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LOCAL ITEMS

The Herald wishes its readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

T. B Watt' has secured a situation at the Cyanied blant.

Mrs. T. H. Rothorham, will leave next week for Hedley to join her husband.

L. R. Van deBogart of the Arlington mine is spending a few days in town after a week's visit to Spokane.

Dont forget to w..'e 1906 after tomorrow.

E. M. Peters, who was on the sick list for a few days in the early part of the week, is able o be around again.

Mrs. G. Coleman w.. . of the Ma some sofa pillow, that e time. One .. Miss. French's store ad a place for evening at last; the Dr. Gordo. vice. Dr.Gor- ..agon was a- ..nable

John. T. Freeman retu.. at the Arlington mine on W... morning having completely recove.. from his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Bechlor have re.. to the Ymir stamp mill after a ..ant holiday visit with friends ..son.

A number of young men in Ymir have declared their intentions to ride on the water wagon after the new year.

The many friends of Mrs. J. Philbert will be glad to learn that she is recovering from her recent illness;

Owen Boyer of the Vancouver hotel ha.. leased the Kootenay hotel, of Nelson and will take charge at the new year;

Geo. Ritchie has transferred to J. L. Buchanan a half interest in the Gold Cup, located one mile north east of the Yellowstone, for a nominal consideration.

The heavy snowfall of Wednesday and Thursday was welcomed by Parr and Northridge who have several car loads of ore at the Tamarac ready for rawhiding down the hill.

The public school will re-open on January 8th. 1906 and the annual school meeting for the election of trustees and transaction of other business will be held January 11.

There is a rumor that J. A. Macdonald of Rossland leader of the provincial liberal party has been offered a Supreme Court Judgeship.

A letter has been received in Nelson from Blake Wilson, who is spending the holidays with his family in San Diego, California. Blake says that Kootenay beats California both for mines and climate.

Holders of tickets are notified that the raffle for the pipe at M. McInnes' cigar store will be held on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Hunter V. mine resumed operations on Tuesday after a two days' shut down for Christmas. The Ymir stamp mill and the Wilcox also closed down for Christmas day. Most of the employees came to Ymir to attend the entertainment and dance.

Ben Lawrence, one of the lessees of the Key Stone mine near Erie came to town on Thursday evening for dental treatment He reports everything going smoothly and that a considerable quantity of ore has been got out for shipment.

The mayoralty campaign in Nelson is now in full swing and as usual in that city at this season of the year the mud is beginning to fly Nelson can hold its own with any city in Canada for mud slinging during a civic campaign and for months afterwards.

Lead advanced four points on the London market on Thursday and is £17 15s. a ton, within four points of the high price of 1900. Silver gained four points in New York and is now at 65¾ the high mark of the recent advance. Copper is unchanged.

Harry Wright M. P. P. passed through Ymir on Saturday morning en route to Spokane to spend the holidays, after which he will go to Victoria to attend the session of the legislature which meets on January 11.

C. F. Mathers, who a few years ago was a member of the firm of Mathers and Kelly, general merchants, Ymir, is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Riverside, California.

The train from Nelson has scarcely ever been on time since the recent change in the schedule. The engine ..ise appears to be too light to pull ..train up the hill to the Mountain tr.. had time allowance.

Oli Burgess, the popular presi- cited.. Ymir Miners' Union, re- There.. y welcome Christmas gift ..quic.. orning, when Mrs. Burgess prese.. ..ust.. him with a fine bouncing boy.

John Houston M. L. A has telegraphed the proprietor of the Driard hotel at Victoria to reserve his room intimating that he will arrive in Victoria on Monday or Tuesday next to remain during the session.

J. Westley manager of the Ore Hill mine near Salmo, spent Thursday in town and went up to the Wilcox to examine the stamp mill with a view to purchasing the orginal mill. It is probable that the mill will be installed at the Ore Hill.

The December number of the B C Mining Exchange is a very interesting number and a credit to its publishers. It gives a general review of the mining industry in every section of the province and has some splendid cuts of some of the principal mines in the Kootenay, among then being the Hunter V mine, near Ymir.

A merchant in Ymir said to the Herald a few days before Christmas that if his sales of holiday goods were within twenty five per cent of those of last year he would be satisfied On Wednesday of this week he said that his sales this year were over twenty-five per cent greater than last year.

