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LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. Kneeland is away at the Spokane Fair.

Mr. John Dewar returned from a trip east this week.

Jim Gille is back from a trip into the Similkameen country.

Con. Wolfle is operating a mine in Idaho with a big crew of men.

Ten return tickets were issued from Ymir to Spokane on Monday last,

The government is now doing repair work on the Wilcox wagon road.

The Editor of the Herald is in receipt of an enquiry, from Winnipeg, for lands in this district suitable for fruit raising.

Mr. and Mrs J. A Fraser returned from their honeymoon, last Sunday, and have taken up their residence in the Atkinson house.

Cyrus St. Amanda, who has been in charge of the Hunter V tram for some months, departed this section last week, and leaves many sorrying friends behind.

Mr. R. M. Atwater Jr. of Helena Montana, who in 1903 was manager of the Ymir mine, is now at Bisbee, Arizona, examining the Calumet and Arizona Co's property there.

David E. Grobe has been appointed vice-president of the Ark Mining and Milling Co, which is operating under the management of J. J. Budd at the head of Clearwater creek.

Ymir has again won the prize this year for the best exhibit of free-milling gold ore, at the Spokane exhibition. The Hunter V. mine also wins the second prize for the best exhibit of silver ore

John Houston telegraphed from Goldfields, Nevada, to the Nelson Tribune, that Harry Marshaw (late of Ymir) and Tom Collins have just brought in a burro load of ore that will go 900 ounces in silver from the south Tull district.

A triumph of surgery has just been announced from Philadelphia. A man has lived for several hours while his heart was removed for repairs, That is nothing for the States where the dead rise regularly to cast their votes at election time.

The Riblet Tramway Co., has been engaged for several weeks in constructing an aerial tramway from the Conrad group of mineral claims, on Little Windy arm, Yukon Territory, to the lake, for the conveyance of ore and supplies. The stationery table is stated to be 19 386 feet in length.

During the last month 130 7 tons of ore were shipped from the Arlington mine at Erie, to the Hall Mines Smelter. The net returns after deduction of freight and treatment have amounted to $6120.42 or over $47 per ton net. The expenses including development for the month were $4488.23.

The Ymir Dramatic Club is being reorganized, and will give its first performance on or about the 9th of November. The piece which is called "A Family Affair" will be rendered in aid of the public school funds, which are a little behind. The present membership consists of the Misses Clark and Keefe, Mrs. T H Rotherham, and Messrs. McInnis, McKenzie and Saunders. If the performance is successful and well patronised it is understood that the club will give other performances during the winter in aid of the hospital and other good causes.

Oliver Wethered, chairman of the London & B. C. Goldfields, and a director of the Ymir Gold Mines Ltd, arrived in Ymir on Thursday last to go over the Ymir Mine. A San Francisco engineer also arrived last Friday for the same purpose, and it is probable that a program of development will be laid out for the ensuing winter.

The Beresford, Dufferin and Mist Fraction claims which adjoin the Ymir mine, are advertised by the official Receiver of the old British America Corporation to be sold by tender. The sale takes place in London, and besides these claims in this immediate neighborhood, there are three other lots comprising claims in the Rossland district.

The train over the Spokane Falls and Northern to Spokane last Monday was a record breaker. The part from Nelson brought 150 passengers. Over 125 came from the Grand Forks branch and about the same number from Rossland; These all met at Marcus where a single train is made up. By the time the train reached Spokane it had over 700 passengers aboard

Mr. Hooper, of London, England, known in Kootenay in connection with his periodical visits to the Ymir mine, in the capacity of consulting engineer, and Mr. S. J. Speak, recently general manager of the Ymir Gold Mines, Ltd., have formed a business partnership as mining engineers, with headquarters in London. Mr. Hooper was to leave London on the 20th inst, on a professional visit to Western Australia.

Last week's B. C. Gazette contained notice of the appointment of Percy J. Gleazer to the position of registrar of voters for the Ymir Electoral District, vice T. H. Atkinson resigned. A court of revision to be held in the "Forester's Hall" on Dec. 4th, was also advertised over Mr. Gleazer's name but so far that gentleman has received no official notice of his appointment. As the Forester's Hall was burnt down a year ago his difficulties are still further increased.

Since its discovery the Klondike has contributed more than $120,000,000 to the world's gold supply.

Sir William Ruthsay states that not more than onestenth of an ounce of radium is known to be in existance and that the amount of radium salts commonly referred to as radium is very small.

Mercury losses are said to be highest in those mills practicing inside amalgamation. These losses occur due to floured mercury and amalgam which flows away in the tailings and concentrates.

