

AINSWORTH A BUSY MINING CAMP

The Highlander Already a Producer and Likely to Soon Be a Dividend Payer.

OTHER PROMISING PROPERTIES IN THE DISTRICT

The Ainsworth mining camp is busier today than it has been for several years. A number of properties are working, a couple of them on an extensive scale, and, more important still, at least two large propositions are approaching the producing basis. The Highland mine may already be regarded as a producer and if its management keeps up to the record for enterprise already established, the mine will be paying dividends early in the new year. The owners and prospectors operating in the camp are hopefully awaiting the advent of the next mining season and are confident in the belief that the immediate future has bright things in store for the oldest mining camp in the Kootenays.

Next to the Highland the Sunlight and Star group is attracting most attention. The property is being operated by the Ainsworth Mining and Smelting Company who own the Star and a syndicate owning the Sunlight. D. P. Hatch is the resident manager and under his direction the group, particularly the Star, has made rapid advances until it is at the present time among the best developed claims in the entire camp. The Star was acquired by the company a couple of years ago from D. F. Strabeck and J. Russell Hardy of Ainsworth. About the same time a syndicate comprising Judge Cheney of Los Angeles, honorable Charles A. Riddle of Seattle, B. F. Field of Los Angeles, J. H. Whitney of the same place, Mr. Hatch and others purchased the Sunlight from Miller and Neilson of Washington. The claims adjoin, and most of the development up to date has been done on the Star.

The properties are located on the south side of Cedar creek, two and a half miles from Woodbury creek, a mile west of Ainsworth and about 2000 feet west of the Highland. A comfortable and splendidly situated camp has been constructed with excellent accommodation for a large staff of men. The propositions are primarily silver-lead, the ore averaging 65 to 75 per cent lead and 35 to 50 ounces in silver. The formation is somewhat unusual, however, the ore carrying in addition to the ordinary values 4 to 5 per cent copper and gold running as high in gold as \$47.54, although the average is very considerably below this sum. There are four veins on the property, two fissures and two contacts, one of each having been developed. The vein on which the most work has been done is rich. The paystreak is 12 inches to 4 feet in width and beyond this is 50 feet of concentrating ore estimated to run 4 per cent lead and 18 to 20 ounces in silver. Some 600 feet in tunnels, shafts, upraises, etc., has been done on the Star and a splendid body of ore is in sight.

Work will be started on the Sunlight next month. The company has a comprehensive program mapped out for 1901, the completion of which will place the property on a footing with the best producers in the district. It is proposed to erect a tramway, put in compressed air from the Coffee creek plant and ship steadily with a crew of 40 to 50 men. A quantity of clean shipping ore is to be taken out at once and a trial shipment of 100 tons will be made a couple of months hence.

The Highland Mill.
The new concentrator erected at the Highland mine will be started with the first few days in January. E. R. Woakes, local manager, spent several days at the property this week. The finishing touches are being placed on the building rapidly. The Highland is to use compressed air from the Coffee creek plant and work has been started in clearing the ground for the pipe line. A five inch pipe will be connected with the feed main from the plant on Coffee creek and run a distance of 13,300 feet to point from which it will be distributed for use in the

mine. Eventually the Star mine will connect with the same pipe line.

In the Big Tunnel.
Work is progressing steadily in the big tunnel on the Highlander property. The Spokane Diamond Drill Company is said to be making over 25 feet daily on their contract, and the drill is in 250 feet on the face. As far as THE TRIBUNE is aware no ore body of any magnitude has been encountered as yet, but the management estimate from the pitch of their vein that the ore should be tapped with another 100 feet of work. A peculiar feature in connection with the drilling is the fact that some inconvenience has been experienced because of water. Apparently a very wet strata has been opened up, as a jet of water is forcing its way out of the core holder with a power estimated at 250 pounds. The Coffee creek plant's compressed air is being used on the machine and foreman Patterson, who has had a wide experience with every description of power utilized in the west, has stated that the compressed air as supplied from the creek is the best power he has yet used and is as near perfection as he ever expects to strike. The big tunnel on the Highlander is one of the most notable undertakings in the district. It was started on a scale of eight feet in the clear and run some distance at a cost of about \$20 per foot. Then the dimensions were reduced to 5 feet by 7 feet in the clear with an incline of nine inches in each 100 feet. The tunnel is on a straight line and a man standing at the breast, now 1275 feet in, can see through the entire length to the entrance. When the ore body is tapped a depth of 600 feet will be secured. The company, represented by Maxwell Stevenson, junior, has spent from \$18,000 to \$20,000 on this feature of development.

Developing the King Solomon.
Dr. Wingate of Spokane has been a resident of Ainsworth for the past month and has started work on the King Solomon property. This proposition is located on the No. 1 wagon road somewhat southwest of the town and almost due west of the Highlander mine, and should not be confounded with the holdings of the King Solomon Mining Company in Woodbury creek. A small crew of men is at work and compressed air has been introduced to operate the drills and a power whim. The compressed air is secured here under a head of over 80 pounds, and in this connection it may be stated that wherever the air has been used it has maintained a pressure of not less than 80 pounds regardless of the calls made upon the various mains. It is stated that the King Solomon has an excellent showing.

