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CAPITALISTS ARE PLEASED

P. C. C. Directors Are Satisfied With Prospects of Collieries

Messrs Winchester, Champlain and Hudson, of Minneapolis, who are interested with Messrs Leyrer and Derry in the Pacific Coast Collieries, paid a visit to the valley last week for the purpose of inspecting their mine. After inspecting the workings and their other holdings in the district they expressed themselves to the News as decidedly pleased with the outlook.

Although not yet definitely decided it was the opinion of the visitors that the permanent equipment of the Pacific Coast Collieries will be located on the Blair flat, about the centre. The present workings will be utilised as a return airway. In the meantime, however, development will be carried on at the present workings.

Leyrer and Derry have definitely decided to do some prospecting on their holdings and the diamond drilling will be commenced about the middle of next May. In all they expect to do a little over a thousand feet of diamond drilling.

Messrs Hudson and Champlain drove through the valley and showed great interest in the crop reports; stating at the conclusion of their trip that the Nicola Valley has a remarkable future. What most surprised them, though, was the size of this city and its evident solidarity.

EDWARDS-RUDRUM

Last Saturday evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Skimming, at Middlesboro, Miss Daisy Edwards was united in marriage to Mr. W. Rudrum. Both parties are well known in Middlesboro where they have resided for some months past. The bride was the recipient of a handsome present from the boarders at the Middlesboro Boarding House, where she had been employed for some time past. The present was in the form of house furniture. The happy couple have taken up their residence in Armstrong's terrace in Merritt. A large number of the friends of both parties witnessed the ceremony.

MAN KILLED AT CANFORD

Last Tuesday morning Oley Olson, a decker working with the logging crew of J. T. Powers, at the latter's camp on Spius Creek, missed his grip on a log with a peavie and slipped as he tried to avoid the falling log. His head struck on a stone and the log rolled over him, breaking his arm and fracturing his skull. Constable Vachon and Corner Tutill were notified and went to the camp that evening and held an inquest, the jury returning a verdict of accidental death.

FOOTBALL

Representative rugby teams from this city and Middlesboro will battle for the Rithetts cup at Middlesboro next Sunday afternoon. A large crowd of spectators is expected to turn out for the event.

CURLING CLUB SKIPS CHOSEN

Ten Skips Were Selected on Wednesday Evening

At a well attended meeting of members of the Merritt Curling Club in the Board of Trade rooms last Wednesday evening Messrs G. F. Ransome, A. W. Strickland A. N. B. Rogers, W. K. Hyslop, Bernal Bewley, Frank Barnes, M. L. Grimmett, Robert McDonald, Frank Slough and Rev. Petrie were elected "skips". These gentlemen will meet as soon as possible and form their rinks.

Mr. Bewley reported that the building, which is erected as a protection against snow, rain and wind, is now completed and it was decided to instal a system of gasoline lighting to illuminate it at nights.

Four sets of curling stones have been received from Messrs Tisdall, of Vancouver. With a slight amount of grading the ground will be ready for the ice-making. It is proposed to make this over a bed of sawdust. to obviate the possibility of the ice thawing the ground beneath it when firmly laid. Mr. Joseph Graham, manager of the Inland Coal and Coke Company, will donate the sawdust. It is anticipated that the first curling will take place within a week.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

On Monday evening a Russian by the name of "Dan Basco(?)" attempted to commit suicide over a restaurant in this city. He succeeded in gashing himself over the heart and severing his windpipe. He was found immediately after he fell to the floor and doctors were summoned. He is now under arrest, but still remains under the doctor's care, with a guardian to see that he makes no more attempts at self-destruction.

Last Tuesday afternoon Davy Miller, who is working for Max Eckar, furnished quite a little amusement for a number of his friends by endeavoring to ride a small bay bronco. His attempts were numerous, and each had a sudden ending, which made a noticeable dent in Nicola avenue.

Miss B. Cousins, who was a member of the local school staff during the year, and who has lately been employed as accountant for D. Munro, will leave for Vancouver on December 24th. Miss Cousins numerous friends will greatly regret her departure from the city.

