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ARRANGING FOR TRANSPORTATION

Winter Shipment of Ore From the Silver Hill Mine to Commence at Once.

GENERAL MINING NEWS OF NELSON AND VICINITY

Henry Roy, president of the London Consolidated Mining company, is in the city today arranging for transportation for the first of the winter's shipments from the Silver Hill mine. The last frost and snowfall has put the wagon road on the creek in good condition and the facilities for handling the large quantity of ore which is to be shipped during the winter are fairly good, although a little more snow and the guarantee of a couple of months sleighing would suit the company splendidly. John McVeigh, who has the contract for teaming the ore, has a fine lot of stock, with excellent buildings, and the ore should move rapidly during the next month or two. Mr. Roy states that 300 tons of ore have been rawhided from the mine two miles down to the wagon road to be moved as early as possible. The crew at the mine numbers 40 at the present time and this is to be increased to 60 during the next few weeks. The London Consolidated and the Richelieu, of which J. A. Macdonald of Rossland is president, are looking particularly well, the quality of ore having turned out better in stoping than was expected.

Some months ago THE TRIBUNE referred to a smelter proposition in which Mr. Roy is interested. He looks forward to seeing action taken in this direction next spring by a combination of mine owners. Crawford bay is favored as a site for the proposed institution because of the excellent water power and other essentials available, together with the large amount of ores which will eventually be produced in the section drained by Crawford and adjacent creeks.

A Promising Boundary Property.

James Dickson and W. Forrest, two well known mining men from Gladstone in the Boundary country, are spending a couple of days in Nelson. This is their first visit to the Queen City of the Kootenays, and both men are delighted with the apparent evidences of substantial growth and prosperity. Messrs. Forrest and Dickson are the locators of the John Bull properties at Gladstone, now being operated by the John Bull Mining Company. It is a copper proposition and is regarded as one of the most promising properties in the camp. The John Bull has two veins running at right angles. One is five feet clear at its widest and carries 17 per cent copper, while the second is 30 feet in width and carries aggregate values of $10. The cost of mining, transportation and treatment is estimated at $6, so that the owners believe they have a profitable investment. At the present time a small crew is employed driving a tunnel on the big lead to tap the high grade ore at a depth of 250 feet. If the main vein is found to retain its merit at this depth, or to increase in quality with depth, as has been the rule with properties in the section, the proposition will be worked on a large scale. Mr. Dickson states that an active season is confidently looked for in the Gladstone camp.

Shipping a Tramway.

The tramway for the Tamarac mine at Ymir has been finished at the B. C. Riblet works on Vernon street and will be shipped to Ymir today. The standards for the line have been erected and it now remains to assemble the apparatus on the ground, string the cables and put the tram in operating shape, all of which will be done under the direction of A. P. Lemieux of Nelson. The line will be 6000 feet in length with a fall of 2400 feet. The tram is to connect the main workings of the mine with the Nelson & Fort Sheppard road at a point two miles north of Ymir. The plant has a capacity of 100 tons in ten hours and works on the gravity principle applied to the Riblet system, by which a maximum of efficiency is secured with the minimum cost of operation, only one man being required to run the tramway. The management expect to have the tramway in operation two weeks hence, when the mine will commence to move the ore now on the dump. The Nelson & Fort Sheppard people are putting in a sidetrack at the terminus of the tram.

The timber and tool tramway recently built by B. C. Riblet for the St. Eugene mine has been delivered at Moyie. The apparatus will not be erected until spring, however, as the management have decided that the cost of putting up the tram during the winter, when snow and frozen earth increase the cost of foundations, etc., would be excessive.

From the Summit Country.

The section of country on the summit from which Kokanee, Six Mile, Lemon and other less well known creeks flow is well known to prospectors and perhaps as little known to the general public. The reason for this is mainly that it is almost exclusively a prospector's district, none of the properties having been opened up by capital. A number of excellent showings are reported, however, and it safe to predict that the new year will see a new order of things inaugurated. On Friday C. P. Hittle and P. Nolan, two well known prospectors, came in from the summit on snowshoes and will remain in the city for a few days before returning to their property, which is the Emmet group, one of the best known in the district. The group comprises seven claims and is primarily a silver-lead proposition, although one or two ledges on the group carry excellent values. Tests were recently made of the ore and it was found that the 18-inch paystreak in the principal vein averaged $93.50. The owners are now crosscutting to tap the vein at a depth of 150 feet. The crosscut is in 70 feet and it is estimated that an additional eight or ten feet will break into the ore. Nolan and Hittle ran out of powder, hence their visit to the city. Adjoining the Emmet is the old Ocean group, now known as the Nansen. It is owned by W. Young and M. Murchison. The property includes three claims and resembles the Emmet in many respects. The owners have put in about $1500 worth of work and are said to have a first-class showing.

The parties interested in the summit country are making a strong effort to secure a trail into that section. At the present time the Six-mile or Golden Wedge wagon road affords access to the old townsite of Oro, from where the prospectors desire a trail built for an additional seven or eight miles. This would be a trunk trail with which locators could connect trails leading to their claims. The necessity of this work has not been a burning issue up to the present as the foot trails have sufficed for the wants of the section, together with a trail to Slocan City. Next season, however, half a dozen properties will be in a position to ship ore and the district will produce considerable ore if the facilities are afforded for packing. Further than this the prospectors state that Nelson merchants would profit substantially by furnishing supplies to prospectors, who would prefer to bring in their provision from this side of the divide. The list of properties which would be benefited by the suggested trail includes the Lucky George owned by Nichol brothers of Slocan City, the G. H. owned by G. Hamlin of Sandon, the Great Britain owned by Slocan City parties, the Little Giant owned by J. Larsen, J. Ratcliffe and C. Newhouse, the Burnett owned by a Rossland stock company, the 16 to 1 owned by Alex Stewart, the Soldier Boy owned by Joe Law and Tom Armstrong, the Midnight owned by Charles Foss and W. Crawford, the Oregon owned by Harry Reichart, the Lady Franklin owned by Mark Manley, G. Finkle and T. Benton, and the Chilkat owned by Oscar White and others.

A Financial Crisis.