Miscellaneous.
The King Solomon Mining Company is working a considerable force of men on its property on Woodbury creek. The development is being carried forward with a view to recovering the vein, which was lost some time ago. The old owners worked this vein and made some shipments from which very high returns were had. The King Solomon company is one of the most remarkable concerns in the Kootenays in respect to the extent of its holdings. The corporation controls 40 full claims, aggregating over 1500 acres of mineral land. It is stated that among the people behind the company is John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate.

A number of the prospects on the north fork of Woodbury creek are showing up well on the surface. If further development proves that the showings hold good with depth, this section will come to the front in the next year or two.

Some of the Ainsworth mining men are disposed to dispute the accuracy of the statements about Coffee creek published last week in THE TRIBUNE regarding ranching land on the creek. One gentleman

referring to the matter, said: "I never saw a spot on Coffee creek where one could plant ten hills of corn without a shotgun to distribute the seed."

The Thunderer on the Treaty.
LONDON, December 23.—The Times, in an editorial on president McKinley's decision to submit the Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty to Great Britain, reproaches him with "shifting a dangerous responsibility" on the British government, and says: "The president must bear the responsibility for any friction that may ensue. The amended treaty is a bargain to which we cannot agree, and to which no reasonable American who takes the trouble to reflect upon the question can expect us to agree. If the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is not adopted in a form acceptable to us we shall stand quietly upon our indubitable rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which can not be refuted by any action the American senate may choose to take."

BUYING HORSES IN KANSAS

ENGLISH GOVERNMENT MAKING HEAVY PURCHASES.

Fifty Thousand Cavalry Animals Wanted—Will Cost \$380 a Head to Land Them.

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, December 23.—Captain Heygate of the British army is purchasing 50,000 cavalry horses and mules for the British army in South Africa. He came here more than a year ago to buy but was ordered home again a short time ago. But the unexpected renewal of hostilities has made the purchase of more horses and mules necessary. As fast as the animals are inspected and bought they will be sent to New Orleans and shipped to Capetown, Durban and New London on British transports, some of which are now on their way to the United States. One shipment of the animals will be taken to South Africa by Lieutenant David Moberly, leaving New Orleans soon after January. Lieutenant Moberly said: "By the time the horses and mules are landed in South Africa they will cost the British government \$380 a head. That is a large price for an animal which will be fit for service only six weeks. Most of the animals die because of the change in climate. They must cross the equator in going to South Africa and the torrid heat of the tropics kills them rapidly. The average death rate on shipboard is 32 to the thousand. Forty days after a horse is purchased in Kansas City it is landed in South Africa. Since the beginning of the Boer war England has purchased over 100,000 head of horses and mules in the United States. It required 65 ships to carry them from New Orleans to South Africa. Baden-Powell now has 25,000 mounted police and it is proposed to mount 50,000 of the imperial infantry. England has discovered that her soldiers must be mounted to be able to cope with the Boer, who gets over the country with alarming rapidity."

Got the Wrong Man.

OMAHA, Nebraska, December 23.—The mysterious "dark" man in the Cudahy kidnaping case was arrested this afternoon by the police from the description given by Miss Maud Munshaw, who lives near the house in which Eddie Cudahy was held for ransom by his abductors. His name is E. D. Johnson. He is a laborer in the Cudahy Packing Company. He admitted having gone out to the Grover street house three times for the purpose of renting the building, which he found already let to the "light" man and his accomplices. Johnson easily proved to the satisfaction of the police and Mr. Cudahy, who was called in, that he had nothing to do with the case and was allowed to return to his wife and family. Chief of police Donahue is well pleased with the progress his men are making, saying that the arrest of Johnson narrows the case down by eliminating one of the extraneous features and centering the chief interest about the "light" man who rented the house from Mrs. Schneider.

A BORN MILITARY GENIUS

IS WHAT A CORRESPONDENT TERMS DEWET

Capetown Advances Present Rather a Gloomy View of the Situation—Kitchener's Reports.

LONDON, December 23.—Lord Kitchener's dispatches are almost the only available news from the seat of hostilities in South Africa, but telegrams from Capetown depict the situation in anything but rosy views. Without believing the assertion of the Transvaal agency in Brussels that 6000 Boers have invaded Cape Colony it is quite evident that the invasion was a serious and well planned affair.

In connection with this, a correspondent sends an extremely interesting letter dated Bethulie, December 1, describing general Dewet and his doings. "Dewet has never been taken seriously enough," says the correspondent. "It is of little use to pursue him; he fights a rear guard action and gains 20 miles while he is being fought. He is a born military genius whose wonderful powers have kept up this phenomenal resistance. Once he fails the whole thing could be crushed in a fortnight. He has every single commando under his supervision. All his patrols and columns march and counter-march on his order. The forces under his command have been reduced by his strength of will to a properly organized army moving at his word. The sooner the British rid themselves of the idea that Dewet's forces are a mere rabble wandering aimlessly, the sooner they will grasp the need of a determined effort which is necessary to capture him."

