Xmas evening, and had a rare good time of it. Nobody was overlooked in Nelson during the holidays—not even the newsboys. P. Burns & Co., with proverbial big-heartedness, offered a Christmas turkey to every poor family in Nelson. The best birds in the store were to be had for the asking. The Miners' Union appropriated $100 to be spent in Christmas presents for the patients and staff of the General Hospital. But, alas! I will have to cut my list short, for to enumerate the various acts of thoughtful kindness which came under my observation within the past few days would require more space than I am allowed for my little gossip.

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I am told that one can make a supply of good vinegar with very little trouble and expense. This is the recipe: Put half a gallon of vinegar in a cask and add five gallons of soft water and half a pound of molasses. This will make vinegar in about three weeks. Stand the barrel on end, bore a hole in the top to admit the air and cover it with wire screening or sacking to keep the bugs out.

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Many of the residents of Nelson will remember Miss Minnie Callahan, who a few years ago was a typewriter in the office of Mr. N. F. Hagel, Q.C. Miss Callahan, after she left Nelson, returned to her home at Campbellford, Ont., but later took up her residence in New York City. A recent issue of the *Dramatic News* of New York City, contains a full-page portrait of this young lady, and in the same issue announces that she has developed into one of the leading actresses in the United States.

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I understand that Harry McDonnell has been appointed district freight agent of the C. P. R., vice F. W. Peters. The appointment is one which is sure to give general satisfaction.

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I observe that the British Naval Department has issued applications for tenders for coal, and for the first time they require a twelve-month's supply under normal conditions, and also for further supplies that may be rendered necessary through any unforseen circumstances. This is said to be the largest single order ever placed in the coal trade in England. It is anticipated that it will amount to about 1,000,000 tons. The government is evidently determined to have a big supply on hand.

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The committee of scientific men who were appointed to investigate the matter, state that an eruption of Mount Vesuvius may be expected at any time. It has been some time since there has been a dangerous outbreak. The experts in the observatory say that an eruption may occur at almost any time, but they are not ready to predict the strength of the eruption.

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The assay authorities at Birmingham, following the example set by London and Manchester, have decided not to stamp any hollow gold articles in future where the thickness of the gold is less than No. 36 guage. This decision will materially cripple the cheap trinket and mock jewelry trade, where the keenness of the competion has resulted in the employment of rolled gold of such extreme thinness that the presence of the precious metal can scarcely be detected. A similar rule might with advantage be applied in this country.

P. G.

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## THE PACIFIC CABLE.

The telegraphic cable from British Columbia to Queensland, or to state the matter in broader terms, from the Dominion of Canada to the Australian Common-wealth, will be 7,986 miles long, divided as follows:

Vancouver Island to Fanning Island, 3,561 miles.
Fanning Island to Fiji, 2,093 miles.
Fiji to Norfolk Island, 961 miles
Norfolk to New Zealand, 537 miles.
Norfolk to Queensland, 834 miles

It will thus be seen that the cable will have two branches from Norfolk Island, one to New Zealand and the other to Queensland, which is the northern part of Australia. The direct line from Vancouver Island to Queensland will, therefore, be 7,485 miles long; the line from here to New Zealand will be 7,152 miles in length. The cost will be £1,785,000, of which Canada guarantees five-eighths. The contractors are the Telegraphic Construction & Maintenance Company, and the contract calls for the completion of the work by the close of the year 1902. This cable will be the connecting link in a line around the globe, all points of connection being on British soil. For business between Great Britain and Australia this line will be in competition with the lines of the Eastern Telegraph Company. In case of a failure of the earnings to pay expenses and interest, the Mother Country and the Colonies directly interested will have to make up the deficit.

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## NO SINECURE.

Few members of the learned professions can have more slavish work to do than the pastor of a large city congregation, says the Toronto *Telegram*. A minister who has eight or nine hundred members in his church, not including adherents, will have to attend one deathbed and one funeral a week throughout the winter months. There are sick members or adherents to be visited by the score, and what with the round of calls and meetings the pastor of a city church cannot be said to travel to the skies on downy beds of ease. It is small wonder if the pastors of city churches occasionally fail to preach up to the ideals of their congregation. Canadians are easily pleased with the quality of their political speeches, but they are critical about sermons. Eloquence may be a rare gift among the preachers of Canada, but the sermons which the pulpit offers compare favorably with the flights of oratory which sadden the arenas of law and politics in this country.