The purchase price of Alaska was $7,250,000, and it has been estimated that the money which its furs, fisheries and mines have returned to the people of the United States since its purchase is in excess of ten billion dollars.

Hotel Arrivals

McLEOD HOTEL:—

F Jenson, Erie;
F Hancock, Erie;
G H Barnhardt, Erie;
A B Sloan, Erie;
Bert Winn, Salmo;
J A Montgomery, Nelson.

COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL:—

D Strong, Spokane;
Ed Blockley, San Francisco;
B Read, Erie;
F Brown, Erie;
A Anderson, Northport;

MINING NEWS

Joe Sturgeon has resumed development work on the Chehalis group on Wild Horse creek.

Messrs. Parr and Northridge who are operating the Tamarac mine on lease have now over 100 tons of high grade ore sorted out for shipment. They have constructed a first class raw hide trail from the mine to the Ymir wagon road.

The first clean up from the Arizona ore, has proved very disappointing to the leesees. A brick weighing 80 ounces and about 12 tons of concentrates were produced from 247 tons of ore crushed. As the assays obtained from the ore nearly all went from $12 to $17 the lessees were anticipating a far better return.

In explanation of the cable from the manager of the Ymir mine which was published in our last issue, the London office has appended the following note: "This important ore (ten feet of $9 ore in No. 7) has been struck 230 feet east from the shaft, 200 feet below the discovery (5 feet of $20 ore) in level No. 5, which is 240 feet west from the shaft. Operating cost amount to about $5 per ton on the present output, exclusive of development, but this figure can be appreciably reduced on a larger output."

NOTICE.

A cross marked in this space..... indicates that your subscription is in arrear and we would be glad to hear from you if you wish to have it continued.

British Columbia Lead Production.

Finally revised figures of lead production for the fiscal year ending June 30 last have now been published; The following are the figures:

	Pounds lead	Bounty
Nelson Smelter	16,421,071	$116,709
Trail Smelter	13,446,986	96,684
Unclaimed	7,559	57

Including claims paid at the Marysville smelter, the totals for lead produced and smelted in Canada are 33,739,546 pounds of lead and $240,288.90 bounty,

The amount of lead exported was 21,972,988 pounds, on which the bounty paid was $96,657.37,

The grand total for the year, therefore, is 55,703,534 pounds of lead produced and $336,885.37 paid in bounty,

The leading producers and earners of the lead bounty were, in order of production, as follows: St, Eugene, North Star (both in East Kootenay), Slocan Star, Ivanhoe, Payne (all in the Slocan), Paradise (N. E. Kootenay), Silver Cup (Lardeau), Enterprise, Lucky Jim, Silver Hustler (Slocan), Ymir (Ymir); and Triune (Lardeau);

After being stationery for several days the price of lead advanced two points yesterday, and is now £14 15s. If it gains 12 points more the bounty will be wiped out. The price of silver again advanced also. Copper is firm at its record prices.

The Perfect Woman.

The most symmetrical woman and the most perfectly developed man in the west have been picked by the Physical Culture Society of Chicago. The woman is a Miss A. Trenary, and she will appear at the beauty show in Madison Square Garden, New York, October 9th. Miss Trenary's measurements follow: Neck, 13 inches; chest, normal, 40; chest, contracted, 38 3 8; chest, expanded, 41 1 2; bust, 41; waist, 27; right thigh, 24 1 4; hip, 41; right knee, 15 1-4; left calf, 14 3-4; right ankle, 8 1-2; right biceps, in repose, 14; right elbow, 10 1-4; right forearm, in repose, 11 1-4; wrist, 6 1-2; height, 5 feet 5; weight, 150 pounds. These dimensions will enable the ladies of Ymir to find out how near they approach the ideal form.

C. P. R. Will Cut Running Time.

Into The Kootenays.

The running time between Nelson and all other Kootenay points, and Vancouver over the C. P. R. will be cut by exactly twelve hours when the winter time table goes into effect on or about November 1. At present the running time between Nelson and Vancouver is 39 hours. It will be reduced to 27 hours under the new schedule, which is now in progress of preparation.

With the advent of the new time bill the route of travel between Vancouver and Nelson will be radically altered. To-day in order to get to Nelson from Vancouver, or from Vancouver to Nelson, travelers proceed via Arrow Lakes and Robson. After November 1st Robson will be sidetracked altogether, and the route in and out of Nelson will be via Nakusp, Rosebery and Slocan City.

Leaving Nelson, the C. P. R route will run to Slocan Junction and thence to Slocan City by rail. At Slocan city boats will be operated to Rosebery at the head of Slocan Lake Thence there will be another rail ride to Nakusp on the Columbia River. From Nakusp boats will run to Arrowhead and thence over the usual route via Revelstoke to Vancouver. The same route will be followed from Vancouver into Nelson.