The Cape Colony cabinet had an important sitting yesterday (Sunday). It appears that the Boers have destroyed a railway bridge 90 feet long about twelve miles south of De Aar, and that no Cape mails have arrived at Bloemfontein for three days. Further anxiety has been caused in Cape Town by the discovery that during the last two months public bodies in out-of-the-way places have requisitioned supplies of dynamite. The colonial government is now endeavoring to recover possession of these explosives and is removing all stores of arms and ammunition from suspected depots. Other advices from Cape Town represent the Dutch element in Cape Colony as greatly elated over the southward progress of the Boers and as boasting that the whole district of Victoria West will join the raiders. It is suspected in Cape Town that the force traveling from Zoutpan's Drift is not a body of Boers, but a body of colonials hastening to join the invaders. The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Boers are active between Johannesburg and Pretoria, exchanging shots with the British outposts, and it is reported that parties of Boers are hovering round Johannesburg."

Thinks the Movement Checked.

LONDON, December 23.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener dated Pretoria, December 22nd: "So far as it is possible for me to form an opinion from the reports of officers on the spot, I think the Boer movement into Cape Colony has been checked. Of the two forces that entered the colony the eastern is still north of the Southpaansberg range, while the one which entered west appears to have been turned in the direction of Britstown and Prieska. Our troops are getting around both bodies and a special column is also being organized which will be dispatched immediately when I know its services are most wanted. The Boers have not received much assistance in Cape Colony so far as my information goes. We have armed some of the colonists who are assisting our forces. Railway and telegraph communication has been much interrupted by bad weather."

Dewet is in the neighborhood of Senekal. General French in conjunction with general Clements attacked a force of Boers under Beyers, south of Magaliesberg. The Boers broke away in a southwesterly direction towards Potchef-

stroom and were followed by general Gordon with a column of French's force.

Yesterday about 5 o'clock in the evening Clement's force was engaged south of Oliphant's Nek, but I do not yet know the result.

A later dispatch from Lord Kitchener dated Pretoria, December 22nd, says: "The western column of Boers occupied Britstown and cut the railway south of Dewar Junction. The enemy is being followed up. General French has been in contact for two days with the commando of Beyers and Delarey south of Magaliesberg. He is pursuing them. The enemy have lost considerable and commandant Kreuz and others captured. "General Colville engaged two separate commandos December 21st, near Vlokfontein with a light loss, the enemy retiring."

Blizzard in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, December 23.—This section of the Northwest is experiencing the first blizzard of the present winter.

BONDED THE ATHELSTAN

AN IMPORTANT MINING DEAL AT PHOENIX.

Canadian Contingent Arrive at Halifax—General Telegraphic News From Dominion Points.

PHOENIX, December 23.—[Special to The Tribune.]—Another mine of prominence, the Athelstan, near Phoenix, is about to pass into the hands of strong Eastern Canadian capitalists. This week the majority of the stockholders gave an option on the property to Montreal men now controlling the B. C. mine in Summit Camp. A short time ago manager S. F. Parrish, of the B. C. mine, made an examination of the Athelstan and as a result the Clarence McCuaig interests of the Canadian metropolis have taken a short time option on the mine for \$150,000, which it is thought will be taken up. The Athelstan is chiefly owned by parties in Spokane, Grand Forks and Phoenix and has shipped 1200 tons of ore, giving average values of \$12.13 per ton in gold and copper. The mine is located about three miles east of Phoenix, not far from the Winnipeg, and has over 800 feet of development work done.

May Need Another Contingent.

MONTREAL, December 23.—The Star's London cable says: Lord Kitchener has evidently made earnest appeals to the British government to despatch immediately large drafts of mounted infantry to hasten the end of the guerrilla warfare. Some say he has asked for 40,000 men. New Zealand is sending another contingent and Anglo-Canadians are wondering whether, as Canada has no national force in South Africa now, the Strathconas being the result of private munificence, Canadians may not wish a second corps of five hundred mounted men from the Northwest to be raised and equipped by the Canadian government.

Arrival of the Champlain.

HALIFAX, December 23.—The Lake Champlain arrived at 3 o'clock this morning. All well. The men received a hearty greeting. There was a lot of delay in disembarking and entraining, and it was not until 2 o'clock that the train got under way. It is expected to reach Montreal about 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

A \$10,000 Blaze.

MONTREAL, December 23.—Fire tonight did \$10,000 damage to the branch furniture store of H. A. Wilder & Co. on St. Catherine street. The loss was covered by insurance.

Amputation Necessary.

KINGSTON, Ontario, December 23.—Pare, the Napanee bank robber, has had his left leg amputated just above the knee. A running sore made the operation necessary.

Body Recovered.

TORONTO, December 23.—The body of Mrs. Alfred Price, wife of superintendent Price of the C. P. R., was found today in Humber bay. She disappeared after doing some Christmas shopping last Thursday. She had been in low spirits for some time.

BOER SUCCESSES ARE EXAGGERATED

Isaac N. Ford Takes an Optimistic View of Conditions in South Africa.