# The Yarner of Yatmat

HE was too young a boy to be quite alone in the streets of the great city. Not but that he was capable of caring for himself in the face of ordinary perils, but this boy was confronted by no ordinary peril. It was acute poverty that faced him. He was homeless and hungry.

Jimmy Sturges had come up to the city in search of fortune and incidentally of fame. His home life had been unhappy. He was a sensitive boy, and an aunt with a chronic temper and a rasping voice had made life wretched for this orphaned lad of 17.

As he slowly strolled down one of the fashionable thoroughfares, dully wondering what was to happen to him, the door of a handsome residence opened, and a man came down the steps. He was a big man with a fresh looking face and grizzled gray whiskers, and he had an extremely well-to-do appearance. As he reached the sidewalk he caught sight of Jimmie, and they both stopped.

"Come here," said the big man slowly, and, though his voice had a peculiar rough burr to it, Jimmy instinctively felt that its owner was a safe man to approach. He stepped forward. "How's business with you?" inquired the big man.

"Very bad," said Jimmie.

The big man eyed him keenly. "Know any stories?" he suddenly inquired. Jimmie was a little startled by the suddenness of the query, but he thought he grasped the big man's meaning.

"Lots," he answered.

"Any new ones?"

"Brand new."

The big man caught him by the arm and led him up the steps and into a most beautiful hall, but Jimmie had scarcely a chance to look around, for the big man hooked his big fingers under his chin and held up his head.

"Let me see your tongue," he said. Jimmie thrust out that useful member, and then the big man murmured, "Humph!" Then he brusquely added: "We can't take any chances on strange story tellers. You must have a bath."

He drew the passive Jimmy back into the interior of the house and presently pushed him through the door of a small room.

"Take a good scrub," he commanded, "and when you are through rap on the door."

It was a wonderful little room. Jimmy stared admiringly about him, but he didn't forget what he was there for. In a moment he had discovered the hot water faucet and presently was indulging in the luxury of a thorough personal scrub. When he had scrambled back into his clothes and brushed them and his hair, he rapped on the door. It was opened by a tall gentleman with a gray moustache, who smiled down at him pleasantly.

"The doctor is up stairs," he said, "and wants you to join him there."

They went up the broad stairs and then into a handsome room. There was a bed at one side, with somebody lying in it. The big man was standing at the bedside, and he back-nod to Jimmie. Then he stooped down.

"George," he said softly, and it was quite wonder


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ful how the bur seemed to leave his voice—"George, here's the story teller you wanted." He reached back and drew Jimmie closer. The boy, looking down, saw another boy lying before him, a boy of about his own age, with a thin, white face and deep set burning eyes that rolled toward him from the pillow.

"Your title?" cried this strange boy in a thin, querulous voice.

"The Yarner of Yakmat," replied Jimmy with great gravity, recalling the name he had given the hero of one of his own romancing creations.

"Good You are welcome. From the east?"

"From the far east."

"You are also the grand vizier?"

"Later on I became the grand vizier."

"True. Now for your first story, and do not forget the fate that was promised Scheherzerado."

"To hear is to obey, most illustrious."

And thereupon Jimmy, with the most profound gravity, seated himself and plunged into one of the stories with which he had often lightened his loneliness. The boy was a born romancer, and the solitary life he had led and the absence of human sympathy had sharpened and added to his gift.

He told the lad the fanciful ale of "Pigeontoes," which was a favorite creation of his own, and he told it well. As Jimmie went on, full of the tireless zeal of the born story teller, he noticed that the burning eyes grew softer and that the restless head was stiller, and presently the tired lids came slowly down, and the sick boy slept. Then Jimmie's voice dropped to a monotone, his own tired head dropped lower and lower, and presently it dropped to the bed beside the sick boy and remained there

When Jimmie Sturges awoke a firm hand caught his arm and drew him gently from the bedside and out of the room and down the stairs. It was the doctor's hand, and the doctor faced him in the great reception hall. Jimmie stared at him half dazed.