Narrows Delayed Boats.

In order to reduce its running time between Vancouver and Nelson, the C. P. R. was forced to abolish the trip up the Arrow lakes. While on the run from Vancouver to Nelson the navigation of the Arrow Lakes presented no difficulties, it is impossible on the run from Nelson to the coast to run up the lakes from Robson to Arrowhead during the night without having to lose many hours' time at the Narrows, just below Nakusp Boats leaving Robson early in the evening always have to lie up at the Narrows till daylight next morning. It is because of the Narrows and the delay involved in passing through them that Robson is to be cut off the route at least during the winter months.

Survey Work in the Kootenays.

R. W. Brock, in charge of the structural geological survey of the Rossland camp, has left for the East, after putting in several months in furtherance of the work in which he is engaged, says the Rossland Miner. Messrs. Boyd and Young will remain here for some time longer. Asked about the summer's work, Mr. Brock stated that what information had been gained this season would have to be made public through the regular survey channels. The structural survey of the camp is still far from being completed, but will have to be carried over to next year, as the map making cannot be carried on during the winter months. It is expected the work will be resumed in the early spring A report on this season's work, embodying such results as are ready for publication, will be issued during the winter.

It is understood that the geological structure of this camp has been found to be of extraordinary complexity. From comparatively early geological times to a period almost recent this has been the scene of heavy volcanic activity, one molten rock after another being extended or intruded until an intricate outwork of rock has been produced. Further complexity has been introduced by the wholesale fracturing and faulting of the cooled rocks by movements occasioned by the vulcanism and by mountain building forces. While all this makes it a very favorable location for the formation of ore bodies, it makes a tough knot to untie.

After the volcanic fires a great glacier from the north swept over the country in this district, burying all but the loftiest peaks, such as old Glory and Record mountains, and scraping the rocks bare. Following the glacial period a large body of water occupied the valleys, submerging them to at least the height of the town of Rossland, and leaving a wealth of sorted debris over a considerable portion of the rocks. This widespread mantle of drift has been a great handicap to prospecting as well as to the geological work in the district.

The impression prevails that Mr. Brock is satisfied that there are some properties at present idle on which work should be done, and that if they are to be worked, the present time, when the big mines and smelter are operating on a large scale, offers as favorable an opportunity as is likely to occur.

With regard to the permanence of the ore bodies in depth it is understood that he considers the present indications to be rather favorable.

Asked what had been the chief handicap to the development of the camp, he replied: "The money wasted."

The complexity of the camp makes it necessary to have the mining done under the direction of the best technical talent, and at no time is such management more necessary than in the initial stages in the development of a property. The salary of such an official is quickly saved by the avoidance of dead work. In the early history of the camp, and especially by many of the smaller companies, which could least afford it, a large amount of absolutely useless work was done.

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, 7:30. Young Peoples' Society meets on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All are welcome. Rev W. G. Ross Pastor

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H. KEARNS, MANAGER.

SATURDAY, OCT, 14 1905.

John Houston has apparently shaken the dust of the Kootenays from his feet forever. This man, easily the most wide-known man in eastern British Columbia "a member of parliament, mayor of a city and promoter of $150,000 enterprise" has chosen to cast off all these offices and to once more take to his original trade, that of a compositor. He writes from Goldfield's, Nevada, where he is working as a printer, that he will not return to Nelson, but assigns no reason.

If any reason can be found at all to explain his action, it must be in the inherent pride of the man He once stated that if he were defeated in his handling of the fire brigade episode, that is, if Sam Coulter ever acted again as driver of the fire team that he himself would never act as mayor, Whether that is the reason or not, the fact remains that he is gone, and Nelson has lost its most prominent and active citizen.

John Houston certainly had his faults. Everyone knew that because he delighted to make them public and freely owned them. But the man himself with all his faults and idiosyncrasies was a man to be admired. He was a large-hearted man and though he always scorned to endeavour to ingratiate himself with the public, his large-heartedness endeared him to those who were on a friendly footing with him, and gave him that hold on the people which made him so many times victorious in legislative and municipal elections. He had a personal magnetism about him which he used politically. He was an astute politican, but a very undiplomatic one. His typical western ruggedness allowed nothing of the smoothness of a diplomat, and he often defeated his ends, by his bluntness of speech, and uncompromising attitude, His business energy and great executive ability made him far and away the most go-ahead mayor Nelson ever had, and his tenure of office was always marked by more progress in civic affairs than during the tenure of other incumbents With tongue and pen he was alike virile, plain spoken, and direct A spade was a spade, or maybe a d—— spade with him, and never a horticultural implement. He spoke his thought right out, and never troubled to hide his opinion of a man. In fact he lived thirty or forty years too late. In the early days of the great west, John Houston's ruggedness would have been an additional strength to a fine character, and he would have gone far, as he would have certainly gone far in our own day, were it not his lack of adaptability.