GREAT TRAGEDY IN NO. 2 MINE

Three Well Known Miners Succumbed to White Damp

In Memoriam

Robert Dishart, aged 28.
D. Wunmirovich, aged 25.
Alex. Thompson, Aged 16

Some time between three and four o'clock last Sunday afternoon Death stalked into No. 2 mine of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company's property at Middlesboro. When the grim reaper had taken his toll three men had been eliminated. Stricken by the deadly white damp, the bodies of Robert Dishart, Dusan Wurmirovich and Alex. Thompson, the former men attaining their prime, the last but a youth, lay prone on the floor of an air shaft, off the main level of the mine. Strange irony of Fate! Driving for air, they were plucked by the deadly menace which their work was to minimise.

'A bad shot" sums up the tragedy, succintly; but it cannot express the universal grief which prevailed when the news spread through Middlesboro and the vicinity.

The circumstances of the tragedy appear to have been as follows: The victims were working on the second shift of the day, which runs from three o'clock in the afternoon until eleven. The first shift gangs go to work at seven o'clock in the morning, remaining until three in the afternoon. It appears that the last shot fired by the men on the morning shift in the rock tunnel where the men met their death, was defective, one half of the charge exploding, and the other burning. The immediate result was that the fire boss required them to desist from their work in the air shaft until the fumes had been properly dissipated. It is also stated that when the first shift went off the fire boss notified Wurmirovich, Dishart and Thompson of the bad shot, and advised them to wait until the second shift fire boss had made an examination before going to work. For some reason the unfortunate victims appear to have gone in to work as usual, and when the second shift fire boss came round to examine the workings at about four o'clock he found their bodies stretched prone on the floor, each across the other. Young Thompson's work was to turn a hand fan, which gave a circulation of air for the men working on the face of the rock. He was found across the older men. It would seem then that when the first man entered to the face of the workings he was suffocated by the deadly white damp; and the second seeing him fall went to his assistance, being in turn asphyxiated: perhaps the second man, realizing his plight. had cried out as he fell, and young Thompson following the most natural instinct in human nature, left his fan and hurried to his assistance and was smothered himself. So they lay until the fire boss, W. Hallanin, arrived on his rounds.

As soon as he saw the bodies the latter realised what had happened and gave a general alarm. All work promptly stopped and the task of recovering the bodies commenced. With that magical swiftness peculiar to such tragedies the alarm was general throughout the entire camp within a few minutes after the discovery of the bodies. A great crowd gathered round the mine mouth and waited for the bodies to be brought to the air. In the mine excitement was intense, and the general tension was strained still further when young Thompson's father, employed on the same shift, made an effort to recover his boy. His friends had great difficulty in getting him to the surface. The mother, too, and Robert Dishart's wife, were prostrated. Doctors Williams and Gillis were summoned by telephone as soon as the accident became known and made record time in arriving at the mine. When the bodies were brought to pure air they and Superintendent Charles Graham worked for hours forcing oxygen into the lungs and endeavoring by every means in their power to restore life to the stiffened limbs. But it was in vain, and the three were forced to give up at last.

All day Monday the mines remained shut down and on Tuesday they started again, to be shut down once more on Wednesday for the funeral of Robert Dishart and Alex Thompson,

If the grief of the friends of the deceased and their families was great, how much greater was that of those immediately concerned! A fine tribute to their brother workmen was paid by the Servians, who followed the bodies of their compatriot and Dishart and Thompson to their homes after the doctors had given them up.

Dusan Wurmirovich was a Servian and one of the best known and most popular at the mine. He was a member of a Servian society and accordingly it was decided to bury him according to the ritual of that order. After Coroner Tutill's jury had returned a verdict of death due to carbon monoxide gas the body was put into a sealed casket, and on Tuesday afternoon shipped to Washington. Accompanying the body went his brother and his three cousins.

THE FUNERALS.

A few minutes after two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the funera of Alex Thompson left the family residence at Middlesboro. It proceeded to the corner of Voght and Priest streets, where the cortege from the Dishart home united with it. Thence the long procession filed to the cemetery. It was the longest procession in the history of the Valley, stretching out over a quarter of a mile in length.