LONDON, December 31.—Stock brokers are very apprehensive as to the results of tomorrow's dealings. Bear traders for the last fortnighr have been concentrating theit attacks on the Whitaker-Wright shares and had these assaults succeeded the results would have been quite as sensational as was the suspension of the London & Globe financial corporation. As affairs stand now it is understood that no fewer than six additional firms will suspend tomorrow. The feeling this evening is very gloomy. It is feared that the general markets may be affected. Those who take this view think the climax may be postponed until the next settlement, but the prospect is far from hopeful, unless the bears themselves come to the rescue of the brokers who have been prominent in this attack.

CUDAHY NOT TO BE BLUFFED

KIDNAPERS THREATEN UNLESS REWARD IS WITHDRAWN.

But the Millionaire Stands Pat and Turns Their Letter Over to the Police.

OMAHA, December 30.—E. A. Cudahy, the millionaire, has received a second communication from whoever kidnaped his son. It contains a threat and says in substance that unless he withdraws his offer of $25,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of each of the three bandits they will kidnap another of his children. The letter refers to the failure of the police to get anything like a tangible clue as to the identity of the kidnapers, scoffs at the idea of Pat Crowe being one of them, mentions the ease with which the "first job was pulled off," and concludes by saying that if Mr. Cudahy is as wise as he showed himself in the first instance he will comply with the request to withdraw the rewards at once. This is written with pen and ink on the same kind of paper as first and evidently by the same person. It was found by a servant of the Cudahy household early on the morning of Thursday, December 27th. Some one called up the house by telephone and asked if Mr. Cudahy was in. The servant answered that he was not. "Well," came the voice over the telephone, "you go in the front yard and you'll find a letter there at the gate. It is addressed to Mr. Cudahy. See that it is delivered to him personally."

The servant found the letter. It was in a plain white envelope and was addressed "A. Cudahy, personal and private." Mr. Cudahy, who was then at his packing-house in South Omaha, was summoned home at once. No one was permitted to see the letter at first except Mr. and Mrs. Cudahy. Mr. Cudahy's conclusion at the time was to keep the contents to himself, as the bandits requested, but he later thought better of it, as he believed that if placed in the hands of the police it would prove a valuable clue, so yesterday afternoon he took chief Donahue into his confidence. He had a consultation at the chief's office which lasted nearly five hours. The chief was seen afterward, but refused to disclose the nature of the subject discussed. Mr. Cudahy says he has not withdrawn the reward, nor will he do so. The reward offered stands as originally announced.

Pat Crowe Was the Man.

OMAHA, December 30.—John Smith, broom maker, employed by the Schneiderwind Broom company, has positively identified Pat Crowe, who, in his presence, rented the Schneiderwind house on Grover street which was used as a prison for young Cudahy while he was being detained for ransom. This is the first positive personal recognition of any of the bandits and establishes the most important point yet developed in the case.

The Danish West Indies.

LONDON, December 30.—The American and Danish governments are engaged in direct negotiations for the sale of the Danish West Indies.

IS THE TAX AN UNFAIR ONE

ON EITHER THE SLOCAN OR THE BOUNDARY ORES?

Fairly Accurate Figures Go to Show That It Is Not an Unequal Burden on Mine-Owners.

In commenting on the taxation of the output of metal mines, the News-Advertiser of Vancouver admits that the tax is a fair one on Slocan ores, but is in doubt as to its being fair on ores mined in the Boundary country.

It is now generally admitted that the Slocan ores will pay, on an average, $1 a ton tax, that is $1 for every ton of clean ore or ton of concentrates shipped. Clean ore nets the mine owner about $30 a ton after all expenses are paid. A ton of concentrates will net about the same.

Slocan ore that is concentrated is not high-grade; probably it is no higher grade than the ores of the Boundary country; on an average the ratio will be eight tons of ore to one ton of concentrates. In other words, the ore before it is concentrated is worth $10 a ton. The cost of concentration is about $1 a ton if the mill is run by water power, and $1.25 a ton if run by steam power, taking as a basis a mill with a capacity of 150 tons a day. But the cost of mining a ton of concentrating ore is not as much as the cost of mining a ton of clean ore. It is estimated that Slocan clean ore costs the mine owner $20 a ton free on board cars or steamboats, and that a ton of concentrates (eight tons of low-grade ore) costs $24 a ton, or $3 for each ton of ore in the concentrates. The low-grade ore of the Slocan, taking $10 as the average value per ton, costs the mine owner $3 a ton for mining and concentrating and $2 50 a ton for freight and treatment charges at the smelter. This leaves the mine owner a profit of $4.50 per ton. Before paying the government tax, the following deductions are made: $1 for concentrating and $2.50 for smelting, or a total of $3.50 per ton, which leaves $6.50 on which the tax is paid, 2 per cent on which is 13 cents. The five mills at Cody, Sandon, Alamo, and Whitewater have a daily capacity of 750 tons, and if run at their full capacity every day in the year they would require 273,750 tons of ore, which when concentrated would have a taxable value of $1,779,375, and would yield the province a revenue of $35,587.50 and the mine owners a net profit of $1,196,287.50.

In the Boundary country, the ore bodies are large and the ores low grade. The average value of the ore will not exceed $8 per ton. The ore can be delivered on board cars for $2 per ton, and the freight and smelter charge will not be more than $3.50 per ton. This leaves the mine owners an apparent profit of $2.50 per ton. There are three smelters in operation or in course of construction at Grand Forks and Greenwood. Their daily capacity will be 1200 tons of ore. If run to their full capacity every day in the year they would smelt 438,000 tons of ore, which would have a taxable value of $1,971,000, and would yield the province $39,420 revenue and the mine owners a net profit of $1,065,580.

If the above figures are fairly accurate—if they are not mine owners can have space in THE TRIBUNE to show where they are inaccurate—the 2 per cent tax cannot be classed as unfair taxation on either the mine owners of the Slocan or of the Boundary.

Had to Return to Port.

QUEENSTOWN, December 31.—The British steamer Lake Megantic, captain Taylor, from Liverpool, December 25th, and Queenstown, December 26th, for St. John, returned to Queenstown harbor yesterday (Sunday) morning after a terrible experience in the gale. She left Queenstown on Wednesday, carrying the Canadian mails, fifty-five saloon and cabin passengers and about 500 passengers in the steerage, principally foreigners, many Jews among them. She had reached 400 miles west Thursday night when she encountered a merciless gale. Behaving splendidly, she would have got through had not the steering gear become damaged badly, placing her in a dangerous position. The crew worked bravely and rigged hand gear and the vessel was again brought under control. Unfortunately the hand gear also became damaged. The deck hands had an awful time. The gale lasted 20 hours, and an immense sea broke over the vessel, smashing the booby hatch and flooding her between decks where the steerage passengers were located. It also washed away the greater portion of the fittings and did considerable deck damage. Three life boats were smashed. Some of the crew were seriously injured and one seaman was killed on deck. When the storm moderated captain Taylor decided to return to Queenstown. It was difficult work to steer the big ship, but she managed to reach here without assistance. Her officers and men were exhausted.

