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LOCAL ITEMS

☞ Send your Job Printing to the MIRROR Office

Seventeen pound kit of Holland herrings, $1 35 per keg, at Seaney's +

The first skating of the season was enjoyed this afternoon on the rink

A. B. Buckworth has removed his office to the building adjoining the Ross House.

Large stock of choice eating and cooking apples at Seaney's. +

Harry Wright, M. P. P. has left for Victoria to attend the Local Legislature, which resumes work on Monday.

Just arrived, a fresh shipment of White Star Jellies and Jams at Seaney's. ×

Newitt & Co. have installed a large safe, the best thing of the sort in the district. This is a good sign of trade.

S. H. Keugar, representing the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Penn., was doing business in town this week.

Choice lot of Okanagan, Northern Spy and Rhode Island Greening Apples; also Washington, Baldwin and Winter Maiden Blush, at Seaney's. ×

E. W. Widdowson, the assayer, left yesterday evening for Nelson, to superintend the sampling of a car or ore from the Empress Mine, Whitewater.

"Are Preachers Producers" will be the subject on Sunday evening at 7.30 at the Methodist Church. Socialists and Laborists specially invited.

Always smoke the Monogram or Marguerite—the peoples' choice. W. J. McMillen & Co., sole agent for B.C. Vancouver. +

A typewritten notice is posted in all the bar-rooms in town calling a meeting of Liberals for tonight to appoint delegates to attend the Liberal convention in Nelson.

At the record office on Tuesday a certificate of work was granted to Thomas Flynn on the Centre Star mineral claim for work done since March 2nd, 1903.

At the record office on Wednesday a certificate of work was granted to W. G. Sivyer for work done on the Goo Noo-Goo-Noo mineral claim since 29th June, 1903.

Why send to Nelson or East for teas or coffees when I make a standing offer to refund you your money if I cannot give you as good if not better value for the same price—S. H. Seaney

An important strike is reported at the Fern Mine, in the new workings. It is said to be the richest yet made on the property. The mine is under lease to E. Rammelmeyer.

J. Ryan and F. Donnelly went to Nelson last night to receive the second payment ($3,500) on the Gold Cup, sold by them under a bond to Con Wolfle and G. F. Devault, of Spokane, who are now pushing development on this promising property.

Postmaster McLeod has made extensive improvements in the postoffice, intended to give better facilities for handling the mail and at the same time give greater public accommodation. It is to be hoped that he will no longer tolerate the objectionable practice of turning the office into a bill-posting concern. Heretofore every Tom, Dick and Harry was permitted to nail up all sorts and conditions of signs for some one else to come along and disfigure. Only legal notices should appear on the walls of a post office.

The attention of applicants for crown grants is respectfully called to chapter 135, sub section 5, of the Mineral Act (1897, c 28, s. 8). The act has not been complied with in several instances and there is trouble in store.

Registered at the Ross House during the week were: Alfred Parr, Atlin mine; John H. Young, Cyanide plant; J. Colmer, Cyanide plant; S. H. Krugar, Nelson; Thos. B. Watt, Cyanide plant; W. J. Bremner, Nelson.

G. H. Barnhart, who resumes duty as general manager of the Ymir mine, arrived in town this morning, accompanied by Wm. Hudson, who is the newly appointed foreman of the mine. Mr. R. M. Atwater has resigned as general manager.

J. Philbert, proprietor of the Ymir Meat Market, was over in Nelson on Wednesday, closing the sale of the McLeod Hotel. The establishment, which was built and run by Mr. Philbert, changed hands some time ago. Final payment has just been made.

There is trouble on at Salmo. The loggers and mill hands have not received any pay for two months, and do not consider their work a labor of love. There was a mortgage on the logging outfit which has been foreclosed and the men are seeking legal redress

Rev. W. W. Baer will lecture in Union Hall on Monday evening, 18th inst., his subject being "Six Months in New York" The lecture will be illustrated with limelight views, and a treat is in store for those who attend. The rev. gentleman is an accomplished lecturer, and always brings a crowded house.