The body of Thompson was interred according to the rites of the Presbyterian church by Rev. Petrie. Robert Dishart was buried by Rev. C. F. Connor, of the Methodist church; and as the first clods of earth were dropped on the coffin Mesdames Trehearn, A. Limb, Muir and F. S. Gay sang a requiem hymn,

PRESENTATION FROM STAFF

Last Thursday afternoon William McIntyre, former proprietor of the Coldwater hotel, was made the recipient of a handsome watchcharm, as a testimonial of appreciation from the members of the staff of the Coldwater Hotel. The charm took the form of a twenty dollar gold piece, on the reverse side of which was inscribed 'Presented to William McIntyre, Xmas 1911. By his staff. Coldwater Hotel. Merritt B. C."

This happy tribute is the emplovees mark of appreciation for his consideration towards them.

With Mrs. McIntyre and his daughter, Mr. McIntyre will shortly leave for Nova Scotia to spend Christmas with his father whom he has not seen for years. After that they will leave for a tour through England, Ireland and Scotland, possibly taking in the continent before his return to this city during the summer of 1912.

CHINESE ARE PATRIOTS

During the week local Chinamen sent out one thousand dollars to China, to be used by the revolutionists in defraying expenses in connection with the rebellion. Canadian Chinese have already sent two million dollars to China and are now endeavoring to raise a further sum of one million dollars for the same end.

DOMINION AND WESTERN LAND

Company Invests in Pastoral and Agricultural Land.

To a representative of this paper Captain Leader yesterday announced that the Dominion and Western Land Co., Ltd., has completed the purchase of approximately twenty thousand acres of arable and grazing lands in the Aspen Grove, Missoula Lake and Quilchena districts. It is the intention of the company to utilise the land for pastoral purposes.

What amount of money is involved in the deal is as yet unknown, as Capt. Leader did not make any statement in that respect. The Dominion and Western Land Co., Ltd., is a minor corporation of the Norton Griffiths interests; so that, to those who are at all familiar with the large scale operations of Mr. Griffiths, there is no doubt that further developments may be looked for in connection with this company.

Norton Griffiths is the head and front of the Norton Griffiths Construction Co., of London, England, which firm are the greatest contractors in the world. Norton Griffiths himself has created his great company within less than twenty years. He went out to Africa from the old country when a very young man; and there, commencing on a small scale, built up a company and a reputation which was soon to cause him to be regarded by close observers of South African conditions as the great rival—perhaps the bete noir—of Cecil Rhodes, then the commanding figure in the affairs of the new frontier of Empire. Death, however, removed Rhodes from the realm of politics aud business, and Norton Griffiths was promptly acclaimed as his logical succcssor.

Between the two, curiously enough, there were certain similarities, both in methods and temperament; both being Imperialists of the fighting type. South Africa, however, proved too limited for Norton Griffiths to exercise his abilities to their full scope, and he soon turned to South America and rapidly acquired great interests there. Today it is stated that no company in the world has as extensive interests in Chili, Argentina, and Brazil as Norton Griffiths. Perhaps it is in South America that he has made the greatest reputation as a contractor: the contract for docks in Rio de Janeiro alone involving the sum of eleven million sterling; and he also had a controlling influence in the construction of the trans-Andean railway, by the construction of which tne east and west coasts of South America were linked with steel bands. During the past 18 months he was elected to Parliament in England as a Conservative and a fighting Imperialist.

In looking at Norton Griffiths one has no hesitation in picking him out as a dominating figure in a crowd. His height is about six feet two inches, with a figure clean-built and strong. Perhaps his eyes are the most compelling thing about him; being of a curiously clear, deep blue. When speaking to anyone he looks him directly between the eyes, and when specially interested the pupils dilate, lending them an oddly piercing expression. The general contour of his head is not unlike that of Lord Kitchener, though the latter is not nearly so handsome a man as Griffiths and has not quite as prognathous a jaw. When aroused, it is his reputation, those who cross his path will be trampled on; and when he befriends a man no courtesy is too small for him to show. Absorbed in interests which are world wide in a larger than the usual sense, even the smallest undertaking is not too small for him to grasp and remember the details. His ambition is to make more real and vital the new Imperialism. Scarcely forty, he is a world figure. What will he be when sixty?