BOERS CAPTURE HELVETIA

WAS HELD BY A DETACHMENT OF LIVERPOOL TROOPS.

Fifty Killed and Wounded and 200 Prisoners Taken---The Post Reoccupied by Reeves

LONDON, December 31.—The war office has received the following dispatch from lord Kitchener: Pretoria, December 30—7:50 a. m.—General Lyttleton reports that our post at Helvetia was captured yesterday morning by the Boers. About 50 were killed and wounded and 200 taken prisoners. Lord Kitchener reports that he is following with a small force in the track of the enemy, Helvetia being reoccupied by Reeves, who has been reinforced from Belfast. Helvetia was a strong position on the Machadodorp-Lydenburg railway and was held by a detachment of the Liverpool regiment.

LONDON, December 31.—While lord Kitchener sends bad news for England on the closing day of the year the press continues to take a hopeful view of a grave situation and of revelations of an enormously wide field of Boer activity. General Dewet is still at large. Kimberley is isolated. The Boers are in force and they have captured a strong position at Helvetia in the Lydenburg district. While judging from lord Kitchener's very recent advices, no progress is being made against the Boer invaders in Cape Colony.

According to further telegrams received yesterday Zeerust is practically Boer besieged, but has provisions sufficient for five months. The garrison at Ottoshoop has been withdrawn to Lydenburg.

A dispatch from Carnavon, dated yesterday, reports that the Boers who have been threatening that point were driven off and are being pursued. "It is evident," says a belated message from Krugersdorp, dated December 23rd, "that the Boer commissariat in the direction of Magaliesberg is well supplied and that until the country between here and Magaliesberg is properly cleared of Boers they will continue to concentrate there, the ground being particularly adapted to their methods of warfare."

The Boers admit that in their fight with general Clements at Nooitgadacht they lost 130 men. "It is understood that lord Kitchener cannot ask the colonies officially to send troops," says a Durban dispatch dated December 29, "but desires it to be known in Australia and Canada that the Australians and Canadians arriving in Natal will be eligible for immediate enlistment in any irregular corps which is proceeding to Johannesburg for five months' service."

A correspondent at Burghersdorp wiring Saturday reports: "Two fresh commandos are entering the Colony. One has already crossed near Knaapdaar and the arrival of another is expected in the Stringburg district. The Boers are said to have two or three horses each, though in bad condition. They have no guns or transport, but are well supplied with Lee-Metford rifles and ammunition. Captured Boers say the intention of these commandos is to roam about and wait until general Dewet appears upon the scene."

FROM BOUNDARY CREEK DISTRICT

One Hundred Thousand Tons of Ore Has Been the Output of the Past Year.

FOUR SMELTERS WILL SOON BE IN OPERATION THERE

GREENWOOD, December 30.—[Special to The Tribune.]—The progress made during the past year in develment of the many mining camps of the Boundary creek district has been most satisfactory. The district has advanced to the shipping stage, and some 20 properties have from time to time sent out ore. The output for the year amounts to over 100,000 tons. Of this amount the larger portion was supplied from the B. C. in Summit camp, the Knob Hill-Old Ironsides-Victoria group of mines in Phoenix camp and the Mother Lode mine in Deadwood camp. Anyone cognizant of the mineral resources of the district of what it is really capable of producing, will concede that it is the richest and greatest portion of British Columbia, yet in its infancy, but destined to become one of the largest producing sections of copper-gold ore in the world. During the 12 months gone by the mining world has watched with intense interest the solution of the problem of treating the low-grade ores of Phoenix camp at the Granby smelter. That this has been successfully accomplished is evidenced by the statement that this smelter, now of a daily capacity of 600 tons, is to be immediately doubled.

One of the strongest arguments that the correspondent of THE TRIBUNE can advance in support of the merits of the Boundary is the construction at a cost of $5,000,000 of the branch of the Canadian Pacific railway—the Columbia & Western—with its network of spurs tapping the principal producing camps. Until one has been through the district, seen the immense outcrops of ore, measuring from 50 to 400 feet in width; noted the amount of capital being put into the development of the mines and their equipment; the construction of three smelters, with a fourth for the present year, it is hard to appreciate what its future will be. Its mineralized area is so great, that any attempt at a resume of the development now in progress, even of the briefest nature, would fill columns.

Beside the Granby smelter at Grand Forks, that was blown in August 21st last, two other smelters are now rapidly nearing completion. That of the British Columbia Copper company at Greenwood is to have an initial capacity of 300 tons and will be ready to start operations about the first week in February. Three miles below the city, on Boundary creek, is the reduction works of the Standard Pyritic Smelting company, limited. Its capacity will be 300 tons daily and the management hope by the end of February to commence smelting. The year will witness, there now seems little doubt, the building of a fourth smelter by the Dominion Copper company. To these four plants it is not predicting too much to add that such mines as the B. C. in Summit camp and the Snowshoe in Phoenix camp will in time have their own smelters. So much for the smelter situation.

Turning to the mines, mention will first be made of Deadwood camp, within three miles of the city. Here are situated such properties as the Mother Lode, Sunset group, Marguerite, Greyhound, Ah There, Great Hopes, Morrison and Buckhorn, all under active development. There are seven power plants in Deadwood camp. The deepest workings are at the Mother Lode, whose shaft is down 325 feet. This mine is the only permanent shipper, large stopes having been opened on the 200 and 300-foot levels and an immense machinery plant, the hoist of which is second only in size to that on the Le Roi in the Rossland camp, is now being installed. To the end of the year the expenditure on the Mother Lode and the smelter at Greenwood, both owned by the same company, will have easily amounted to $450,000.