Cancellation of Reserve,

Coast District.

Notice is hereby given that the reservation, notice of which was published in the B. C. Gazette, and dated 9th August, 1901, covering a belt of land extending back a distance of ten miles on each side of the Skeena River between Kitselas Canyon and Hazelton, is cancelled.

Notice is also given that that portion of the reservation, notice of which was published in the B. C. Gazette and dated 27th December, 1899, covering a belt of land extending between the mouth of Kitimat River and Kitsilas Canyon is rescinded in so far as it covers land lying between the Kitselas Canyon and a point in the Kitimat Valley, distant ten miles in a northerly direction from the mouth of Kitimat River, and that Crown lands thereon will be open to sale, pre-emption and other disposition under the provisions of the Land act, on and after the eight (8th) day of December next: Provided that the right of way of any railway shall not be included in any lands so required.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department.
Victoria, B. C., 31st August, 1905.

Reserve.

Right of Way for Railways, Etc.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Crown lands along the located lines of any railway, power or tramway company, incorporated under authority of the Legislature of this Province, and having a width of fifty (50) feet on each side of said lines, are reserved for right of way purposes for such railway, power or tramway company.

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Canadian Forestry Convention.

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA,
Ottawa, 21st August, 1905.

To the Public of the Dominion of Canada

Canada possesses one of the largest areas of virgin forest of any country in the world and is ranked by European experts first, or among the first, of the important sources of the world's timber supply for the future.

The preservation of the streams in perennial and constant flow, which is largely controlled by the forests on the watersheds, will have an important influence on the industrial and agricultural development of the Dominion. The expansion of our electrical and mechanical industries will be regulated to a great extent by water, which forms the greatest source of power in all countries, and some of our western districts are dependent on irrigation to ensure the success of agricultural operations.

In all the older provinces the clearing of the soil has been carried to such an extent that the ill effects on the water supply and on agriculture are clearly marked, while on the western prairies the need of sheltering trees for houses and fields is seriously felt by the settlers.

The early construction of the Transcontinental Railway, and of other railways, through our northern forested districts and the consequent opening of those districts to general traffic, will increase the danger from fire which has already been a most active agent of destruction.

These conditions are not new; they have from time to time received public attention, and during the Session just closed Parliament authorised the summoning of a convention for the more thorough discussion of the same.

I therefore hereby call a public convention to meet in the City of Ottawa on the 10th, 11th and 12th of January, 1906, under the auspices of the Canadian Forestry Association, and to this convention are specially invited:

Members of the Senate and House of Commons;

Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces;

Members of Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the Provinces;

Dominion and Provincial Forest Officials.

Members of the Canadian Forestry Association.

Representatives of Lumbermen's Associations.

Representatives of Boards of Trade.

Representatives of Universities.

Representatives of Agricultural Colleges.

Representatives of Farmers' Institutes

Representatives of Railway Companies.

Representatives of the Canadian Mining Institute.

Representatives of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.

Representatives of Associations of Land Surveyors.

Representatives of Fish and Game Associations, and

All others who take an interest in Forestry.

An invitation is also extended to the Bureau of Forestry of the United States, the American Forestry Association and the State Forestry Bureaus and Associations to send representatives to this Convention.

Wilfrid Laurier.

The subjects to be considered at the convention will be discussed under the following divisions:

1. The Nation and the Forest.
2. Forestry in relation to Agriculture and Irrigation.
3. The Forest and the Lumber and Pulp Industries.
4. The Relation of our Forests to our other Industries: Railways; Water Powers; Mining; Building Trades; Wood Working Manufactures.
5. Scientific Forestry and Forestry Education.

By the kindness of the Canadian Railway Companies a single fare rate over their roads on the certificate plan will probably be allowed delegates, regardless of the number in attendance. In regard to rates on railways in the United States, announcement will be made later.

Fuller announcement will be made later and for further particulars application may be made to the Secretary of the Convention.

R. H. Campbell,
Dept. of the Interior, Ottawa.

The courses of study leading to the degree of mining engineer occupy four years, but exhibit quite wide variation in plan and scope, according to school. The requirements for admission to the best mining schools comprise: Elementary and certain portions of advanced mathematics, elementary chemistry and physics, free hand drawing, English, elementary history, elementary German and either elementary French, Latin or Spanish.