Captain and Mrs. Leader have been in the Valley for several months and both are enamoured with the climote. Capt. Leader as representative of the Dominion and Western Land believes that the Valley offers unexcelled opportunities for the agriculturist and there is no doubt but that the company will be a great factor in the development of the Nicola Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Millar will shortly leave for California, Mr. Millar having definitely severed his connection with the Herald. During their stay here they have made a host of friends and their decision to spend the winter in California will be the more regretted, inasmuch as Mr. Millar is compelled to go on account of his wife's ill health.

Jimmy Cummings, who built the spur from the mill of the Nicola Pine Lumber Company to the C. P. R., at a point north of Joe Cleasby's ranch, arrived in the city on Monday evening and left for Canford again the following Wednesday. He has been occupied for some time in repairing the dam at the mill site.

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No citizen can safely live for himself alone. He is one of the component parts of this community and—whether to be active or passive—he exerts a potent influence in determining its character. Knowing as everybody does know, that early environment leaves a permanent impress upon the child it is difficult to explain the indifference of citizens with respect to their part in making the environment in which they, their children and their neighbors' children spend the formative period of their lives.

Time out of mind everybody has talked of the importance of a proper moral, mental and spiritual atmosphere. But why not give due consideration to the business atmosphere? Merchants and their patrons recognise the value and importance of individual business enterprise, but they often overlook the value and importance of community enterprise. Every community is organized for business purposes—to carry on the public business of its citizens. The methods, the economy and the effectiveness with which the business of this community is conducted depend upon the enterprise of the community's business managers—public officials. The character of these officials is determined by the character of the citizenship of this community. If we want the public business conducted in an enterprising and efficient manner we must elect enterprising and efficient men to office and we must support them in their work. To do this all good citizens must show their interest in the public's business to the extent of learning what shall be done, how it should be done and whether it is being properly done. To do this is to be broad gauged, public spirited and enterprising citizens.

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Funny how some men who are afraid to invest in the local factory will fall over themselves to buy a peach orchard in Alaska.

No man ever helped this town very much by sending money away from it. And nobody he ever sent it to ever helped this town very much either.

TRAP SHOOTING XMAS HOLIDAYS

Local sportsmen will be interested to learn that the Merritt Gun Club intends to hold a trap shooting contest in the Xmas holidays.

A number of prizes have been already guaranteed and when the list is completed, a respectable number of trophies will be up for competition.

The club invites every true sportsman to join at once and practice at the trap, this will assist in making up the various classes and getting the marksmen well matched; novices will not be expected to compete against seasoned trap shooters and separate prizes will be offer-in the novice class.

Remember you who hesitate to join, that trap shooting is the best preparation for real hunting, and is a fascinating, healthful recreation; if you can hit the clay birds from this trap you can hit anything.

Come to the Club meeting Saturday night at 8.30 in Stephensons (the Tailors) Store, or to the practice shoot on Sunday at 1.30, trap house situate back of the Diamond Vale Stables, be there promptly.

KING GEORGE IN INDIA

King George and Queen Mary, Emperor and Empress of India, who sailed from England on November 11, landed from the steamer Medina in bombay 4 o'clock Saturday. This is the first time a British sovereign has set foot in the Indian empire, though both King George and King Edward visited the country while they were still princes. The Emperor and Empress were met by the Governor of Bombay and a large crowd of high civil and military officials and proceeded to the Amphitheatre, which had been erected for their landing, and which was filled to its utmost capacity with many thousands who had come to witness their Majesties' arrival. Addresses of welcome were presented by the municipality and other bodies, to which His Majesty replied. King George and Queen Mary will make a state entry into Delhi on Thursday, and on Tuesday, December 12, they will be formally crowned Emperor and Empress of India in the ancient capital of the Moguls.

SULLIVAN GOES UP

Last Tuesday J. J. Sullivan, a cowboy formerly employed by the Douglas Lake Cattle Company, was committed to Kamloops jail, there to be held for trial on a charge of having forged the name of Frank Ward, manager of the company, to a cheque for the sum of $150, M. L. Grimmett, LL. B., conducted the prosecution.