Rev. W. G. Ross left on Monday morning to spend a few days with his family at Grand Forks. Mr. Ross has not been feeling very well lately and it is hoped that a few days' rest will restore his health. The services in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening will be conducted by the Christian Endeavor society, who cordially invite all to come to the meeting.

G. W. Orchard returned on Tuesday from Ainsworth where he spent Christmas with friends. He noticed a decided improvement in the towns along the lake. At Pilot Bay a force of men are at work overhauling the smelter which it is expected will commence operations early in the new year. Ainsworth, the oldest mining camp in the Kootenay is also showing signs of a revival of its old time prosperity and considerable ore is being shipped from the mines in the vicinity.

S. Springer G Keys and C Johnson employees of the Porto Rico Lumber company are spending the winter in Spokane. Frank Finney has gone to the Key Stone mine and John Black will winter in the Boundary country. All of them expect to return to Ymir in a couple of months. A number of men will be employed at the mill during the shut down, shipping lumber and making repairs for next season.

A handsome cut glass fruit dish cream and sugar set and pickle platter worth $17.50 will be raffled at the drug store next week. Tickets from 1 cent to 75 cents.

Alex. Erwin of Ymir has secured the contract of hauling the ore from the Eureka mine on Eagle creek, west of Nelson. The ore will be hauled from the mine to the head of the Granite tramway a distance of a mile and a half. It will then be conveyed by the tram to within a mile of the siding, and from there by sleighs to the railway for shipment. Billy Tennant left yesterday morning for Nelson with a four horse team to commence hauling.

Typhoid in Phoenix

Typhoid fever is very prevalent at Pheoenix and the epidemic is taxing to the utmost the capacity of the local hospital. In a letter dated Dec. 19th published in the Victoria Times J. L. Martin secretary treasurer of the General Hospital makes an urgent appeal for assistance. Up to that date, there were over sixty cases and four death. Two had perforation of the bowels requiring operations, one of whom died. The nurses' rooms at the hospital have been turned into wards and the city council have converted the city hall into a hospital. Nurses have been brought from Spokane, Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Calgary and Nelson. To meet this extraordinary expense, subscription lists have been circulated, and the citizens and mining companies have responded liberally. According to the lowest estimate it will take from $1200 to $1500 more than now provided, to carry the hospital through this expense. The health officers have traced the cause of the fever to a dairy which has since been closed. Later reports indicate a distressing state of affairs, and since the letter was written, there have been a number of deaths. Effective measures should be taken throughout the province to render assistance to our stricken neighbors.

Christmas Tree.

The annual Christmas tree entertainment for the children of the town was held in the Presbyterian church on Saturday evening, and was greatly enjoyed by the children and also by their friends, who were pleased to see the children so happy. A very nice little programme of songs, dialogues, recitations, etc. was given by the children, after which the presents from a well loaded Christmas tree were distributed by the time honored Santa Claus. None of the children in town were overlooked and their beaming smiling countenances as they stepped up to receive their gifts showed their pleasure.

As the grown up people gazed at the beautiful presents they could not help recalling the time when Santa Claus did not carry in his pack such an assortment. A pair of warm mittens, woolen socks and knitted scarfs used to be the limit for men, all made by busy loving fingers, in secrecy, in time to surprise the loved one by Christmas. The girls got pin cushions, a bit of ribbon or some other bit of finery which to them was the dream of a year. The children had a jumping Jack, a wooly sheep tin animals, a china headed doll, a ball of pop corn and a half a dozen sticks of hoar hound and peppermint candy but they were happy and valued the gifts.

Christmas Entertainment.

An Enjoyable Concert given in Aid of the Ymir Hospital

"It was one of the best entertainments ever held in Ymir" was the universal verdict of the audience that attended the play, "A Loyal Friend" presented in Miners' Union Hall on Christmas evening, by the Ymir Dramatic Club. The hall was well filled with an appreciative audience, who manifested their appreciation of the efforts of the performers by repeated applause and no murmur of disapproval was heard from any one. The object to which the proceeds were to be devoted viz. the Ymir general hospital attracted a considerable crowd from the mines and also from Salmo and Erie, who all returned to their homes next day, well pleased with their Christmas entertainment in Ymir. The members of the club are all well known young people of Ymir, most of whom had never appeared on the stage before so large an audience, and naturally felt a little nervousness as to their ability to sustain their several parts. This nervousness, however entirely disappeared as soon as they faced the audience whose attention was secured from the start. The manner in which the several parts were interpreted gave evidence of careful study as well as considerable histrionic talent. A new stage considerably larger than the old one had been erected and the stage settings added greatly to the appearance of the hall.