At a meeting of the Ymir Liberal Conservative Association on Saturday evening last, Harry Wright, M. P. P. was selected a delegate to attend the convention in Nelson, called for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the forthcoming dominion elections. A report of the convention will be found in another column.

There was a general clearing out of tin-horn gamblers last week, and it is actually rumored that Police Constable Forrester had something to do with ridding the camp of these gentry. Just fancy! Forrester getting a move on! To a friendly game there can be no objection, but when professional gamblers get into it "the cheese is off."

John Houston, M.P.P. for Nelson, says he intends to bid adieu to British Columbia as soon as the present session of the local legislature is over. He assigns as a reason that he cannot make a living here. This is the usual fate of the newspaper man. He works hard for the community in which he lives, and having made others rich and himself poor, he is turned down. Nelson will miss John more than John will miss Nelson. He made money in Nelson, but every cent he made he spent there.

The Ymir public School opened on Monday last after Christmas vacation, with Mr. J. N. Macdonald as teacher pro. tem. It is expected that a permanent teacher will soon be appointed instead of the lady who refused the post. Unfortunately, of the three trustees who compose the board, two have no children attending the school, and appear to take no interest whatever in it. One of the pair is an old bachelor (Parr) and the other (police Constable Forrester) is brother-in-law to the late school-mistress, and has no more family ties with the school. Dr. Duncan is the third trustee, and is the only properly qualified man of the trio. The public should take a greater interest in these affairs than is at present manifested, if reasonable results are to be obtained.

W. A. Connelly, one of the lessees of the Canadian King mine adjoining the Arlington property at Erie, went up to Nelson on Tuesday with a carload of ore, or about 20 tons, consigned to the Hall Mines smelter. This is the seventh lot shipped by the lessees, some five cars going to the Trail smelter, and the rest to Nelson. The ore has chiefly gold values with a little silver, and goes from $50 to $75 to the ton.

Cabled reports of operations at the Ymir mine for November were: Ymir—The mine manager reports the return for November: 950 stamps ran 30 days and crushed 3,950 tons (2,000 pounds) of ore, producing 987 ounces of bullion. The estimated realizable value (gross) of the product is $10,250; 287 tons of concentrates shipped, gross estimated value $8,500; cyanide plant treated 2,850 tons (2,000 pounds) of tailings, producing bullion having estimated gross value of $2,250; sundry revenue, $850—$21,850. Working expenses, $22,000. Loss $150. There has been expended during the month on development, $3,500."

WEDDING BELLS.

Benjamin Werden, Toronto, and Miss Margaret McLane, sister of Mrs J. Philbert, were on Wednesday evening married at Nelson at the residence of Mr. and Mrs Sturgeon, Silica Street. Rev. Father Althoff officiated, the bride being given away by Mr. J. Philbert. Miss Annie Sturgeon acted as bridesmaid. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the relatives and a few of the immediate friends of the contracting parties, but the esteem in which the young couple are held was testified to by the choice collection of wedding presents which greeted them. The bride was dressed in a pearl grey travelling dress, and looked her best. Her numerous friends in Ymir, where she is well known having spent a couple of vacations here, will understand the significance of the term. Mr. and Mrs. Werden left for Spokane on their honeymoon trip, and all wish them a long, happy, and prosperous life.

PUBLIC PROTECTION.

To the Editor MIRROR

Dear Sir—Now that a storm has been raised over the Chicago theatre fire and that public buildings throughout the country are being looked over and rendered safe, don't you think something ought to be done in this connection with regard to Union Hall, where Ymirites assemble when there is an entertainment on? This time twelve month I attended the funeral obsiques of the late Wm. Hockey in the hall, and all who were there remember how narrowly a panic was averted. I look upon that building as the greatest death trap in the country. A steep single-file stairway leads up to the room in which entertainments are held; the building is of wood, badly constructed, and without adequate fire protection. I anticipate an awful calamity there some of these days.—Yours

PROTECTION.

A pencil mark in this space is a gentle reminder that your subscription is due. Please cough up.