On Monday afternoon Andrew Hoggan, proprietor of the City Hotel, was asked by Sullivan to cash a cheque. He took it to the Diamond Vale store to have it cashed, and Manager Boyd immediately perceived that the signature was a clumsy forgery. Chief Strang was summoned and Sullivan placed beyond all cares for meat and drink, and even in durance vile. His only explanation for his action was that he had been drinking and had signed the cheque while drunk. Judging from the rambling manner in which the inscriptions wandered over the cheque he must have been very drunk. Where the amount was written in was a superscription of figures "150." Where the figures should have been placed was this $1,50,00.

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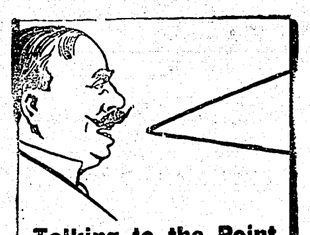

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STORIES OF KING EDWARD

London, Dec. 2.—Nearly all the sovereigns of Europe, and one or two of the Orient beside, are depicted in the reminiscences of M. Xavier Paoli, entitled "My Royal Clients," a book just published.

For twenty-five years M. Paoli was attached to the Paris detective service, and was entrusted by the French Government with all the arrangements for the safety of royal visitors to France moreparticularly when they were travelling incognito. He was naturally brought into very intimate touch with them, and his book is full of good stories, some of which we have been permitted to publish from the advance sheets.

Of King Edward the writer has many charming things to tell. It is clear that his heart was won when he was first presented to the King, then Prince of Wales.

"The first remark he made to me was, 'We have the tomb of General Paoli, the celebrated outlaw, in Westminster Abbey, among our famous dead. He fought against England long before Corsica belonged to France. Are you a relation.?' "

"He was one of my ancestors, sir."

"As you see, we have honoured his great memory. I am very glad to meet one of his descendants."

Of King Edward's favorite dog he writes:

"Cæsar was a person of importance, Cæsar had what we Frenchmen call la beaute du diable; he had a strong personality and a quick intelligence. He was very independent in his ways a little mischievous and playful, and deeply attached to his Royal master, who pampered him as one would a child. When the King was travelling, Caesar went with him everywhere, and did not leave him day or night, for he slept in an easy chair to the right of his bed. He was present at all the King's meals, and willingly accepted any bits of meat or sugar which the guests offered him. I succeeded in winning his good graces, and we became first-rate friends. On the other hand once he was out of doors he cut all acquaintances. Whether on the beach at Biarritz or in the Rue de la Paix in Paris, he was always seen at the King's heels proudly displaying a collar which bore the legend, 'I am Caesar, the King's dog.' And it was as though he knew it."

Referring to King Edward's desertion of the Riviera in favour of the Pyrenees, M. Paoli quotes the King's own explanation: "I no longer go to Cannes and Nice because you meet too many princes there. I should be obliged to spend all my time in paying and receiving visits. whereas I come to the continent to rest."

King Edward's opinion of the great French statesman, Gambetta, is interesting:

"The first time that I saw him he struck me as so vulgar in his manner and so careless in his appearance that I asked myself if this was really the man who had discovered the means of exercising an irrestible fascination over the minds of crowds. Then we talked. Gambetta expounded his ideas and his plans; and the captivating charm of his eloquene made me forget the physical repulsion with which he inspired me: I was 'carried away' in my turn, like the others. I wanted to see him again; I invited him to come to England and Ascot. Events prevented him from doing so, and he died the year after. I was sorry. He was a great politician and a wonderful master of words."

A remarkable Royal visitor was Sisowath King of Cambodia, who came attended by a huge suite of sons, daughters, ministers, favorites, chamberlains, and a troop of twenty dacing girls. His baggage included 200 sacks of coal, which the cambodians insisted on landing, fearing they would find none in France. The King was extremely polite and shook hands with everyone, including all the flunkeys, who lined the staircase of the Marseilles Perfecture on his arrival. Even to this eccentric sovereign, as to all others, M. Paoli made himself agreeable and he writes:

"When at length the hour of parting had struck, good King Sisowath, greatly moved, called me to his side: Here,' he said, 'present for you.' and he handed me a parcel done up in a pink silk handkerchief. As soon as I was on shore, I hastened to open it; to my great confution it contained a splendid Sampot made of cloth of gold. The King of Cambodia had presented me with his State breeches!"