ENGLISH PAPERS ON THE TREATY—THE QUEEN'S HEALTH

NEW YORK, December 23.—Mr. Isaac N. Ford, London correspondent of the New York Tribune, in a special cable letter dated 6 a. m., says: "The situation in the Dutch territories is clearing slowly. The raiding bands which have invaded Cape Colony have not made any important captures or obtained any considerable number of recruits, and will probably be headed off speedily and forced to retire. They are operating against pickets and petty garrisons and are picking up horses, clothing and miscellaneous supplies. The welcome extended them by the Dutch residents who have property to lose is chilly. Dewet is reported in Ladybrand district with 1000 men and Botha is hovering about Stalderfontein with a force of equal strength. The operations of French and Clements against Delarey are not described in detail, but the Boers have apparently been scattered. A small Boer commando is reported in the Pietersburg district and a larger one in the neighborhood of Koo-manipoot. Small bands of guerrillas are in other sections of the veldt, but they are without artillery and are incapable of making a serious attack upon the line of communication. The Boer campaign exaggerates the strength of forces remaining in the field. Corrected, it is less formidable than is ordinarily represented. The mobility of the raiding columns prevents successful pursuit, but no permanent advantages are derived even from such brilliant episodes as those of Dewetsdorp and Nootegedecht, harassing and troublesome as are the tactics employed. An enormous British army still remains in South Africa and requires reinforcements, but the victory has been won and cannot be undone, and there is nothing to embitter the Christmas cheer."

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Foreign Relations.

There has been a marked improvement in foreign relations during the last year. Germany's friendship has proved to be real and earnest and French jealousy has been less mischievous than was feared. The Anglo-German alliance is an evidence that British interests have not been neglected and that no European coalition can be formed against them. If the Anglo-American relations are really clouded by the senate amendments to the canal treaty the English press is slow in discovering it, and the general public is incredulous and optimistic. The Saturday Review, true to its moss-grown traditions, finds in what it describes as the Nicaragua scandal, proofs that the United States senate is playing

havoc with the rights of nations and international agreements, that the president is a weak politician and England by her policy of perpetual concessions to the United States and England has herself to thank for the pothole.

The Economist, in a graver and more convincing argument, lays stress upon the duty of respecting treaties until their obligations are dissolved by mutual consent, and expresses the hope that Mr. McKinley will rise to the occasion and become the champion of unsullied national honor and public faith. Even the mellow Spectator, which would accept fortification of the canal as a guarantee of neutralization, charged the senate with treating the Hay-Pauncefote convention as if it were the work of the merest ignoramus, and sacrificing treaty obligations with levity and recklessness. The weak moralists take a more serious view of the whole affair, than the daily press. The general impression is that the transcontinental railways are making use of the senate to kill the treaty and prevent the construction of the canal and that the McKinley administration, rather than England, is under attack. If secretary Hay has contrived in the agreement with the Nicaraguan government to outwit the senators and to include in it a guarantee of his own convention with Lord Pauncefote, or if president McKinley can offer the foreign office some leeway for making concessions based on equivalents, it may not be impossible to patch up some fresh compromise, although the probabilities are against it. The result will depend upon the president's own attitude and defensive resources. Neither the foreign office nor the English people have any desire to prevent the construction of the canal in the interest of the freight business of railways.

The Queen's Health.

Referring to current rumors regarding her majesty's health, Mr. Ford adds: Court circulars show that the queen is driving daily at Osborne and this is accepted as a sign that the apprehensions current in the west end respecting the failing of her health are groundless. It is noticeable that the royal family party for Christmas is smaller than usual and that the Cimeter plans are in a state of uncertainty. Without doubt there has been considerable uneasiness in the inner circles at court, the queen's loss of appetite being considered an unfavorable symptom, and her anxiety over the recent bereavements and harassing cares of the princess Christian's household being noticeable. The queen is described by those who have seen her recently as unusually haggard and shrunken.

A DISPLAY WORTH SEEING

P. Burns & Co.'s Exhibit.

P. Burns & Company have an exhibit of meat, poultry and game in their Baker street store today which easily excels anything of the kind ever shown in the city and probably equals anything to be seen in the Dominion of Canada today. This may seem to be a large order, but the citizens to examine the premises today are safe to corroborate the statement. Not only is the exhibit large but it is really remarkable for its quality, variety and the taste with which it is arranged. One window is given over to game, a spruce tree occupying the center. Against this leans a black bear with jaws agape and paws embracing the trunk. About the bear are several genuine possums imported from southern Missouri. The tree is crowded with prairie chickens, quail and fox squirrels, the latter also being from Missouri. A fine deer is also part of the exhibition. On either side are strings of wild duck, scores of braces, including mallard, teal, and other choice varieties. The feature of the poultry display

is a number of bronze turkeys imported from Missouri. These dainty little birds are yearlings, weigh from 25 to 35 pounds each and are as plump as partridges.

The meat display is very attractive. Its centerpiece is a mammoth carcass of prime Christmas beef weighing a ton, flanked by a dressed hog which tips the scales at 500 pounds. Around the walls are carcasses of sheep and steers, each adorned with rosettes and ornamented with a fancy design picked out on the skin at an outlay of weeks of time. Holly is artistically suspended everywhere, and the finishing touch is given by the floor, which is done in green sawdust. Manager Frank Paddock and his staff have worked wonders with the material available, and they will reap their reward today in the admiration which the display cannot fail to elicit.

Want More Time.

OTTAWA, December 23.—The Vancouver-Westminster-Northern and Yukon Railway Company will apply next session for an extension of time to complete work and also for permission to build into Dawson City and from thence to the Yukon boundary.

SILKS

Christmas Decorations are now the order of the day.

See Our Display of Silks ...