"It's all right, my boy," said the doctor kindly. "You're not dreaming. This is the home of Banker Jordan I am doctor Grace. The boy up stairs is Richard Jordan, the banker's only child He is suffering from a brain trouble that slightly unbalances him. Do you nnderstand?"

"Yes," said Jimmie faintly. He swayed a little and put out his hand to the nearest chair.

"What's this?" whispered the doctor, coming swiftly to his side

"Empty stomach," said Jimmie, with a wan smile "Nothing in it since last night"

"Idiot!" said the doctor, but Jimmie knew he wasn't addressing him. "Idiot! And you pretend to some knowledge of a diagnosis. Here, you hungry humiliator of overweening conceit, come this way." And presently Jimmie was served a meal the like of which was quite beyond the wildest limit of his dreams. The doctor went away softly while he ate, and when he was through the tall man appeared in the doorway.

"Are you quite finished?" he asked. "If so come this way." And he led him into a cozy sitting room.

"Sit down," said the tall man in a gentle voice. "I want to have a little talk with you. Are you so situated that you can remain here?"

"No one has any claim on me," said Jimmie. "I am my own master."

The tall man smiled

"And how would you like to drop your independence and play grand vizier to the sultan of my Dickie?" he as ed.

"My independence brought me to hunger and

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the streets," said Jimmie. "I think I'd like the change."

"I am greatly pleased with you," said the tall man. "You seem to be a youth of honesty and intelligence. You have health and strength, and you can rest assured that anything you may do for my motherless Dickie will be gratefully appreciated. For the present I must ask you to act both as companion and nurse His wants are few, but some one must be with him. He manifested a violent prejudice against all outsiders until you came, and while you fill a nurse's place—I want your mind clear regarding your responsibility, and its financial equivalent—I will pay you a nurse's wages, $30 a week." Jimmie thrust his finger nails into the palms of his hands. The pain told him he was awake.

Before Jimmie could pinch himself again the doctor entered. He was slowly rubbing his hands.

"The sultan is sleeping beautifully," he said. "I believe he is good for an all night nap, and I'm going home. You have arranged with the vizier, I suppose, Jordan? Yes? Then first, young man, I'll put you to bed. Come along"

Jimmie assured him that he was, and they went up to the room of the sick boy. Here a broad couch had been prepared for Jimmie, and at a signal from the doctor he rapidly undressed. Then as the boy's head touched the pillow he stooped above him and gently whispered: "Good night, grand vizier."

The boy lay for a few moments with his eyes roaming the dimly lighted apartment. He noted the quiet elegance of the appointments, the dainty decorations, the costly pictures and vases, the soft blending of many colors. The very air of the apartment charged with the aroma of luxury.

Once more his finger nails bit into the palms of his hands

"No," he whispered to himself; "it isn't a dream"

Then as his head sank a little lower and his eyes closed he murmured brokenly: "It beats the Arabian Nights' all hallow!" And he was asleep

## HER HOLY HORROR.

Any one who believes that the Passion Play at Oberammergau is taken lightly by the audience may disabuse his mind of the error by reading the following tragic experience of one reverend pilgrim who went there last year

To this pious soul, who happened to be the wife of a distinguished German scholar, all the actors of the sacred play shared temporarily the identity of the roles they played It was impossible for her to dissociate the holy characters of the biblical story and the good people who impersonated them All her reverence for the blessed Virgin, all her horror of Pilate, were transferred to the actors of these roles.

So when the agent of Lodging bureau offered to the good frau a room at Burgomaster Lang's he met with an indignant refusal.

## SHAMROCK MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located—On East Slope of Mount Hall, Morning Mountain, near Give-em Creek.

Take notice that I, J. H. Bowes, as agent for the Hall Mines, Limited (Foreign), Free Miner's Certificate No. 87644, intend, sixty 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 further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 25th day of October, 1900.