At Phœnix are located the Miner-Graves syndicate's group, consisting of the Old Ironsides-Knob Hill-Victoria; the Dominion Copper Company's group, the Brooklyn, Stemwinder, Idaho and Rawhide; the Snowshoe, Gold Drop and the War Eagle, each owned by separate companies, and many other promising claims. Like those in Deadwood camp, the mines at Phoenix are noted for the enormous surface outcrops of gold-copper ore that attracted the attention of the first prospectors in 1891. With the exception of the Idaho and Rawhide, all the other mines are equipped with power plants. The greatest depth so far attained is in the Old Ironsides shaft, down 400 feet. The permanent shipping mines are the three included in the Miner-Graves holdings. Just to give one instance of the ore deposits in this camp, the correspondent would cite the case of the Knob Hill mine. In his last report to the company superintendent William Volen Williams estimated that the ore in sight and now available was over 1,500,000 tons actually blocked out above the main crosscut tunnel. His estimate of the average of this deposit was $8.37 per ton. In other words this mine alone has $11,500,000 of ore. The shipments from the combined three mines over which Mr. Williams is in charge amounts to 990 tons daily, sent to the Granby smelter.

Adjoining Phoenix is Wellington camp. The Brandon & Golden Crown, Winnipeg and the Athelstan are the three shippers of this camp. The greatest depth, 322 feet, is obtained in the shaft of the first named property. The three properties are equipped with power plant.

Going north from this city ten miles Summit camp is reached. It, too, has numerous locations of promising showings. The leading producer is the B. C. mine, owned by a Montreal company. Other properties are the Oro Denoro, Emma, R. Bell, Mountain View, Rambler and Blue Bell. On the B. C. the shaft is down 400 feet and with the exception of this mine none of the other properties have heavy equipment. The B. C. produces perhaps the richest copper-gold ore in the district, ships to the Trail smelter, and its net profit is over $12 per ton. Recently $3,000,000 was refused for the mine.

Further east some four miles the north fork of the Kettle river is reached, passing through Brown's camp. Here are located the Volcanic, Humming Bird, Strawberry and Golden Eagle. On the last three mines active development has been in progress for several months, both the Golden Eagle and the Humming Bird having shipped.

Other camps, such as Long Lake, Smith's Copper, Providence, Central, Skylark, Kimberley and West Copper are all reached from Greenwood by wagon road. Each of these has its principal mine, but with the exception of the City of Paris and Lexington mines in Central camp and the Jewel in Long Lake camp, there has been little development doing the past year. The three properties mentioned are, however, in the shipping list.

To date some $5,000,000 has been expended in the acquisition, development and equipment of mines in this district, outside of the sums employed in the construction of the three smelters. The start has only been made. What will it be in a decade from now, when there will be half a dozen smelters in active operation, some fifty shipping mines and thousands of well-paid employees?

The New Roller Mills.

MONTREAL, December 30.—Shareholders of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company yesterday ratified the issue of $5,000,000 preferred stock for the establishmet of a rail and plate mill at Sydney, B. C. General manager Moxham reported that large sales of iron have already been made at satisfactory prices for foreign and Canadian delivery, and that the first iron furnace would be started about the middle of January.

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The people of Nelson are beginning to doubt the sufficiency of their water supply.

The above is from the Victoria Colonist, and is one of the results of the "knocking" policy of the Nelson Evening Miner. As a matter of fact, the people of Nelson have no doubts as to the sufficiency of their water supply. They have not only an abundant supply for their present uses, but an abundant supply is in sight for their future requirements. But in order to score a point against men in office, the Nelson Evening Miner would make it appear that the city's affairs have been badly mismanaged. This assertion of an irresponsible newspaper is taken as the opinion of the people of Nelson by newspapers like the Colonist, and it is spread broadcast to the injury of Nelson. Few people realize the injurious effects such statements have. If these lying statements were only seen by people who read the Nelson Evening Miner, no great harm would result; but such statements are copied and recopied into newspapers that are read by people who can injure the city. The Colonist is not likely to print a line denying the accuracy of the falsehood it has unwittingly circulated, and if it did, it would not be copied into a single newspaper that printed the original falsehood.

THE last day of the year 1900 closes a year that has been fairly prosperous for the people of the mining districts of Kootenay and Yale. The year commenced with more or less friction existing in several districts between mine-owner and mine-worker because of the enforcement of the eight-hour-day law. That friction has ceased, and there is not likely to be any recurrence of it in the near future. The eight-hour day has come to stay, and what is known as the Slocan Standard Rate of Wages will be the accepted wage rate for many a day in the mining camps of British Columbia. The output of the mines for the year exceed in value the output of any former year, and the progress made in every branch of industrial enterprise is in keeping with that made in mining. No town in Kootenay or Yale has less population today than on the first day of the year, and some of them have had a fairly large increase. The beginning of the year found more or less depression in the Boundary towns, consequent on the over-estimated life of the boom that resulted from large expenditures in mine development and railway building; the close finds these towns among the most prosperous in the province. The year revealed no evidence that our people are not law-abiding and sunny tempered, and it will close with every one determined to make the most of the year 1901.

THERE are a number of newspapers in Kootenay which have suddenly espoused the cause of the poor down-trodden mine-owner. These newspapers say the mine-owners are forced to pay unfair taxes to the province; pay unfair to freight and treatment charges railways and smelters, and are likely to be ground down by an export duty on ore. THE TRIBUNE is of opinion that these newspapers are not altogether honest in their sudden espousal of the cause of an interest that has been and is now fairly treated—as fairly treated as any other business interest in the province. In the matter of taxation, the owners of mines do not pay a dollar of direct taxation on their property when worked, even though it may be worth millions of dollars. A mine-owner may have hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of ore blocked out in his mine or piled upon the dump, yet he does not pay a dollar in taxes on it as long as it remains unsold. When he sells it, he is required to pay 2 per cent on the value of the ore at the dump. This system of taxation surely cannot work to the injury of anyone developing mines, for unless ore is shipped no taxes are paid, and if the ore is shipped the tax is not paid until returns are actually obtained from the sale of the ore. It cannot work to the injury of the man who has a prospect or a mine for sale. Intending purchasers know exactly how to figure on the worth of a mine when they know that the provincial tax is so much a ton on the ore actually sold. Freight and treatment charges on ores are regulated much the same as are charges for changing other raw materials into salable products. Those engaged in the business aim to get good returns on their invested capital. If there is money to be made in treating ore, capital will be found to erect mills and smelters. No one person or one company can have a monopoly of the business. The question of treating the ores mined in British Columbia within British Columbia is not a sentimental one. It is a business question that is far-reaching in its benefits. The people of British Columbia should derive the full benefit from the working and sale of the natural resources of the province. One of the natural resources is ore. Mining the ore is but one of the several methods at which men can be employed in turning this natural resource into a saleable commodity. Smelting the ore is another of the methods; separating and refining the product of the smelter is another of the methods; manufacturing the metals so separated and refined is still another of the methods. Why should not all these methods be carried on in British Columbia? And why cannot they all be carried on in British Columbia without working either an injury or a hardship on the mine-owner? The business men who have made money in Kootenay can be counted on the finger ends, and the total of all their cleanups would not be half the sum that was realized from the working and sale of the Payne mine; but for every word that is printed describing the hardships and the worries and the failures of business men in Kootenay, thousands are printed describing the trials and the sufferings and the unfair treatment of the mine-owners.