The play itself, which is a cemedy-drama in four acts, is a rather heavy one for amateurs to attempt, but there was not a dull moment from the rise of the curtain until the conclusion of the fourth act at 10.30.

The Herald does not desire to flatter any of the performers but in justice to them it can sincerely say that there was not a weak part in the cast of characters, each being assigned the role best suited to their ability. To this was to a great extent due the success of the performance.

As Sylvia, the neglected wife of Gilbert Fanshaw, a newspaper man, Miss Lilly Keefe showed a true conception of the part. Her enunciation was perfect and her bearing on the stage was in harmony with the part. The interviews between Mrs. Fanshaw and Senor Raymond Alvarez, an unscrupulous Spanish diplomat who attempts to allure her away from her home gave ample scope for the talents of Miss Keefe and R. J. McKenzie. As Alvarez, Mr. McKenzie had, perhaps, the heaviest part in the play, but he was equal to the occasion and represented the cynical conscienceless Spaniard, in a manner which could scarcely be improved upon. The part of Mrs. Merryman a jolly young widow, sister of Mrs Fanshaw, was admirably sustained throughout by Miss Clark. Everything she attempted from rescuing her sister from the power of the deceitful Spaniard to leading a dilatory lover on to a proposal, was done with a grace which charmed the audience. Miles McInnes, as Royal Playford, everybody's friend, who was desperately in love with Mrs. Merryman, was perfectly at home in the part of the embarrassed lover. Throughout the whole performance he never forgot that he was there to obey the commands of Mrs Merryman and to counteract the schemes of the wily Spaniard. The most amusing parts in the play were Mr. and Mrs. O'Kelly which were taken by C. Hilligoss and Mrs Rotherham, both of whom received well merited applause, Their courtship and debut into society after "makin a pot o' money" was especially amusing. G. R. Keefe took the double parts of Nubbins, the baker boy, and Monte, Alvarez' servant, in both of which he acquitted himself well. As Arthur, the seven yeas old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fanshaw, Eddie O'Neil showed an understanding of the part and was quite at home before the audience. J. N. McDonald took the part of Gilbert Fanshaw, a newspaper man, and during the progress of the play had several experiences, which were entirely new to him in his newspaper work.

Before the curtain rose Dr. Elliott accompanied by Miss Jessie McLeod on the piano played several selections from The Bohemian Girl, which as is always the case when they favor a Ymir audience were well received Between the acts the Misses Juliet contributed a piano duet in their usual graceful style. Miss Clark gave a vocal selection and Tom Wilson recited Jean Baptiste, in his own inimicable style.

At the conclusion of the programme the hall was cleared and nearly all the audience remained to enjoy a few hours dancing. Supper was served in the assembly room of the Ymir Miners Union by the ladies. The complete returns from the sale of tickets, have not yet been received but the total proceeds will amount to about $80.

Fire Brigade Signals.

Fire chief McInnis has prepared the following signals for handling the fire alarm: Steady ringing means fire One stroke (pause) two strokes (pause) three strokes, means a call for help to handle the hose when drying and reeling it up after use.

CHURCH NOTICE.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Sunday School and Bible Class, 10 a. m. Evening service, 8. Young Peoples' Society meets on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All are welcome. Rev. W. G. Ross, Pastor

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A paid up subscription to the Herald for the year 1906 will be given for the first two correct solutions of the following problem, received at this office.

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Mrs. Mason's Christmas.

(Continued from last week)

The poor mother hastily threw on a wrap as the hour drew nigh and stooping for a moment to press a kiss upon the lips of her sleeping darling, hurried forth into the night. She was met by a storm of wind and blinding snow that at any other time, she must have shrunk from in terror. On and on she panted, and not until she was ready to faint from exhaustion did she realize that she was facing a blizzard. She reached the turn in the road that led to the doctor's house at last so she thought, floundering through drifts waist deep, she struggled on desperately. "Father of mercies, spare me and guide me to my darling if only to comfort her dying hour", was her pityful prayer. She was growing warmer now and began to feel drowsy, sleepy; but she well knew what that meant and rousing herself struggled on with all her remaining strength. Whither she knew not, but it seemed to her that it must have been for days.