J. H. BOWES.

## THORNE MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located—On East Slope of Morning Mountain, near Give-em Creek.

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Dated this 25th day of October, 1900.

J. H. BOWES.

## NATIONAL EMBLEM MINERAL CLAIM.

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J. H. BOWES.

## HORSESHOE MINERAL CLAIM.

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Chimpse Fifty Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On Morning Mountain.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, Free Miner of the City of Nelson, acting as agent for James McLeod Campbell, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 76,856, intend, sixty 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.

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"Then we will put you at Diemar's madame," he ntured.

"Diemar's !" almost screamed the gentlewoman. But Herr Diemar plays Herod !"

"Quite true," admitted the distracted man, "but u see, madame, there are no quarters with Christ r with any of the disciples However," he added, I think I can get you in at one of the disciples," d he handed her an address

In a decent tremor the woman hastened to install rself a member of the humble household, and, ter trying without succes to catch a glimpse of her st, she proceeded to pass an almost ecstatic night der his semi-holy roof.

The following day, on running her eyes over the ogramme, she discovered that her host was none ker than Judas ! She had slept under the roof of e Iscariot Furious at having been victimized, e left Oberammergau that very day.

It is reported from Ottawa that David McNicholl and Thomas Tait, of Montreal, and Harry Abbott and George McL. Brown, Vancouver, will apply at the next session of parliament for an act incorporating a company under the name of "The Kootenay and Arrowhead Railway Company," with power to construct or operate a railway from a point near Arrowhead, thence by the most direct route via Trout lake.

An English exchange publishes the following: "A story which has not reached this country before tells how the Canadians secured a great haul of Boer gold amounting in value to $4,000,000. This was taken from the plaster in the house of one of Kruger's sons. The Canadians were searching the place, and one of them happened to knock off a bit of new plaster with the butt end of his rifle As it fell to the floor and broke, a shinning gold sovereign was revealed to the gaze of the astonished onlookers. The rest of the plaster was at once ripped off, with the result that over $4,000,000 worth of gold sovereigns was found imbedded therein."

## THE KLONDIKE OUTPUT.

Advices from Dawson, state that Major Wood, in charge of the mounted police, who makes the royalty collections, reports that the royalty on gold collected

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## Bureau of Provincial Information.

Notice that the government may be in possession of reliable information with regard to parties seeking investments in mineral properties, are instructed to invite persons who have properties for sale to forward particulars to this office, as proposed to forward a number of early prospectors of having on file a number of properties for sale, with full details as obviates the necessity of many inquiries. Such details should include forms and amounts of any commercial concessions, water powers, or other opportunities for legitimate investment.

Intending investors in mineral properties should not confine their attention to the districts but should afford the fullest information as to the facilities and all available information connected therewith, and to this end should correspond with the Bureau.

Particulars are desired not only of the properties themselves but of the localities in which they are situated, and the conditions under which they are held. For this purpose the Bureau will, upon application, be glad to furnish prospectors with forms of making sales.

R. E. GOSNELL,
Provincial Bureau of Provincial Information.

### THISTLE MINERAL CLAIM.

Situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located:—On East Slope of Morning Mountain, near Gay Cat Creek.

Take notice that I, J. H. Bowes, as agent for the Hall Mines, Limited (Foreign), Free Miner's Certificate No. B50,685, intend, sixty 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 further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

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Central and Central Fractional Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On Eagle Creek, between "Red Point" and "Invincible" Mineral Claims.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of the City of Nelson, acting as agent for Otto Johnson, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 27,552, and Edward Dumont, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 27,905, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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this year amounts to nearly $900,000, about $100,000 more than last year. Ten per cent of all the gold taken out of the Klondike is supposed to be paid to the Government as royalty. Allowing that all miners have paid royalty on all the gold taken out in the district this year, this would make the output of the Klondike for the fiscal year of 1900, ending with the last of the month, $9,000,000, but general estimates place the output at $20,000,000. Consular certificates issued at the United States consul's office at Dawson show that $14,000,000 were shipped from May 1 to October 16 this year, demonstrating that much of the royalty was evaded

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In excavating for the drainage system which is being installed in the city of Mexico, a number of articles were found which belonged to a period previous to the invasion of Cortez. Some of the articles found were golden ornaments with which the Aztec gods were decorated. On the extension of the Mexican Central railway, workmen dug out $50,000 in gold and silver coins, the government and workmen sharing equally under the old law of treasure trove

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The West Kootenay Butcher Co. will to-day move into their new quarters in the K-W-C Block.