LARRY'S LETTER

Deer Tim—I'm a good dale better thank ye, after me Kristmas overfeeding. Jeff Davis was telling me that a man is a fool to be getting his degistive organs to wurk whin he can get ready degisted food to swally. He says he takes patent brekfast foods in the mornings, an' that there's so much force an' grapenuts in thim that they work up a powerful apetyte for a big dinner. "Its foine stuff entoirely," says Jeff, "if ye take it in moderation and lave room for a good beefstake about twist a day, an' a few hard boilt eggs." "What do ye want ateing the eggs an' beefstake for if the patent food is good enuf," says I to Jeff. "Just following the instructions on the box," says Jeff. "Ye have to ate something else wonst or twist a day to pu'vent yer degisters getting mouldy." Bedad, Tim, but I don't belave thim already degisted foods is in it wid pigs head an' cabbage. If they only work up an appetite for what a chap isn't at all toimes sure ov (a good square mail) meself 'd rather do widout thim

An' talking ov Jeff Davis, he has the most beautifullest an' accomodating hat ye evir clapped yer eyes upon. Its a black woo, in mourning for the deer, departed hairs what should be under it, an' its any shape ye loike to make it. Jeff ginerally wares it a la Glengarry, bekase Eliza Jane towld him it was the most becoming stoyle. But he can make it any shape he loiks be pulling it up or down, roight or left—from a bishop's hat to a Tam o' Shanter. Tis a bute, Tim

There's the cat after running away wid the pen. No more till next week.

LARRY FINN.

MACKINTOSH NOMINATED

BY THE CONSERVAIVES OF KOOTENAY

FOR THE COMING DOMINION ELECTIONS.

The Liberal Conservative convention for the Kootenay constituency met in Nelson on Wednesday and nominated Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, of Rossland, as their candidate for the dominion house. Two other names were submitted,—J. A. Harvey, of Cranbrook, and Chas. W. McAnn, of Kaslo.

Mr Harvey withdrew, and a ballot was taken, the selection lying between Mr. Mackintosh and Mr. McAnn. It resulted in favor of the former by 24 to 14.

The committee on resolutions reported the following:

Resolved, That this convention hereby expresses its full confidence in Hon. Richard McBride and his government in the province of British Columbia.

Resolved, That each and every person nominated at the convention as a candidate to contest the constituency of Kootenay, and their nominators and seconders do pledge themselves to loyally support and assist in the election of the successful nominee.

Resolved, That this meeting, convened for the nomination of a conservative candidate to cotest the constituency of Kootenay at the next general election, heartily expresses confidence in R. L. Borden and the policy he has expounded since becoming leader of his majesty's loyal opposition at Ottawa

These were carried without a division, John Houston, being the only dissentient, and the only clause he objected to was that relating to the McBride government.

John Houston, of Nelson, moved that an executive committee of one for each riding be appointed to conduct the campaign, the delegates for each riding selecting the member for their respective ridings. The Fernie delegates could not agree on a man, Mr. Burn supporting Dr. Bonnell, and Ross a man named Joyce. An attempt was made to have the convention select the Fernie member of the executive. Mr. Houston protested, and the members of the party in Fernie and Columbia are to select their representatives on the executive among themselves.

The members elected were: A. H. MacNeill, of Rossland; John Houston of Nelson; William Hunter, of Slocan; T. Taylor, of Revelstoke; R. F. Green, of Kaslo; Harry Wright, of Ymir, and G. T. Rogers, of Cranbrook.

The executive met and selected A. H. MacNeill, of Rossland, president; G. T. Rogers, of Cranbrook, vice-president; and William Hunter, of Slocan secretary-treasurer.

This concluded the business of the convention and it adjourned sine die.

In the evening a banquet was tendered to the visiting delegates, which proved a most enjoyable affair.