- BLACK AND COLORED TAFFETTA at prices ranging from 90c to \$1.40
- BLACK AND COLORED PEA DE SOIR at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$2.25
- BROCADES, AN ELEGANT ASSORTMENT full range of colors, prices from \$1.10 to \$3.50

These are prices and qualities which cannot be equalled in any store in Nelson.

Hudson's Bay Co.

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The Tribune.

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THE newspapers in this province that are still devoting editorial space to the pre-election charges against minister-of-interior Sifton had better devote the space so used to explaining how the raising of the duties on lead and lead products benefit the mine owners of Kootenay. Mr. Sifton is in office for five years more, and abuse will not shorten his term a single day.

JOHN PATERSON announces himself a candidate for alderman in the East ward. Mr. Paterson is a native of Scotland and a marine engineer by trade. He was chief engineer of the Columbia & Kootenay Steam Navigation Company, and placed the machinery in the steamer Nelson, in 1891. Afterwards he became a part owner in the steamer Ainsworth, and helped to run her for several years. He is a practical level-headed Scotchman, and if elected alderman the city's interests would be carefully looked after and guarded.

By the middle of March there will be five smelters in operation in southeastern British Columbia. These five smelters will have a capacity of 2500 tons of ore a day. To produce the ore that will be used in these five smelters will give steady employment to 2500 men, none of whom will receive less than \$2.50 a day, and the average will be \$3 a day. These men will work every day in the year, and will earn \$7500 a day, or \$225,000 a month, \$2,700,000 a year. The five smelters will give steady employment to 1500 smeltermen, railwaymen, coal

miners and coke burners, who will average \$2.50 a day. This means a further disbursement in wages of \$3750 a day, or \$112,500 a month, or \$1,350,000 a year. Combined, the mining and smelting of 2500 tons of ore in southeastern British Columbia means an annual disbursement of \$4,000,000 in wages alone, the bulk of which is spent in southeastern British Columbia. On the other hand, suppose the 2500 tons of ore mined in southeastern British Columbia was smelted at Northport and Tacoma and Omaha and Everett and other points in the United States, what would be the loss to southeastern British Columbia?

THE 2 per cent tax on the output of metal mines, when understood, does not seem to be so hard on the mine owners as the mine owners would make it appear. Their property, as real estate or improvements, is exempt from taxation, and they pay no taxes unless their mines are shipping ore. The Slooan mine owners who ship ore pay in the neighborhood of \$1.20 a ton tax on ore that yields them about \$60 a ton over and above the cost of transportation to market and treatment charges. Allowing \$20 as the cost of mining a ton of Slooan ore, the tax is 3 per cent on the net profits. Compare the rate with taxation on incomes, and the man with an income is the person who has the best right to make complaint.

THE mining and smelting of ores is a business that requires a large expenditure every year for machinery. This machinery is now manufactured at points in Eastern Canada or in the United States. The bulk of it should be manufactured right here in southeastern British Columbia, and there is no point in southeastern British Columbia more central than Nelson. What has Nelson to offer in the way of inducements to such enterprises as machine shops, foundries, and ironworks? Sites are available. But how about power? There is power going to waste in Kootenay river, but individual industries

would be unable to develop this power to advantage. It would require too much capital. The City of Nelson could develop the power and sell it to the individual industries. But unless the city takes hold of the business in earnest, the people will find that all the land along Kootenay river available for sites for power houses is owned by the West Kootenay Power & Light Company. This company will then have a monopoly of the water power in Kootenay river, and it is not likely they will make any great effort to build up industries at Nelson.

The Mill Running Well.
Further reports from the Chapleau mine are to the effect that the stamp mill started a couple of weeks ago is pounding away day and night and apparently giving good satisfaction. Yesterday a start was made with a trial run which will determine just what the plant is doing. Fifty cars of ore were sent down from the mine, carefully sampled and then put through the stamps. The result of the run will be awaited with keen interest. Lucien Weyl, the company's financial manager, has taken up his residence at the mine until March next when F. Mourgues, the engineer in charge, returns from France. From 30 to 35 men are employed underground and the work is progressing on a good basis. The vein, which was located a couple of months ago, after having been lost for twice that time, continues to hold good and there seems to be no doubt that the vein is now in place.

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 two years of the four during which the city has been conducting its own affairs, and my record while 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 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 payrolls that build up the cities of today.

Nelson, a western city, is an 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 or our citizens merely because another class may have different views.

Holiday Novelties Arriving Daily.

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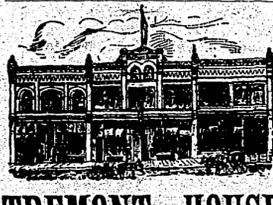
Merchandise has its place in the preparations for the Xmas season. The attractiveness of the goods to be found in all our departments will make brisk selling for the next three weeks.

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| <p>CHRISTMAS DOLLS</p> <p>Our new line of dolls is now on display. While the quality is of the highest, the price is so modestly low that you will be surprised at the size of the doll you can get for a dollar or two. Jointed dolls, kid-bodied dolls, new French-shape dolls, blonde dolls, brunette dolls, 9 to 27 inches; 35c to \$8.50</p> | <p>FURS</p> <p>The great demand for furs this season was recognized by us very early—in time to make selections when they were at their best. Whatever there is for ladies to wear, made of fur, will be found in this department at very low prices.</p> | <p>WINTER GLOVES</p> <p>and Mittens in great variety. The very latest style in gloves is the suede, castor and mocha. These gloves are nice for cold weathers as they are much warmer than dressed kid. We carry these lines in black, mole, tans and greys, \$1.25 to \$2</p> |
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PYRITIC SMELTING SOON

To Be Tested Near Greenwood.