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The heavy snow fall of the past few days will do much to promote mining operations. There are many mines in the Kootenays depending on a good snow fall to get their ore to market. In the absence of roadways they must have recourse to raw-hiding. and so open has been the winter up to date that these properties in many instances have been forced to suspend operations. Now that there is a few feet of snow on the ground raw-hiding will be commenced and the ore dumps will be cleared.

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Sims Reeves during his long career was the centre figure of many an amusing story. On one occasion he was singing in a provincial town at a concert which was well attended. His three songs were encored, and after he had given "Tom Bowling" there were loud cries for "Come into the Garden, Maud." The vocalist was rather tired, so re-mounting the platform amid renewed cheers, he said "Ladies and gentlemen, I hear that some people want Maud to come into the garden. She is very tired, and as it is a cold night, I hope you will excuse her." Hearty laughter followed the veteran's little speech.

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We had a lot of visitors in Nelson during the holidays, and that so many came to the city to make their Christmas purchases is evidence of the fact that Nelson is recognized as the best place at which to trade on special as well as ordinary occasions. One could not but feel proud of the grand display made in the shop windows by our merchants, and that their zeal in catering to the taste of the public was fully appreciated the rattling business done is eloquent acknowledgement. On all hands the report is that the Christmas trade was a record breaker. Everybody looked happy and prosperous, and long may this happiness and prosperity continue.


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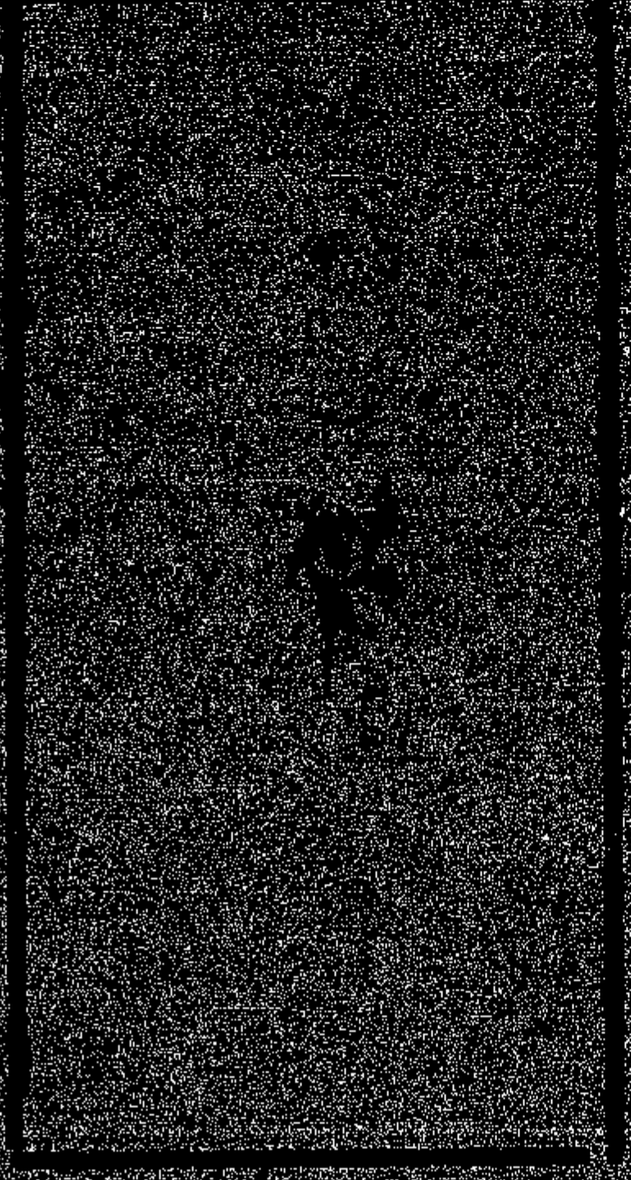