The Nelson Daily News gives the following sketch of Mr Mackintosh:

The Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, who is nominated by the conservatives to contest Kootenay constituency, is a native of London, Ontario; his grandfather was an Inverness man, and his father born in the County of Wicklow. At an early age he became a contributor to many literary publications. When seventeen he was city editor of the London Free Press. He had been articled as a law student but in consequence of illness was obliged to relinquish his studies. In 1860 he wrote the "Welcome" to the Prince of Wales which was presented to his highness, then visiting Canada. He went to the United States during the American war, his letters attracting a great deal of attention. Subsequently he became city editor of the London Free Press, then city editor of the Hamilton Times, then proprietor of two newspapers, the Stathroy Dispatch and the Parkhill Gazette, both of which he sold out and accepted the position of manager of the Chicago Journal of Commerce, where he studied the tariff question, returing to Canada in 1973, and in January 1874 being appointed manageing editor of the Ottawa Citizen, which position he held as editor and proprietor, for nearly twenty years. In 1874 he entered into a vigorous campaign, the issue being protection or free trade. His experience in the United States was benefical, and for two years he was the close friend and adviser of Sir John Macdonald, the conservative leader. In 1878 the conservative party was victorious; in 1879 Mr. Mackintosh was elected chief majistrate of the capital of Canada, the same in 1880 and 1881 resigning in 1882 to accept the conservative nomination for Ottawa, and being elected by a very large majority. He was successful in all his Ottawa contests, the working classes adding greatly to his vote. When powderly, the head of the American labor organization visited Ottawa, Mr. Mackintosh was unanimously selected to act as chairman. In 1893, the position of lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories was offered to him by Sir John Thompson, then premier, and Mr. Mackintosh held that office until January, 1898, when he resigned to enter into active mining work in British Columbia. He was instrumental in bringing millions of dollars into the province, and today most of the mines he purchased are great ore producers. He has been unremitting since then in urging the development of British Columbia refusing all offers to go elsewhere, and publicly stating that his first duty was to work with those who believed in the province. The ex-governor is largely interested in mining affairs in various parts of the province. He has invested heavily and like others felt the depression of the last two or three years; still he "comes up smiling," and is as cheery and hopeful as the first day he came to British Columbia.

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VILLAGE politics are always very interesting to the villagers who participate and intensely amusing to those who look on. Ymir provides as much fun in this particular as any other little community in the country. Not that we have so many politicians, but the few we have, on one side at least, are of the typical village type—that class of men who in the winter season lounge around the barrooms learnedly discussing the affairs of the nations, and in the summer spend their valuable time seated on the sidewalks dangling their legs to the rhythm of the pondrous topics they propound. The Liberal party in the camp is divided into two factions—the wise and the otherwise, or the dependent and independent. This was fully shown at the recent provincial elections. Parr, the ignominously defeated candidate, claimed the endorsation of the Ymir Liberal Association; but it transpired that the claim was unfounded. A big lot of the registered Liberals attended a public meeting, and in the name of the Ymir Liberal Association pledged their allegiance to the Wright cause denying that the association, as an association, had endorsed Parr. For doing so they were denounced as unwise young Liberals—at least, this is the mild way of putting it: the term applied is too altogether coarse and vulgar to appear in print, and dashes are scarce. We are not aware that the breach has been closed. However, those claiming to be the old, original aggregation, reorganized, and in their efforts to give a tone of respectability to the affair, induced J. W. Ross, J.P., to accept the presidency. Now, Mr. Ross is an old time, consistent Liberal whose consistency even his political opponents must admire. He might have seen, however, that he was only being made a tool of. If he had any doubt on the point it was removed on Monday evening last. The president decided to call a meeting for this evening for the purpose of selecting a delegate to attend the convention at Nelson to nominate a candidate for the forthcoming dominion elections. Mr Ross came to this office, and duly handed in the copy of the notice to be printed. This notice was written by A. C. O'Neil, secretary, and by him signed. The work was done, delivered and paid for by Mr Ross. But the moment the "liberal" minded executive committee heard that the bills were being printed in Ymir, instead of sending away for them, there was the usual howl. The sum involved was but $2, but they would not pay this in the cause they love so much. They resolved to have the notices typewritten and posted in all the barrooms in town. Mr. Ross did as any self-respecting man would do under the circumstances—he resigned office. It will be interesting to note the next move made by the little clique who presume to act for respectable Liberalism.

OUR ever welcome contemporary, the Phoenix Pioneer, suggests the following new-year resolves. They are equally suggestive to the Ymirite as to the Pheonician. Here they are:

Resolve that you will not be a "knocker"—one who always sees something to find fault about in regard to his home, town or district. Always look on the bright side of things.