Tom Sheppard and Dr. Gordon both started for the home of the Masons at about the same time. One to tell Jack that he had a place for him in the works at last; the other on professional service. Dr. Gordon knew that Mrs. Mason was alone, and thinking she might be unable to send for him on such a stormy night decided not to wait for the summons. He knocked at the door but hearing no response, gently turned the knob and walked in. He thought Mrs Mason must be asleep. "Is that you mamma" came a feeble child's voice from the adjoining bed room. "No my little girl it is I, the doctor", he replied soothingly. He saw at once that there was a change for the better in his little patient's condition. "Oh" said Mammie disappointedly, "Where is my mamma"? He was about to reply that he did not know when it occurred to him that it might be best to temporize. He knew that the mother could not be far away unless, like a flash he suspected the real truth. But it meant certain death to the child to let her become excited now. "O mamma will come soon" said the doctor hastily preparing a draught from his medicine case which Mamie drank without protest and a few minutes later was quietly sleeping.

Dr. Gordon was in a rather awkward predicament; what should he do? If Mrs. Mason started out in the storm for his house as he suspected, she must be looked after. How could he leave the child alone? The front door was snddenly and not very gently thrown open, and there stood Tom Sheppard covered with snow and panting heavily. But what was that bundle he was carrying? A woman, by all the saints. "Ah doctor said Tom as he deposited his burden on the sofa, "I little thought I should be so fortunate as to find you here. The Doctor's professional stoicism quickly took the place of all other emotions and after a hasty examination he turned to Tom and said "Look here Mr. Sheppard, this woman must have immediate attention, a comfortable room and a change of clothing Where is her husband"? "Oh doctor how should I know? I thought surely he would be home on Christmas eve". Well, resumed the doctor "She must have a woman nurse, and at once; go quickly and bring one from the hospital but stay. First help me to carry her into some other room and look here. On no account must her little girl be allowed to see her until she regains consciousness, do you understand.

But Mrs. Mason—she will recover then, but I am not quite sure that she may not suffer from an attack of brain fever afterwards".

About noon the following day Mrs. Mason slowly opened her eyes and gazed at the white capped nurse gently moving about the room, at the cheery fire burning in the grate and then at the various familiar objects common to a lady's bedroom. Reason was struggling hard for the mastery and at last it conquered. It was a rude awakening. She had been wandering through the woods of her dear old English home where Tom Sheppard and Jack Mason had been rivals for her hand. She had been listening again to the parting words of her kind old father as he bid her God speed and added brokenly: You know my child, I do not altogether approve of your choice of husbands. I confess I had hoped it would be Tom Sheppard, but you have chosen, and I only hope you will never have cause to regret it, but now she suddenly remembered Mamie. The nurse was trained to her profession and, besides, had her instructions from the Doctor.

Oh! Nurse! began Mrs. Mason, excitedly, Where is my Mamie? There. There, interrupted that lady approaching quickly. Mamie is much better but you must not talk now, my dear. Madam, you are not deceiving me? questioned the poor mother wistfully, No! No! Mrs. Mason, and if you will promise me to be very calm, I will bring her to you, but, remember my dear, you must not excite your child, and you must not talk much. Ah! yes dear nurse, I promise.

Tom, said his mother next morning, as they were sitting down to breakfast, I want to thank you, my son for the beautiful shawl, I found this morning.

I am glad it pleases you mother, replied Tom absently, as he went to the door in answer to the postmaster's summons. Tom was soon busy with the morning paper. Suddenly he started violently dropping his cup with a crash.

Why, Tom, exclaimed his mother, petulantly you have broken one of my fine old China cups. What in the world is the matter with you? Tom began hastily gathering up the broken pieces in an effort to hide his confusion as he replied, Ah, yes mother, it was horrible; that is, I mean to say, terribly awkward of me. Then after a pretence of finishing his breakfast, he rose silently and sought his room.