GREENWOOD, December 23. — [Special to The Tribune.]—Not later than the first week in February the management of the pyritic smelter hope to have the plant ready to be blown in.

The work of constructing the large main building is practically finished. All the necessary grading, brick and masonry has been completed and foreman Sam Young is now devoting his attention to unloading several cars of machinery that have been sent down to the switch and getting same in readiness to be put together.

The site secured by the company is in every respect an ideal one. It consists of a tract of thirty acres of land on the west side of Boundary creek, just above the falls.

The smelter is located in the center of this tract on three natural benches, facing the east and having a frontage on the creek of about half a mile in length.

Water for the smelter, for use in the water jackets and in granulating the slag, is conveyed to the site from a dam a mile above, and then pumped into a 10,000-gallon tank on the grounds.

Another feature of the site is a valuable lime quarry near at hand, located and opened up immediately alongside of the main line of the Columbia & Western railway.

It includes a number of acres of the finest lime rock to be found, and can be quarried and laid down in the lime bins for less than 50 cents a ton.

Ample railroad facilities are provided by the Columbia & Western, which runs through the site. Sidetracks and spurs have been staked out by the C. P. R. engineering department, and this week the ties for the same will be finished and the steel laid.

The main wagon road between Greenwood and Midway also passes through the property, so it is accessible by both water and rail.

Among the buildings completed are the assay and general office buildings. These are located at the north end of the site. The assay office is a frame building 20 x 24 feet in size.

It is a substantial two story structure 28 x 38 feet in size, with three large offices on the ground floor and five rooms on the second floor.

Other outbuildings are stables, carpenters and blacksmiths shops and a supply warehouse.

The large main building—the smelter proper—nearly completed is 182 feet in length by 120 feet in width. Measuring from the feed floor, in the center of the building to the roof, the height will be 64 feet and from the furnace floor to the roof nearly 80 feet.

The different departments contained in this structure might best be described as follows: Facing from the north, on the west is the sampling department. Here will be installed the following machinery: Two 30 and two 43 inch automatic samplers; one 7 by 10 inch Blake crusher; two sets of 12 by 20 inch rolls, and two belt elevators.

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The railway facilities to be provided the smelter consist of a supply track about 1500 feet in length running parallel to the main line of the Columbia & Western to the west of the main building. The ore track will be 1300 feet in length and within 250 feet of the north end of the smelter will form a "V" running two parallel tracks into the building, over the ore storage bins.

The pyritic smelter is aimed to be a custom plant. The machinery, manufactured by the Denver Engineering Works Company of Denver, Colorado, is all at the site ready for installation.

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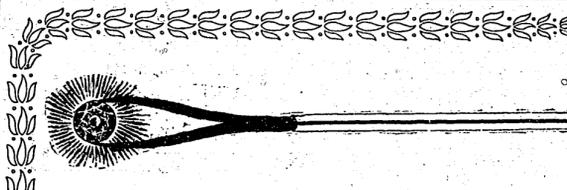
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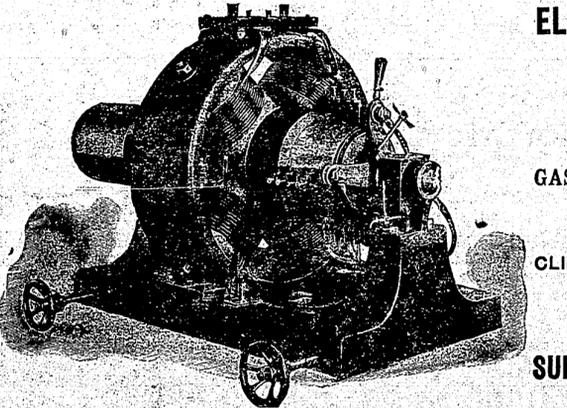


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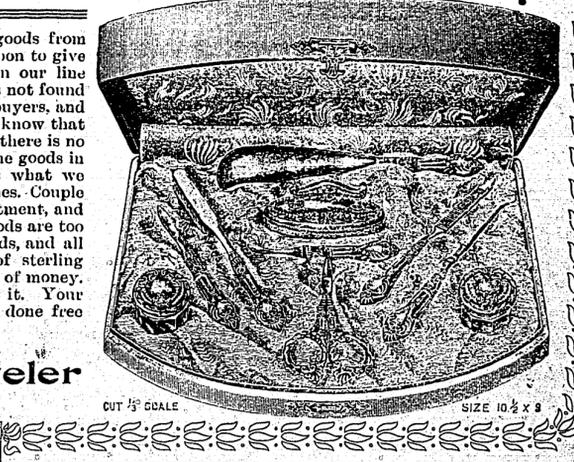
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NELSON MINERS' UNION NO. 30, W. F. C. M.—Meets in miners' union rooms, northeast corner Victoria and Kootenay streets, every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.—The regular meetings of the Nelson Trades and Labor Council will be held in the miners' union hall, corner of Victoria and Kootenay streets, on the first and third Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p. m.