Resolve that you will say all the good that you can, and as little as possible that is otherwise, of your neighbor or business opponent. Chickens generally come home to roost.

Resolve that you will have more charity towards all men, of high or low degree. Charity is a quality that pays the highest kind of interest.

Resolve that you will not credit every "fish" story that you hear. Judge everything and everybody on its or their own merits, and do not be swayed by prejudice.

Resolve that you will be an optimist rather than a pessimist. As a rule, the world has little use for the latter. Nearly every one has troubles enough of his own.

Last, but not least, resolve that you will keep your subscription to your local paper paid up, if it is worthy of support at all. Blessed is the man who pays the printer and does it promptly.

THE terrible fire at the Iroquois Theatre in Chicago, which was the last and greatest calamity of the year just closed, brings to mind other great fires. Although 590 lives were lost on this occasion history tells of greater losses, but none so speedy or unexpected. The fire which occurred in Brooklyn Theatre on Dec. 5, 1876, has hitherto held the record for fatalities at a theatre fire, 295 being the total number of lives that were lost. The disaster occurred on a stormy night during the performance of "The Two Orphans" by Kate Claxton and her company. For the last 18 years, up to the end of 1902, 1522 theatre and opera house fires have occurred in the United States with an aggregate property loss of $16,936,150. The fatalities are not recorded, and it is difficult even to estimate them. A 27 years' record shows an average burning of about 62 theatres and opera houses annually in the United States. During the famous Chicago conflagration of 1871, when the city was over swept, 200 lives were lost. In 1852, 50 people were burned at a fire in San Francisco. The great London, England, fire of 1666 cost the lives of about 1,000; the London bridge fire disaster of 1212 yielded a death total of 3,000. The Vienna Ring theatre disaster a few years ago resulted in 500 deaths. The Bazaar fire terror in Paris, at a more recent date, caused a life loss of nearly 200.

THE history of leap year, without reference to its sentimental associations is very interesting, bound as it is with the history of our calendar, says the Mail and Empire. The road of the searcher after truth in this matter, like other roads, leads to Rome, where hundreds of years before Christ, it was the custom of the priests to call together the people at the beginning of each month and apprise them of the sacred and feast days to be observed. The word calendar is plainly derived from the Latin word "calere"—to call. So badly did the priests arrange things that in the course of a few centuries their Spring came in Summer. Then came the wise Julius Caesar, who, looking into the future, saw the time when the 17th of March would be celebrated on the 12th of July. He decided to reform the calendar, and, with the assistance of Sosigenes, an astronomer, did so in 46 B.C. To make the civil year fit the solar year, he gave February an additional day every leap year, calling the fifth day before the 1st of March a double sixth. This calendar is used even now in Russia, and was accepted everywhere until 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII. compiled the present calendar. Caesar's mistake was in giving each year an average of 365 1-4 days, which is 11 minutes too much, and would amount to 12 days by this time. Gregory overcame this difficulty by ordaining that when leap year fell in a centurial year it should not receive its additional day unless the year was a multiple of 400. Thus 1600 was a leap year, but 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not, so that those who are alive in 2000 will celebrate an event which has not occurred for four centuries. Even the Gregorian calendar is not perfect, for our civil year is 22 seconds longer than the solar year. As this only amounts to a day in 3,866 years we need not worry.

MARRIAGES MADE IN AMERICA.

New York ministers are organizing to fight the divorce-and-remarry habit of the United States. Leaders of almost all the Protestant denominations have pleged their support to a committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who would have all the ministers forbidden to marry divorced persons and who seek to secure more uniformity and severity in the divorce laws of the various states. The movement began none too soon. Already too many people in the United States regard the obligations of marriage with indifference, if not contempt. The country has citizens of both sexes with "wedded and parted" records which the Sultan of Turkey or the Shah of Persia might envy. New York, Chicago, South Dakota, Spokane and Seattle have established reputations as Meccas for matrimonial bonds misfits. The practice has set its stamp upon the nation. Its consequences have not been good, and the more the practice of breaking matrimonial bonds extends the worse will be the effect upon the general morality. Canada is interested in the moral status of the United States, for the lessons of corruption are easily learned. Fortunately the divorce habit has not yet taken hold on our side of the line. Our statutes and our religious organizations do not encourage it. In Canada marriage and divorce are still serious undertakings, and are likely to continue so. If the movement launched in New York to rehabilitate American matrimony meets with success all over the United States, there will be no greater rejoicing anywhere than on this side of the line.—Rossland Miner.