THE failure of the London & Globe Finance Corporation need not cause any great alarm in British Columbia. Its holdings were confined entirely to shares in one or two companies organized to work mines in Rossland. The prices of these shares were inflated to ten times their actual value, and when the speculative bubble burst, the London & Globe people were caught on the short side, and failure was the consequence. The mining industry of British Columbia is not dependent for its success on speculation, and corporations that indulge in such fancies must take chances.

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FORD'S EUROPEAN GOSSIP

The South African Situation.

NEW YORK, December 30.—In a special cable dispatch, dated 6 a.m., Isaac N. Ford, special correspondent of the New York Tribune, says of the situation in South Africa: The Boer operations disclosed in the latest dispatches indicate a deliberate but unsuccessful attempt to break the British lines of communication. The raid across the Orange river has been a failure and the bands of guerrillas have been headed off and are retiring. The Dutch sympathizers in Cape Colony may be ready to offer present assistance but they will not fight. The Boers, having failed to shift the scene of military operations southward, are now resuming their harassing tactics along the railways leading from Natal and throughout the Orange river colony. Skirmishing is constant, but no advantage is gained. Brief summaries of these petty fights show that there is a daily casualty list on the British side and this is enlarged by mortalities from fever and various diseases. When the lines are kept by an army of over 200,000 men the accounts of these operations are gloomy reading for a nation weary of war and anxious for the restoration of peace. But it is inaccurate to represent the Boer army as acting on the defensive and barely holding its ground. It would be more correct to assert that there is no real progress on either side.

Old soldiers who keep watch of what is going on say that lord Kitchener is doing as well as can be expected, that he is gradually wearing out the Boers, that Dewet will be run down sooner or later, and that the bands will be dispersed when their horses and ammunition give out. They do not expect important results from the establishment of government laagers for the protection of the burghers and their families who are willing to surrender. The Dutch women are more bitter than the burghers themselves and are unwilling to live in laagers. Sir David Barbour, who started yesterday for South Africa on a special mission for the investigation of the financial resources of the Dutch territories, has been conferring with Mr. Chamberlain and obtaining his ideas on many questions relating to mines, railways and other properties. While his main work as a financial expert has been done in India, he has studied the resources of other parts of the empire. He was a member of the commission which recently visited the British West Indies to report on the economic needs of that group of colonies, but rejected sir Henry Norman's comprehensive proposals for the revival of the cane sugar industry, means of duties equal to foreign boundaries, and joined sir Edward Gray in recommending various peddling devices and petty doles.

All Are Pessimists.

Moralists with a century as well as a year behind them are making a week of it. Everything is reviewed from finance to football and pessimism is availing not. The English Diogenes at the close of the year may find an honest man, but not an optimist. The English are the severest critics of their own shortcomings and expose themselves with stark naked candor. The impression created by columns of forebodings is that everything is going worse, that the South African war has been bungled from first to last, that British prestige has been impaired, that the finances of the campaign have been badly managed, that the government has been compelled to borrow money at rates nobody would have believed likely, that the Americans and Germans are taking away a large proportion of England's foreign trade, that the country is wofully behind other nations in mechanical invention and electrical enterprises, and that everybody in the slang of the day needs to "buck up" at the opening of the new year and the new century. The chorus of grumbling and croaking is the characteristic refrain of a nation of faultfinders at the dawn of a new era. In reality every Englishman knows that the empire was never stronger than it is at this moment, with the loyalty of the colonies invigorated; while competition is steadily increasing on foreign commerce, home trade was never better nor the financial stability of the country more certain. While war is still dragging on the Dutch governments have been overturned beyond a chance of restoration and the richest gold fields in the world have been conquered and brought under tribute to British prosperity.

Matters Military.

Discussing the military affairs of the empire, Mr. Ford says: The most controversial question at the close of the year is the real stronghold of military administration. The duke of Cambridge was for a long period commander-in-chief of the British army with almost autocratic power over its officers. When he reluctantly retired lord Wolseley entered headquarters as a reformer, but a civilian secretary of war in reality took command of the army. Lord Wolseley has gone out and lord Roberts is coming in, but it is not yet clear whether Mr. Broderick intends to relax his civilian grip on the service. The recall of sir Henry Colville to London and the resignation of colonel Spragge indicate that the new secretary of war considers himself responsible for the enforcement of discipline among officers and does not intend to shirk his duties. Two officers who were apparently exonerated by his predecessor are now forced to abandon their posts, and he has declared that there are others whose conduct in the field is to be investigated. The fact that sir Henry Colville is a guards general and is strongly supported at court renders Mr. Broderick's assumption of supreme authority more significant.

Sir Henry Colville upon his return can demand a military inquiry, but Mr. Broderick can refuse to grant it, and by all precedents and rules of the service the general will have no chance of defending himself. It is probable that colonel Broadwood will be dealt with and possibly general Clements as well for his share of responsibility for the recent reverse in the Transvaal. A point which interests military men is whether lord Roberts as commander-in-chief will be left under the thumb of the secretary of war, as lord Wolseley was, or whether Mr. Broderick with the house of commons behind will assume the responsibility for making and unmaking military reputations as well as reforming the entire administration of the army. The queen is generally believed to hold strong views of her own respecting the command of the army. She considers the services of some members of the royal family necessary and would be well pleased if the duke of Connaught were made adjutant general and placed in the line of succession to lord Roberts. This is objectionable from a parliamentary point of view, since the frank discussion of military affairs is impossible with a member of the royal family commander-in-chief.