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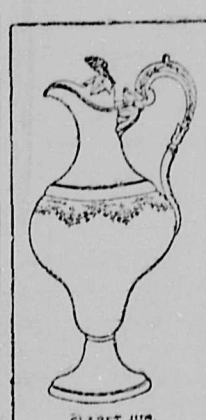

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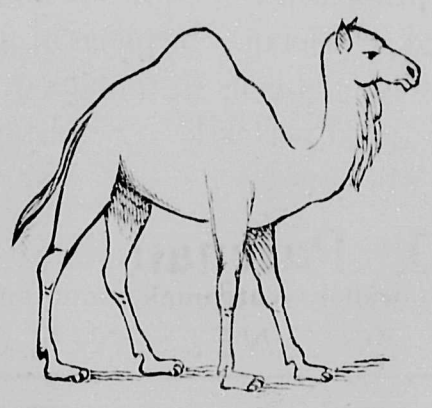

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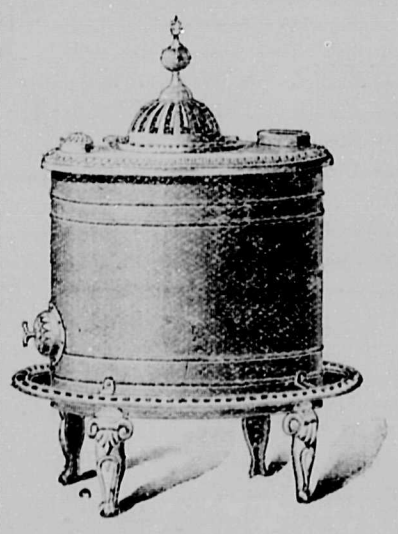

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English-Speaking People

English is now spoken by about 125,000,000 people. A century ago it was spoken by 20,000,000 people only. During that period no other leading European language has made the slightest advance. German has held its own and is now spoken by 80,000,000, but this is no higher percentage of the total number of people of European descent than it had a hundred years ago.

World's Greatest Forests

The crown forests of Russia comprise 30,000,000 acres belonging to the Czar, and 303,000,000 acres controlled by another branch of the government. The Czar employs 27,000 wood police, who cut approximately 12,000,000 tons a year, chiefly for firewood. Twenty years ago wood cutters in the United States felled timber covering 10,000 acres annually, but this wholesale destruction has been stopped.

A Wonder in Beards.

The most hirsute man in the world is not to be found in the "greatest show on earth." He is a Frenchman, and is content to live as a moulder in the iron works of Montlucon, earning his livelihood by labor, though often tempted by large offers to make an exhibition of himself. His name is Louis Coulon, and he is seventy-nine years of age, but makes it a point of pride, after moulding for sixty-seven years, to refuse a retiring pension before he is eighty. He is only a little man, but his beard is 14 feet 2 inches long, and is crowned by a moustache 60 inches from tip to tip. When Coulon is at work he rolls up his beard and tucks it under his shirt. There is something of heredity about his case. His father had a beard reaching to his knees, and two of his great uncles, sappers in the army of Jourdan, had enormous beards.

The Entire West Booming.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Senator L. J. Forget and Mr. Charles Hosmer arrived in Montreal Saturday morning on the Soo train from their tour of inspection in the west.

They all report that the country is in admirable condition. The conditions throughout are quite the best that the western country has ever experienced.

"Everything is in splendid shape," remarked Mr Hosmer, as he stepped from the train.

"We find that the crop reports have been rather underestimated than exaggerated. The entire west is booming.

"We found British Columbia in as prosperous a condition as our own province, Quebec. The wave of prosperity affects the whole country.

"Now that the mines have been placed upon a sound basis there will be renewed activity. It is not a mining boom, but the mines nevertheless reflect the general prosperity of the West. They are doing well."

The history of the smelting industry in British Columbia really dates from 1888, when a small copper smelter was erected at Golden, a point on the Canadian Pacific railroad at the confluence of the Columbia and Kicking Horse rivers. Apparently this smelter was erected only to secure a grant of land adjacent to the town, because after its completion it was never blown in. During 1889 the Kootenay Smelting & Trading company completed a smelting plant at Revelstoke, where the railway crosses the Columbia river about 25 miles north from the head of Arrow lake, and commenced smelting lead ore on a commercial scale. Active operations were continued only for a short time. The works were then closed down, leaving a memento in the shape of a moulded bar of lead branded "Kootenay," which is now in the Mineral Museum, in the Department of Mines at Victoria, where it is said to represent the first bar of lead smelted in British Columbia.

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