The whole book abounds with anecdotes of interest, for Paoli was at different times in immediate attendance on Queen Victoria, on the King and Queen of Italy, the King of Spain, and the Czar and the Czaritza of Russia, and the late King of the Belgians.

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WATER NOTICE

I, James Corbett, of Nicola, by occupation a rancher, give notice that I intend on the 13th day of December next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon to apply to the Water Commissioner at his office at Nicola, for a licence to take and use two cubic feet of water per second from an unnamed creek, situated at the west of Lot 715 and which sinks in Lot 1589.

The water will be used on Lot 715 for irrigation purposes.

I intend to apply at the same time for permission to store 25 acre-feet of the said water in two reservoirs on said creek, one reservoir contains 10 acre-feet about hnlf a mile west of Lot 715, and one containing 15 acre-feet about one mile west of Lot 715.

JAMES CORBETT
Dated this 13th day of Nov. 1911.

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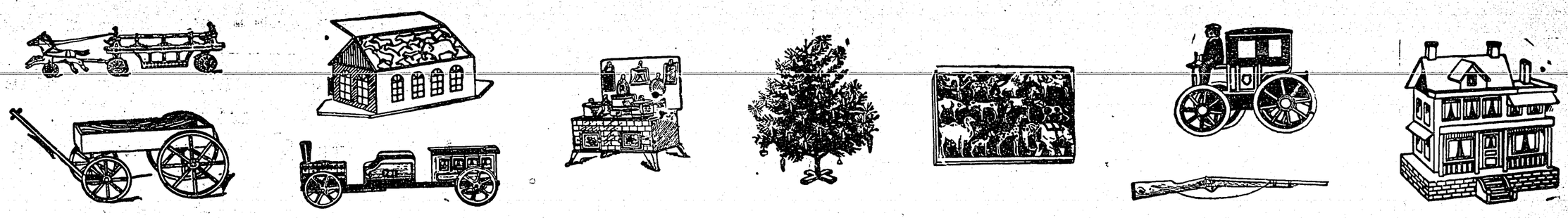

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LOCAL AND DISTRICT

Leo Ragsdale leaves for Spokane on a visit next Tuesday.

M. Cruikshank has leased his restaurant in Lytton to Pat Welch.

Robert Clark, of Nicola, was in the city on business during the week.

H. W. Sutcliffe took a prisoner to Kamloops gaol on Wednesday afternoon.

Messrs Gzowski and Foss left for Vancouver on business last Friday afternoon.

Frank Hoy, superintendent of bridges on the K. V. Railway, was in the city on business during the week.

Mr. T. J. Smith, president of the Diamond Vale Collieries, left for Vancouver last Saturday afternoon.

Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook, of Otter Valley, a son. November 21st., 1911.

Captain and Mrs. Leader were in the city on Thursday morning. They returned to Nicola during the afternoon.

Captain Turner, of Aspen Grove, returned from a fortnight's business trip to Calgary last Wednesday evening.

Berry Reid, brother of F. A. Reid, leaves for Victoria shortly to enter into business with his brother, who is a realty broker in the capital.

Jack Bate and his wife, of Aspen Grove, arrived in the city last evening and will remain here for a few days. They are contemplating making a visit to the coast for a short time.

Alfred Carrington returned from the Coast during the latter part of last week. He spent Sunday and Monday in this city. Altogether his vacation extended over a period of two months, and during that time he visited various cities and towns on the coast and Vancouver Island.

Albert Jones, C. P. R. coal inspector, is at present in Victoria. He is expected back in a few days.

G. E. McClelland, representing Smith, Davidson & Wright, of Vancouver, was in the city during the week.

John Walker, a carpenter employed in the erection of a scaffold at Middlesboro, fell and injured himself internally last Tuesday.

H. C. Meeker, manager of the Nicola White Pine Lumber Company's mill plant at Canford, was in the city on business on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. List left on Thursday for Revelstoke, the home of Mrs. List, where they will spend a week. They expect to return to this city within a fortnight.