THE regular meetings of the Carpenters' Union are held on Wednesday evening of each week, at 7 o'clock, in the Miners' Union hall, corner Victoria and Kootenay streets.

BARBERS' UNION.—Nelson Union, No. 106, of the International Journeymen Barbers' Union of America, meets every first and third Monday of each month in the Miners' Union hall, corner of Victoria and Kootenay streets, at 8:30 p. m.

BRICKLAYERS and MASONS' UNION.—The Bricklayers and Masons' International Union No. 3 of Nelson meets second and fourth Tuesdays in each month at Miners' Union hall, J. W. Eicher, president; Joseph Clark, recording and corresponding secretary.

LABORERS' UNION.—Nelson Laborers' Protective Union, No. 10, A. O. U. W., meets in Fraternity Hall, Oddfellow's Union Hall, corner of Victoria and Kootenay streets, every Monday evening at 7:30 p. m.

NELSON PAINTERS' UNION.—The regular meetings of the Painters' Union is held the first and third Fridays in each month at Miners' Union hall at 7:30 sharp. J. H. Millward, President; W. J. Hatcher, recording secretary.

PLASTERERS' UNION.—The O. P. L. A. No. 112, meets every Monday evening at the Elliot block, corner Baker and Stanley streets, at 8 o'clock. J. D. Moyer, president; Donald McClean, secretary.

COOKS and WAITERS' UNION.—Regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 8 o'clock in Miners' Union hall. Visiting brothers cordially invited. C. F. Bell, president; J. P. Forrest, secretary and treasurer.

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NELSON LODGE, NO. 23, A. F. & E. M. Meets second Wednesday in each month. Sojourning brethren invited.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—Nelson Lodge, No. 26, Knights of Pythias, meets in I. O. O. F. Hall, corner Baker and Kootenay streets, every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

NELSON I. O. O. F. No. 1622, meets in I. O. O. F. Hall, corner Baker and Kootenay streets, 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Province of British Columbia, Nelson, in Wes Kootenay, to wit: By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, do hereby sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the goods and chattels of the said defendant, to-wit: F. J. Bradley, C. C. J. A. Paquette, K. of F. S.

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CITY LOCAL NEWS

Born, at Nelson, on Saturday morning, to the wife of John A. Irving, of Mill and Josephine streets, a daughter.

There is doubt as to who has the best-dressed window on Baker street, but there is no doubt as to who is the best-dressed man in Nelson. The man is J. Peck McSwain.

All THE TRIBUNE and other newsboys, together with the city messenger boys, are cordially invited to eat their Christmas dinners at the Hotel Hume tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

One of Harry Ashcroft's bears escaped last night for an hour or two and a merry chase ensued. The animal was large enough to be dangerous, and no time was lost in getting it back into captivity. The male cub is hibernating.

At Saturday night's meeting, the Miners' Union of Nelson appropriated \$20 to be spent in Christmas presents for the patients and staff of the general hospital, which is an evidence that the hearts of the boys are in the right place.

P. Burns & Co. have authorized THE TRIBUNE to announce that they have a Christmas turkey for every poor family in Nelson. All that is required is for the head of the family to call at Burns & Co.'s market on Baker street and ask for a turkey and it will be given cheerfully.

Joe Thompson, who for some three years was a partner in the firm of F. J. Bradley & Co., has withdrawn from that firm and formed a partnership with Kirby Douglas. The new firm is known as Thompson & Douglas and is located in the Jowett building on Victoria street.

The auction sale of Rev. Robert Frew's household effects was largely attended again on Saturday and a large quantity of goods was disposed of, but it was found impossible to get through the list of parcels to be disposed of, which numbers almost 500. The sale will be concluded today, therefore, and citizens who desire to attend are requested to be on hand sharp at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Yesterday's services at the Congregational church were of special interest, Rev. Dr. George of Montreal presided morning and evening and a special effort was made to raise a substantial sum toward clearing the debt on the new church. This was successful, inasmuch as over \$1500 was subscribed during the day. Dr. George guaranteed to secure a tenth of the amount raised during the day among his friends in the east.

The congregations at St. Paul's Presbyterian church yesterday taxed the seating accommodation of the edifice to its utmost capacity. Rev. Mr. Frew preached at both services. In the course of his evening discourse he remarked that he would remain in Nelson until a pulpit supply was assured and that prior to his departure would refer to his future plans regarding his connection with the work in Nelson, a task to which he did not feel equal on the present occasion.

Looking for a Scrap.

William Brady, otherwise known as the "Kid," is in the city looking for a go with any local pugilist who may be willing. The "Kid" is colored, comes from Frisco and fights at 158 or 160 pounds. He has \$150 to wager on himself, and may be found at the Tremont hotel.

Killed a Cow Moose.

Stewart Patterson of Granby, Quebec, was in the city yesterday on his way to Grand Forks where he will remain several weeks auditing the books of the Miner-Graves smelter. The train on which Mr. Patterson crossed the prairies killed a cow moose near Brandon, a most unusual occurrence in a country where moose are practically unknown. On the same train was Dr. MacEachern, dominion veterinary surgeon, who is to spend several weeks at his ranch on Pincher creek.

Easy for the Thief.