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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 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'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 payrolls 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, December 15th, 1900.

A CARD.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE CITY OF NELSON.—Ladies and Gentlemen: Having been requested by a number of friends (ratepayers) in this city to become a candidate for alderman in the East ward, I may say I have plenty of spare time on hand, and would be pleased to devote a portion of it toward attending to your interests, not only in the East ward, but throughout the city generally. Should you deem my services acceptable, and honor me with a place at your municipal board, I shall do my best to merit the confidence placed in me. Faithfully,

JOHN PATERSON.

Nelson, B. C., December 21th, 1900.

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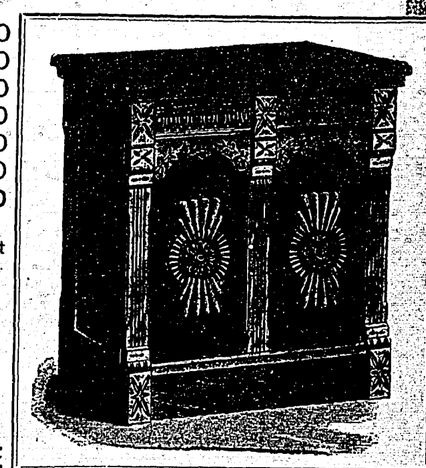

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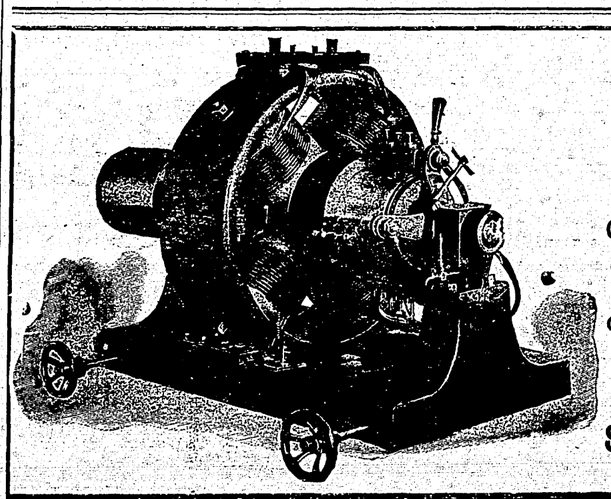

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Notice is hereby given that a Court of Revision and Appeal, under the provisions of the "Assessment Act," will be held as follows:

Court House, Kaslo, B. C., Wednesday, 9th January, 1901, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Government Agent's Office, Nelson, B. C., Thursday, 10th January, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Government Agent's Office, Rossland, B. C., Friday, 11th January, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated at Nelson this 19th day of December, 1900.

JOHN A. TURNER,
Judge of Court of Revision and Appeal.

LAND NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date we, The Corporation of the City of Nelson, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase for the purposes of the Corporation, the following described land in the District of West Kootenay, situate on the south bank of Kootenay river, about ten miles below Nelson: Commencing at a post marked "The City of Nelson's S. W. corner," thence east 30 chains, thence north 15 chains to the Kootenay river, thence westerly along the Kootenay river 30 chains, thence south 15 chains to the place of beginning.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NELSON, By JOHN HOUSTON, Mayor.

December 12th, 1900.

LAND NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the gold commissioner for a lease on crown lands, situate in West Kootenay district, about ten miles from the city of Kaslo, in a northerly direction, consisting of 160 acres of unoccupied crown lands, commencing at a post marked C. P. L., thence north on the lake front 80 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 20 chains to place and post of commencement.

C. P. LOUDIN.

NOTICE.

Rossland, B. C., November 9th, 1900.

To F. B. SALISBURY:

Notice is hereby given that I, William Griffiths, intend to claim the interests in the following named mineral claims formerly held by F. B. Salisbury, on which he has neglected to pay his share of the expenses of the annual assessment work. To wit:

A one-half (½) interest in the "Bunker Hill" mineral claim.

A one half (½) interest in the "Sullivan" mineral claim.

A one half (½) interest in the "Fidelity" mineral claim.

All the adjoining claims, situated on the west fork of the north fork of Salmon river, in the Nelson Mining Division.

This action is taken under Section 11 of Chapter 45, of the statutes of 1899 and amendments of 1900. WILLIAM B. TOWNSEND,
Agent for William Griffiths.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS

To GEO. H. LAMMERS, J. R. CRANSON, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the Harvey Joy mineral claim, at Morning Mountain, Nelson Mining Division.

You are hereby notified that I have expended One Hundred Dollars in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim, in order to hold said mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber, under section four of an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1900." SILAS H. CROSS.

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NELSON LICENCE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that Alfred Manson has made application for a transfer of his licence for the Grove hotel, at Fairview, to Stephen Bridcott, and that a meeting of the Board of Licence Commissioners of the Nelson Licence District will be held to consider such application at the Court House, at the City of Nelson, on Monday, the fourteenth day of January, 1901, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

W. H. BULLOCK-WEBSTER,
Chief Licence Inspector.

Chief Constable's Office.
Nelson, B. C., 29th December, 1900.

LAND LEASE NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that within sixty days after the date of this notice, I intend to apply to the assistant commissioner of lands and works, at Nelson, for a lease of the following described land, for the purpose of opening up and working stone quarries, situate about two miles in an easterly direction from the City of Kaslo, West Kootenay District:

Commencing at a post planted on the lake shore marked "J. A. Knauf's N. E. corner," running thence south twenty chains; thence west twenty chains; thence north twenty chains, more or less to the lake shore; thence east along the lake shore to the point of commencement; and containing forty acres more or less. J. A. KNAUF.

Dated December 19th, 1900.

LAND NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase the following described lands about two miles west of the City of Nelson: Commencing at a post marked W. L. Beaven's S. E. Corner Post, planted at S. W. corner post of H. Selous' purchased Lot 605, Group 1, on the high water line on the west bank of Kootenay river, thence north 18 chains, thence west 18 chains, thence south 18 chains, more or less to the high water line on north bank of Kootenay river, thence following the meandering of the aforesaid river in an easterly direction 18 chains more or less to point of commencement. Containing 32 acres more or less.