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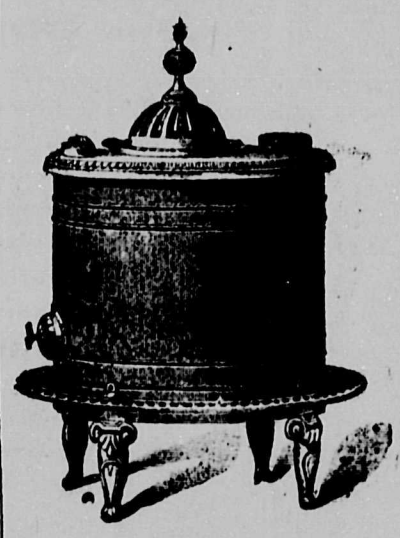

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DEATH OF HON. R. PREFONTAINE.

The news of the death of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Canadian minister of marine and fisheries, which took place at Paris on Monday evening was received with regret by Canadians irrespective of party. Mr. Prefontaine accompanied by solicitor general Lemieux, went to France a few weeks ago in connection with the establishment of a line of steamships, between Marseilles and Canada. On arrival there he complained of feeling unwell but nothing serious was anticipated until Monday evening when he was seized with an attack of acute heart disease and soon afterwards passed away. The French government with the courtesy characteristic of that nation has offered to extend military honors to the remains, and a British man of war will be sent to convey the body to Canada where a state funeral will be held In his death, Canada loses a capable public servant and the liberal party one of its strongest supporters from the province of Quebec. Mr. Prefontaine was a comparatively young man, having been born in 1850. He was a typical representative of the French Canadian race and prior to his entry into the wider arena of Dominion politics was for many years a prominent figure in provincial political life. He was first elected to the Quebec legistature in 1875 and retained his seat until 1881. From 1879 to 1883 he was mayor of Hochelaga and from 1898 to 1902 was mayor of Montreal. In 1896 he was elected to the house of commons and in 1902 was sworn in a member of the privy council as minister of marine and fisheries.

His death recalls that of Sir John Thompson, the conservative premier of Canada, ten years ago while on a visit to England, in the interests of the country he served so well. While one died almost at the foot of the throne and the other on foreign soil, both find their final resting place in the land they loved so much.

Lawyers in Kootenay, who are said not to show the respect for judges, the dignity of the Bench demands, should take warning from the fate of a Darmstadt Counsel who was fined $10 for looking at the judge in "a highly disrespectful manner." Of what kind of superior clay are judges made anyway?

Members of the Labor Union in Vancouver are doing some plain talking about how public works are being carried on in that city. An anomaly in civic management has been brought to light where it cost $128 to superintend a job on which the labor cost $144.

Premier McBride is reported by the Vancouver papers to have stated that he had a well formulated railway policy to place before parliament when next it meets. The premier, however denies the report and says it is entirely without foundation. The Herald does not see any great necessity for a vigorous railway policy on the part of the government, as at the present time there is more railway construction going on in the province than at any time since the building of the main line of the C. P. R. The only railway policy desired by the people is for the government to refuse to give any more subsidies either in cash or land grants.

Premier Campbell-Bamerman, has outlined the policy on which he will appeal to the British people for support at the approaching general elections. The new goverment has given instructions for the stopping of the importation of coolies into South Africa, until the people of South African Colonies, shall have expressed an opinion on the question. His utterances on Indian affairs would seem to imply the early recall or resignation of Lord Kitchener, who successfully appealed to the late government in his disputes with Viceroy Lord Curzon. He has also partially committed his party on the question of Home Rule for Ireland, and this lattler will be the battle cry of the Unionists in the present campaign.

It was a sad Christmas in Russia, for rich and poor alike. The time of the year that above all others should witness "Peace on Earth Good Will to men" sees only bloodshed and misery throughout that great Empire. "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," was never more clearly demonstrated than in the events of the past month and even a worm will turn when trampled on. The darkest hour is always just before the dawn, and this hour of darkness for Russia may be the hour before the dawn of the glorious light of civil and religious liberty. The people of other nations have had there struggles for liberty and their baptisms of blood perhaps not so severe as that of Russia and in the end have always triumphed.

The American Smelting and Refining company has announced that the company's employees in Colorado plants will receive each year, beginning January 1, 1906, a bonus equal to 5 per cent of the annual earnings of each. This bonus applies to all employees below the grade of foreman, who have been employed for 46 weeks by the company, and the only barring conditions are participation in strikes or disturbances. The bonus will be paid irrespective of whether the company makes a profit or not. It is frankly stated that the purpose of the plan is to secure a closer bond between the company and its employees and it is generally believed that it will so result. It is said that the company contemplates, in the near future, extending the bonus plan to all its employees throughout the United States and Mexico.