James Simpson, well known as a jeweller here, returned from a brief business trip to Vancouver last Wednesday evening. He states that business is remarkably brisk in the Terminal city.

Jack Hunter, formerly employed at the Merritt hotel, is row busy in Lytton. Jack hits about every new town that starts up in a lively way.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lees, of Ainsworth, B. C., arrived in the city on Monday evening and registered at the Victoria Rooms. They will spend the winter at Canford.

Dr. T. V. Curtin returned from a hunting trip to Mammette Lake during the week. He went out with James Bamfield and the two succeeded in bagging two deer.

L. Holman, the largest tobacco planter in British Columbia, with plantations at Kelowna, will visit the valley next January and distribute young sample plants to local farmers to plant as an experiment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Graham and Miss Campbell, of Vancouver, came into the valley last Tuesday morning on Superintendent Graham's private car. They spent the evening at Nicola, returning to Vancouver on Wednesday.

Perry Brookes returned to the city after a two months' trip through the Lillooet district last Saturpay night. He spent some time in Lytton and reports that town prosperous. He expects to return to Lillooet within a fortnight.

Hugh Fraser, who is well known here, and who was injured at Lytton some months ago, is still in the doctors hands for repairs. Everybody who knew him will be sorry to hear that he has a slight attack of blood poison.

Mrs. A. W. Strickland and her daughter went down to the coast on a trip last Sunday. They will return for the week- end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Howse, of Nicola, are giving a dance this evening.

CANFORD MILLS

Misses Evelyn Brown and Winifred Harding of Lower Nicola, were week end guests of Mrs. H. C. Meeker.

A seven pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, Sunday morning, December 3rd.

Mr. J. W. Power, logging contractor for the Nicola Valley Pine Lumber Co., left for a few days visit to his former home in Kaslo.

The condition of Mrs. Glencairn Campbell is somewhat improved.

The Nicola Valley Pine Lumber Co., drained their log pond last week in order to make alterations and improvements to their dam.

Woodward Brothers and A. Jackson of Lower Nicola have taken a contract to draw logs from the homestead of E. Richardson and J. Rhodes, to the Lumber Company's mill pond.

J. W. Power has cut and piled two million five hundred thousand feet of logs since the beginning of operations. At present he has about thirty five men in his employ.

DEATH OF MRS. STANLEY.

At the family residence on the Diamond Vale townsite last Friday evening the death occurred of Mrs. Alice Stanley. She died in confinement. The bodies of mother and child were interred in the cemetery on Monday by Rev. J. Thompson, of Nicola, according to the rites of the Anglican church, of which deceased was a member.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Agricultural Association will be held in the Board of Trade offices on Dec. 11th.

TELEGRAPH TO VANCOUVER

C.P.R. Establishing Direct Communication Between Merritt and Coast.

That the Canadian Pacific Railway's telegraph department is determined to furnish every convenieuce to business men throughout the Valley in the matter of despatches to Vancouver and other western points is demonstrated by their placing a force in the field to double-wire the telegraph line between this city and Spence's Bridge.

The crew of linemen commenced work from the Spence's Bridge end last Wednesday, and in that first day five miles or wire were strung. At this rate, by the middle of next week at the latest, we shall have a direct service to Vancouver.

At present there is only one wire between Nicola and Spences Bridge, messages being rapped out from points on the Valley line to the operator at the Bridge, thence relayed by him to Vancouver. The flood of business on the mainline wire has been such that only at intervals it has been possible to obtain immediate communication with the Coast. In some instances messages have been held up for hours on account of the congestion on the mainline. By the installation of the additional wire, however, it will now be possible for the operators at Merritt and Nicola to send messages direct to Vancouver. This new facility will be greatly appreciated by local business men.

RECORD DEAL AT PRINCETON

Illicker and Stephenson Dispose of Holdings on Copper Mountain

That Sweeney and Clark, of Washington, Idaho and Montana mining fame, had purchased the thirteen claims of Illicker and Stephenson on Copper Mountain, 9 miles from Princeton, was the announcement made to the News last evening by Harry Illicker, one of the partners.