W. L. BEAVEN.

Dated at Nelson this 21th day of December, 1900.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Province of British Columbia, Nelson, in West Kootenay, to wit:

By virtue of a writ of fieri-facias, issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, at the suit of the Bank of Montreal, plaintiffs, and to me directed, against the goods and chattels of the Two Friends Mine, Limited Liability, defendants, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title and interest of the said defendants, Two Friends Mine Limited Liability, in the mineral claim known as and called "Two Friends," situated on the divide between Lemon and Springer creeks, on the east slope of Lemon creek, located on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1895, and recorded in the office of the mining recorder for the Slocan City Mining Division of the West Kootenay District, on the 10th day of August, A. D. 1895; and also all the right title and interest of the said defendants, Two Friends Mine, Limited Liability, in sixty (60) tons of ore, more or less, mined from the mineral claim "Two Friends," and now upon the property: To recover the sum of two thousand and eighty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents ($2,089.85) together with interest on two thousand and eighty-six dollars and thirty-five cents ($2086 35) at six per centum per annum, from the 26th day of September, 1900, until payment, besides sheriff's poundage, officer's fees, and all other legal incidental expenses: All of which I shall expose for sale, or sufficient thereof to satisfy said judgment, debt, and costs, at the front of my office next to the court house, in the city of Nelson, B. C., on Friday the 26th day of October, A. D., 1900 at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

NOTE.—Intending purchasers will satisfy themselves as to interest and title of the said defendants.

Dated at Slocan City the 12th day of October 1900.

S. P. TUCK, Sheriff of South Kootenay.

The above sale is postponed until Monday, the 26th day of November, 1900, at the same place and hour.

S. P. TUCK,
Sheriff of South Kootenay.

The above sale is further postponed until Friday the 21st day of December, 1900, at the same place and hour.

S. P. TUCK,
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The above sale is further postponed until Monday, the 21st day of January, 1901, at the same place and hour.

S. P. TUCK
Sheriff of South Kootenay.

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MOVING DAY AT THE DEPOT

To Occupy New Quarters.

Yesterday was moving day for the local C. P. R. freight staff, and this morning the new freight shed will be opened for business. The new quarters are a very marked improvement over the old in many respects, principally, of course, in regard to the matter of room. The old office arrangements were made when the agent and one clerk handled all the business easily, but when the increase in business necessitated half a dozen clerks the old office was decidedly overcrowded, while the same thing applied to the entire building. The new shed has about twice the capacity and the office facilities are excellent. On entering the building at the east end, a hall leads down the center. On the left is the private office of the agent, where Mr. Drew has comfortable quarters and the privacy necessary to enable him to transact business to advantage. On the right is the general office, with abundance of desk room and floor space. The cashier has a special section protected by a neat wire screen and the furniture is new and serviceable, although not ornate. J. R. Crudge, formerly chief clerk at Nelson and latterly agent at Sandon, has returned after a lengthy visit to the east and will assume his old position at the head of the office staff today.

The passenger depot is unfinished and will not be occupied for a few days, possibly for a week. The trainmaster and dispatcher will be the first officials to move, but their quarters are not by any means ready for use yet. The exterior of the building has received a coat of paint, and the building is beginning to assume the appearance it will have on completion.

RUN A STRAIGHT TICKET

And Have No Friction.

A large number of candidate Fletcher's supporters met in the committee rooms on Saturday night, and the unanimous opinion of those present was that if the issues for which Mr. Fletcher stands pledged are good, six aldermen should be elected willing to help carry out his pledges. If his opponents honestly believe that the issues for which Mr. Fletcher stands pledged would result in disaster to the city if made effective, then let them do their best to elect a mayor and six aldermen of their way of thinking. A council made up of seven men, all with different views on what is best for the city, cannot accomplish good work. Give the city a mayor and six aldermen who are in accord, and the business of the city will be conducted with the least possible friction. Give the city a mayor and six aldermen who will divide into factions, and no subordinate official of the city can do good work, for no official can obey the orders of half a dozen bosses. This year the council had as members three aldermen who tried in every way possible to take from the mayor the authority that the law gives him. They did not succeed, but they succeeded in demoralizing the subordinate officials of the city and creating friction that should not exist in a well-regulated municipal government.

Midnight Meetings.

Citizens who desire to spend the closing hours of the old year in devotional exercises will have several opportunities. At St. Saviour's church a watchnight service will be held, commencing at 11:15 tonight and continuing into the new year. The program includes special collects, music and a short address, concluding with the Te Deum. Mrs. Melville E. Parry is to sing "Angels Ever Bright and Fair." At the church of Mary Immaculate a midnight mass takes place. This service has been specially authorized by pope Leo XIII. in honor of the advent of the new century. The mass will be celebrated by Rev. father Ferland and will be fully choral. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity on the occasion of the Christmas mass, and tonight's service is also likely to be largely attended. At the Methodist church the customary watchnight service takes place. Rev. J. H. White will conduct the meeting, which is one of the recognized events of the denomination.

Veterans Failed to Arrive.

Sergeant Dickson of the first Canadian contingent and private Switzer of the Strathconas did not reach Nelson last night as was anticipated. Lieutenant Beer and a couple of other members of the Rifle company went to the wharf to welcome the returning volunteers, but neither of them was aboard the steamer. The local men interested in the reception to the volunteers are now somewhat at sea. The C. P. R. authorities stated the westbound volunteers were at Swift Current, Assiniboia, Saturday at noon, which would have brought Dickson and Switzer into Nelson Sunday night. As neither arrived it is now surmised that the Dickson who was aboard the train is a Vancouver man whose name is spelt similarly. This leaves the reception committee unable to make any definite arrangements until further particulars are to hand.

NINE BOYS AND GIRLS ARE

Ready for a High School.

An entrance examination was recently held at Nelson of pupils attending the public schools in this section. Those who passed the examination have the privilege of entering the nearest high school. As there is no high school in all Kootenay, the nine successful boys and girls will probably remain at home. William Burns, inspector of public schools for this district, telegraphs THE TRIBUNE from Victoria, under date of the 29th, the following list of successful candidates. The names are given in order of merit. The first eight are residents of Nelson and the ninth is a resident of Ainsworth:

VIVIAN M. GALLON,
IAN C. CAMPBELL,
LULU O. ELLIS,
DONALD McVICAR,
ROY E. WALLACE,
THOMAS H. GALLON,
MAUDE I. ELLIOTT,
PAULINE ANNABLE, and
GRACE E. SHERRADIN of Ainsworth.