A sneak thief abstracted several dollars' worth of neckties and men's furnishings from J. F. Weir's store on Baker street last night without breaking the window or in any way committing the offence of burglary. At the bottom of the window frame are a number of openings six inches long and half an inch wide to admit air for the purpose of preventing frost forming on the glass. The sneak thief sized up the situation and between 10 and 11 o'clock snared a number of articles with a stick. Two passers-by saw a lad leaning up against the window and as they couldn't understand his reason for doing so, stopped at the corner and watched. The lad saw them and de-amped.

RAILROAD AND STEAMBOAT

Testing the New Pontoon.

A preliminary test of the pontoon slip at Procter was made on Saturday. A tug took a barge up to the Landing and pushed the barge on to the slip where it was found that slight changes would be necessary in the apparatus for coupling. This will be done in a day or two and captain Troup has arranged to make the real test on Friday by unloading a train of cars. The appearance of the long delayed cold snap has made it politic to have the slip in good working order so that a freeze-up on the west arm of the lake would not delay business.

Lines Clear Now.

The cold snap has settled the mudslide question for the railroads, temporarily at least. The frost will bind the earth until the next thaw, which the railroad men devoutly hope will be long averted. The trains in and out of Nelson are running on time for the first time in a week, and on the Crow's Nest road no further trouble is expected for some time at least. The opening of the road released the freight trains held up on account of the many land slides, and yesterday 45 cars came in from Kootenay Landing to Nelson. Among the loads received were five cars of poultry, so that all danger of a poultry famine during the holiday season is past.

She Didn't Move.

The big engine No. 783, derailed on the Slokan branch last week, will be replaced on the rails shortly, the tackle for the purpose of lifting the 110-ton mill being about ready. Passengers on passing trains have not ceased to wonder how the locomotive escaped plunging into the river. At the point where the track gave way the bank slopes at an angle of almost 45 degrees into the river and the engine seems to be poised on the edge without any apparent reason to keep it from dropping into deep water three feet below. It is stated that the report of the mishap wired to Nelson read that the engine had "turned over and hadn't moved since" literally rather a humorous wording, but actually conveying the idea which it was desired to convey.

Miscellaneous.

The steamer Kootenay struck on a sandbar Saturday as she was coming through the narrows into the Arrow lakes. The craft managed to get off the bar after a delay of three hours.

The cold weather will have a decidedly stimulating effect on the building operations in the C. P. R. yards. It was next to impossible to put the finishing touches on the buildings during the wet spell, but the work will go ahead rapidly during the next week or two.

Dispute Over Mineral Claims.

To the Editor of The Tribune: Allow me space in your paper for an answer to a notice I saw in THE TRIBUNE of December 19 concerning the Royston group of claims on Morning mountain. I understand by THE TRIBUNE that they have formed a company. I wish that company to understand that I own a one-half interest in the mineral claim called the Nevada, which takes in part of the ground they call the Royston group. I also have done assessment work on it, and according to the mineral act I intend to hold it. It would be wise for that company to look over the ground and see if there are not more claims interfering with that group before going further. I also give those parties that staked the Skeen-Dow and Nellie to understand that according to the mineral act you have got to have mineral in place and lines cut to hold a claim. JOHN McALMON.

Nelson, December 20th.

Malicious Prosecution.

The following letter explains itself, but it does not explain why a provincial constable at Ymir deemed it his duty to lay an information against a salesman, traveling for a responsible business man, for selling goods without a license, more especially when the statements of the salesman could be verified in a few hours and without expense to any one:

Y.M.R., December 22nd, 1900.—To the Editor of The Tribune: Regarding an item that appeared in your paper under the title of "Malicious Prosecution" of N. Friedman, I herewith give the facts, so that you can give the same prominence. On December 18th provincial constable N. C. Forrester laid information with me that N. Friedman was peddling without a license. I therefore issued a summons for the defendant to appear on December 19th, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. At the time appointed J. W. How, J. P., and the undersigned were present to try the case, but Friedman did not appear or counsel for him. Constable Forrester swore that he had covered the summons upon the defendant up to the afternoon of the 18th, so in that case all that we could do was to issue a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Friedman. From the above you will note that you have got the facts somewhat distorted. Yours truly, A. BERNARD BUCKWORTH, J. P.



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PERSONAL.

H. Pollard of Moyie is at the Tremont hotel.

J. Watkins of Forty-nine creek is at the Madden house.

W. H. Dowling returned to Spokane yesterday morning.

Thomas Currie of Kaslo and H. W. Fowler of Vancouver are registered at the Queen's hotel.

G. O. Buchanan of Kaslo and G. H. Miller of Winnipeg, C. P. R. auditor, are at the Hotel Pharos.

G. A. Stewart Potts and family left yesterday for Victoria, where they will remain some weeks.

E. V. Thompson and A. Sharnan of the California Wine Company left Saturday night to spend the holidays at the coast.

George W. Thompson, a lawyer from Vancouver, spent yesterday in the city renewing old friendships with local legal men.

W. J. O'Brien of Revelstoke is in the city visiting his brother, Frank O'Brien of the smelter staff. Mr. O'Brien is at the Hotel Hume.

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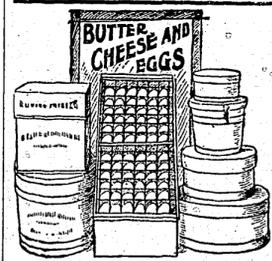
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