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Templeman a Favorite.

The Montreal Herald editorially suggests that senator Templeman of Victoria B. C. should be appointed minister of inland revenue and that Hon. L. P. Brodeur, the present incumbent of that office, should take over the department of marine and fisheries.

The Herald strongly emphasizes the fact that there is a growing feeling that the west should at once secure increased representation in the cabinet.

In Montreal liberal circles it is generally conceded that Quebec will have to forego one of its portfolios and the almost unanimous opinion is that the new minister, to succeed the late Hon. Raymond Prefontaine should come from British Columbia.

What is Porphyry?

Porphyry refers to various kinds of compound rock having a basis in which the other contemporaneous constituent parts are imbedded. The base is sometimes claystone, hornstone, compact feldspar or jade, pitchstone, pearl stone and obsidian. The imbedded parts are ordinarily orthoclase feldspar and quartz, the former in more or less distinct crystals.

There are porphyries of different ages. One variety is found graduating into granite and gneiss, but this does not possess the characteristics of the rock in the highest perfection. Another is found in overlying strata and unconformable to other rocks, which is the true porphry. Its color is often red or green and when polished, it is valuable for ornamental uses.

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Skating on Sunday.

A committee of ministers from the Lord's Day Alliance in Rossland waited on W. J. Nelson, manager of the skating rink, and requested that the board of directors should in future close the rink, so far as skating exercises are concerned, on Sunday afternoons. The ministers contended that, apart from the moral aspect of the question, the opening of the rink had the effect of lessening the attendance at Sabbath schools to some extent, and that it also otherwise injuriously affected Sabbath work and exercises.

Mr. Nelson addressed a letter to the directors stating the facts in the case, and one of the directors sent in the following reply: "My conviction is that the rink being open on Sunday afternoon should be encouraged by the ministers The men and women who spend an hour or two at the rink would probably not go to Sunday school anyway, and the women, by their presence there are no doubt responsible for many young men spending their afternoon in healthy exercise and if you deprive them of the opportunity they may drift into associations much less beneficial to them from a health point of view, and that should be taken on broad grounds by the ministers. I must request that no change of policy be adopted in this regard without the sanction of the board in meeting assembled.

Cobalt Mining District.

The Cobalt mining district, which has created so much interest of late, and which from present indications will outrival the far-famed Yukon as regards the annual value of its products is situated about a hundred miles from North Bay, in Ontario, and on the line of the Temiskaming and Northern Railway. Shipments from the district to date, together with ore stacked ready for transportation to the smelter, will total several million dollars, with every prospect of increasing on the introduction of machinery and more improved mining methods. The permanency of Cobalt as a mining camp has not yet been demonstrated, and it is therefore practically impossible to arrive at even an approximate valuation of the field. It is understood that for ore carrying silver there has been a market return of about a dollar a pound on all that has been shipped so far and ore is now being consigned to the dump which will in many cases run as high as a hundred dollars a ton. There has already been an outlay of some forty thousand dollars for mining machinery The success of the field as a permanent mining camp will however, depend on whether or not it is proved by development that the mineral bearing veins maintain their present values to a considerable depth. So far, practically nothing in the way of mining development has been done. There is not a shaft sunk below the level of two hundred feet from the surface, and in the majority of cases the mines have not been proved to a depth of fifty feet holders being busily engaged in extracting values at or near the surface.

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Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go·
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more:
Ring out the feud of rich and poor.
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws·

Ring out the want, the care, the sin
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out, my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
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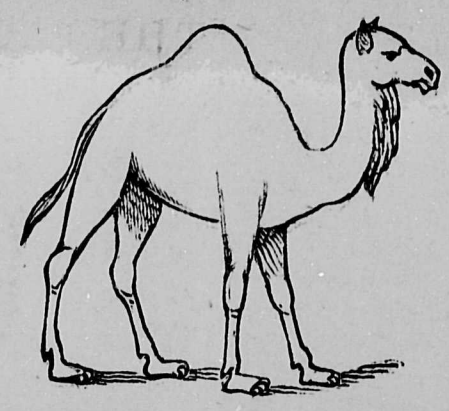

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