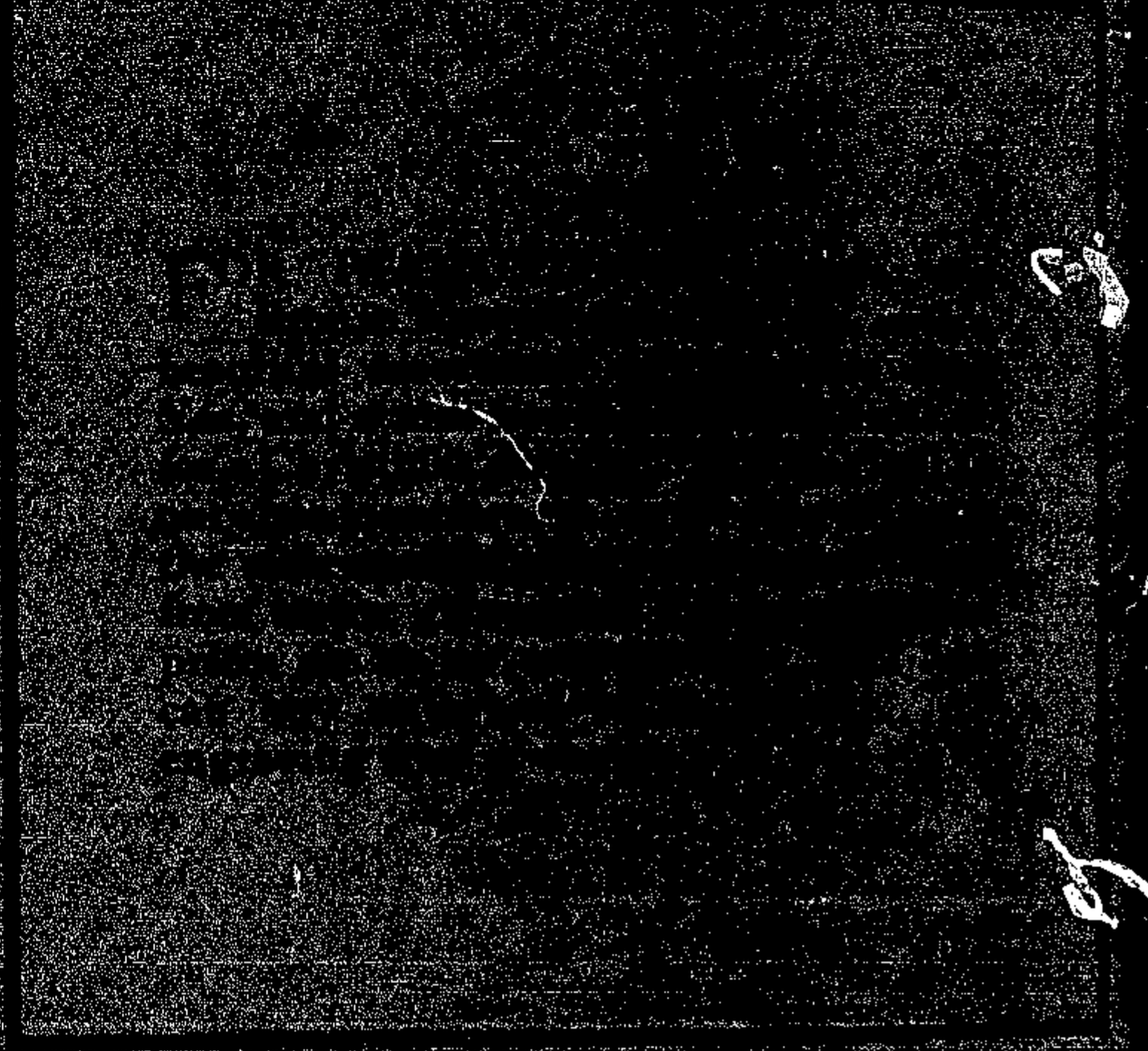


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