A Liberal Priest.

MONTREAL, December 30.—The Daughters of the Empire have presented father O'Leary with a golden chalice mounted on a silver base and a gold paten. They referred to his kindness in reading the Protestant burial service over Protestant dead on the field of battle. This reference is of special interest, as certain people in Quebec are finding fault with O'Leary as a Catholic priest for reading the Church of England burial service over Protestants. The presentation was made almost entirely by Protestants. In his reply father O'Leary said: "This country is too small for bigotry and broad enough for all to live together in harmony."

PERSONAL.

W. J. Twiss of Kaslo, is in the city today on business.

E. J. Cann of Fort Steele is a guest at the Hotel Hume today.

M. J. Hogan and G. D. Hamill are registered at the Madden house.

Martin Clift and E. D. Lunn of Winnipeg are at the Queen's hotel.

A. E. Rand and wife of New Westminster are at the Hotel Phair today.

Maxwell Stevenson, jr., manager of the Highlander mine at Ainsworth, left this morning for Ainsworth after spending several days in the city.

BUSINESS MENTION.

Cellar to Rent—Apply Merchants Bank of Halifax.

To let—Furnished rooms in Carney block. Reasonable rates.

If you want to buy or sell anything go to the "Old Curiosity Shop."

Hack calls left at the Pacific Transfer barn on Vernon street. Telephone call 35.

"New lot just in."—For fresh candies, fruits, nuts, etc., call at the Bon Ton Confectionery, Baker street, Miss A. L. Klinkwitz.

To Rent or For Sale—Residence of F. W. Peters. Will rent furnished for two months or sell. Apply to H. A. Langford, tramway office.

For Sale—Contents of two-room flat (down town) furnished complete for housekeeping. Chance for man and wife. Address, Furniture, Tribune office.

For Sale—Profitable hotel business and real estate, known as the Royal hotel, corner of Stanley and Silica street. Apply to Johns & McLeod, Royal hotel, Nelson.

For sale—Lot 10, block 17, 30 foot frontage on Victoria street, two houses on property. Price $2800, terms easy. Address Frank G. Graham, care of Matheson & Graham's barber shop.

To Rent—Five-room cottage, new, well finished, all modern conveniences, 2½ blocks east postoffice, $25 per month, including water rates. Apply, J. H. Matheson, at Matheson & Graham's barber shop.

Miss Von Der Werth—Clairvoyant, palmist and card reading. Gives advice on commercial business and mining; reunites unhappy lovers and broken-up families. Room 1, over Thomson Stationery Company.

For Sale.—New three-story brick block on Hastings street, Vancouver, B. C., with cement basement, 125 by 25, for sale. Present owner will take a ten year lease of same; this will bring over 10 per cent of investment. Address box 518, Vancouver, B. C.

ANTI-CHINESE RESOLUTION.

Pursuant to resolutions adopted at a regular meeting held on Saturday evening, December 22nd, 1900, all members of Nelson Miners' Union No. 96, W. F. M., are requested to use every legitimate means

To Discourage the Employment or Patronizing of Chinese

directly or indirectly. All union men and others who believe in making this a white man's country, are requested to co-operate in giving effect to the aforesaid resolution. By order,

NELSON MINERS' UNION.

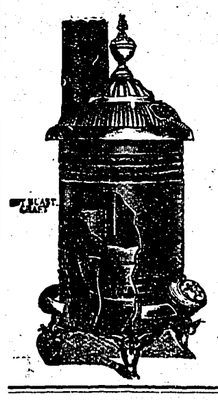
Nelson, December 22nd.

The above resolution has been endorsed by the Trades and Labor Council of Nelson, and all union men, and others in sympathy with it, are requested to govern themselves accordingly.

By order,

TRADES & LABOR COUNCIL OF NELSON

Nelson, December 22nd.



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CHINA ACCEPTS THE TERMS

Chang and Ching Will Sign.

PEKIN, December 30.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note and have notified the foreign envoys to that effect.

The Chinese themselves were greatly astonished at receiving the imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung Chang nor prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under ten days. The emperor's instructions are to agree fully to the note, but to endeavor to get the best terms possible, particularly in the matter of limiting the number of the legation guards and also as to the places where these are to be located. The plenipotentiaries are instructed to endeavor to limit the number of army posts along the line of railway to as few as possible and finally to request the powers not to destroy the forts, but disarm them.

Li Hung Chang's health is bad and it is doubtful whether he will be able to do more than to affix his signature to the instrument, delegating his power to prince Ching until another plenipotentiary has been appointed. He was dressed this morning and carried in a chair to the residence of prince Ching, with whom he had a long consultation. Prince Ching then called upon the doyen of the diplomatic corps, the Spanish minister, De Colgan, and requested him to notify the other envoys that instructions had been received from the emperor to sign the note.

Both Instantly Killed.

CLEVELAND, December 30.—Two frightful elevator accidents occurred here this morning within five minutes in buildings only a short distance from each other. Sydney Hamm of London, Ontario, stepped into an open shaft and fell six stories, and Ralph Spellman, 19 years old, fell five stories. Both were instantly killed.

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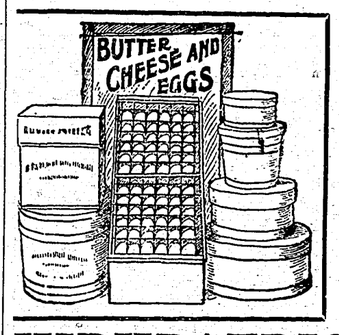

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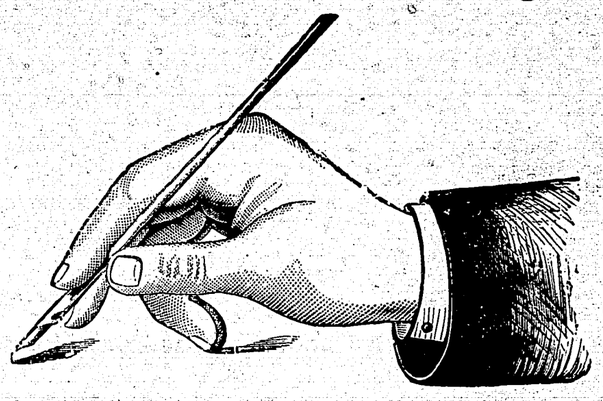

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