The sum involved was $1,500,000.00. This amount was deposited in the First National Bank of Spokane by the purchasers. Bob Stephenson, who is one of the best known prospectors in British Columbia, is due to arrive here from Princeton this evening.

The properties sold embrace the Little Burke and Copper Queen Group. Considerable development work has been done. two tunnels, one 750 feet and the other 640 having been driven and a shaft sunk 225 feet. The mineral is copper, gold and galena; the copper running as high as 74 per cent, gold $1800, and galena 94 per cent pure.

BACHELORS WILL AID HOSPITAL

By Giving Elaborate Dance in Menzies' Hall.

Next Friday evening the bachelors of Merritt and Middlesboro will give a dance in Menzies' Hall, the proceeds of sale of tickets for which will be devoted to the general fund of Nicola Valley General Hospital. Special souvenir dance programs printed on white and gold will be given away to the guests. The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the hospital have kindly consented to assist in the preparation of refreshments for the supper, which will be served just before midnight.

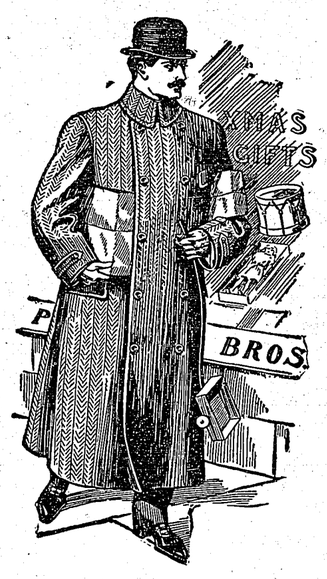
The arrangement of the dance program and music was left in the hands of Messrs. Daniels and Perdue. A. Jackson has charge of the arrangements for the hall, and C. H. Parkinson will act as treasurer.

Miss Mae Marriott will return from Vancouver tomorrow night

INVESTIGATION.

The coroner's jury this afternoon commenced the investigation on the death of the three miners killed at Middlesboro.

Now is the time for you to think what you are going to buy for Xmas Presents.



A Few suggestions:

Hand painted Chinaware is useful as well as ornamental.

A pair of Skates will afford lots of enjoyment.

Sweater Coats are warm and neat.

Get a box of our nice juicy Japan Oranges.

Malaga Grapes have just arrived, you know the kind, the fine flavored ones, that are packed in cork.

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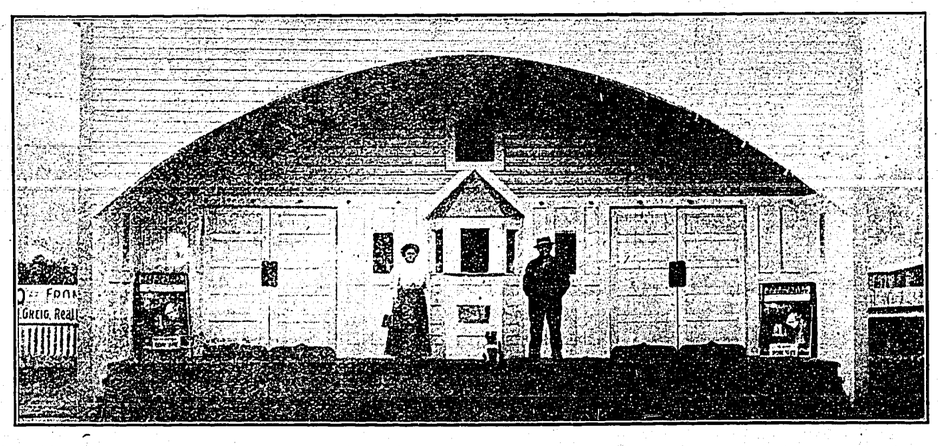

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Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revission to revise and correct the Voters List for the City of Merritt will sit on the Eleventh Day of December 1911 at 10 o'clock a. m., in the City Court House Merritt and will then hear and determine any application to strike out the name of any person improperly placed on the Voters List or to place on the List the name of any person improperly ommitted therefrom.

H. PRIEST,
City Clerk.