PECK McSWAIN SWEARS OFF.

The following is from the Nelson Daily News, and is reproduced because "Peck" is as well known in Ymir as in any other part of the world. He was for a time on the staff of THE MIRROR, some couple of years ago and during his stay in the camp was a great favorite. The News says:

Everybody in Nelson knows "Peck" McSwain, the Bill Nye of the Kootenays who is so full of humor that he would joke with Radcliffe if he came to hang him. Peck of late has, like Silas Wegg dropped into poetry. This has become so much of a habit that even when he writes a letter to his friends he hitches Pegasus and indulges in metrical jingles which, even if they have tired and misshapen feet, contain much humorous merit. New Year's day came along as usual, and as usual "Peck" resolved to swear off principally it is asserted for the reason that the brand of Scotch in the particular place in Greenwood, where his credit is good, was not up to the standard and some times disagreed with him. He wished to tell Charley Ink of the Daily News all about the resolution and wrote him as follows:

Greenwood, New Year's, 1904.

To C. H. Ink, Esq.:

My Resolve—

Peck resolved, and also swore,
Not to touch booze in nineteen four;
To steer clear of whisky, gin and beer—
Live a model life all the year.
Not drink anything that'll create an inward fire—
But—still like others, you'll find Peck's a liar.

Mr. Psalm Writ.

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MATRIMONIAL TROUBLES.

The laws of the State of Washington, as administered in Spokane, are accommodating in affairs matrimonial. Official returns show that during the year just closed 256 plaintiffs called upon the superior court of Spokane county to settle their domestic difficulties by means of divorce. In 172 cases decrees of divorce were granted. In seven cases the suits were dismissed. In one case the defendant appealed to the supreme court. Seventy six cases are still pending In most of the cases the decrees were granted on default, the defendants failing to put in an appearance. During the same time 1064 marriages licenses were issued, showing that for about every four weddings one divorce suit was filed.

A SERIOUS MISTAKE.

"Those bandits made a great mistake when they held me up last night," said the heavy man with a broad smile.

"How was that?" inquired the thin man with his collar turned up.

"Why, it seems they halted me on a 'slide' that the small boys of the neighborhood had made during the day, and when I threw up my hands I lost my balance and my feet flew out from under me and I kicked one of those hold up fellows in the stomach and the other in the neck, and in grasping at something to break my fall I caught hold of the first ruffian's hair and the second ruffians coat front, and we all went down in a shrieking heap together with me on top. The crash was so loud that the neighbors ran out to see what was the matter and when they got us sorted out the hold-up chaps were sent to the nearest hospital and I trotted home.

TRAIL-YMIR NEEDS.

Harry Wright. M. L. A., for Ymir riding, was in the city yesterday afternoon on business concerning his constituency. Mr. Wright is anxious to discover the needs of the district so as to gain for it every consideration from the legislative assembly.

The Trail-Ymir division embraces the whole of the old Nelson and Rossland districts with the exception of the small areas contained within the limits of the Rossland and Nelson municipalities. It is therefore an exceptionally large territory, taking in all the outlying district between the Selkirks and the Gold Range south of the Slocan. Mr. Wright has promised to do all in his power to advance the welfare of his riding, and as he will have the hearty support of Mr, Macdonald, the member for Rossland, it will be entirely the fault of Premier McBride if the claims of Trail-Ymir are ignored.—Rossland Miner.

Speaking of his past life to a friend in Venice, just before the papal election in connection with which his name was mentioned, the Pope remarks The Pall Mall Magazine; said: "My life has been strangely rulled by the figure nine. For nine years I was a schoolboy at Riese; for nine years a student at Padua; for nine years a curate at Tombolo; for nine years a priest at Salzano; for nine years a cannon at Treviso; for nine years a bishop at Mantua; and now for nine years I have been Cardinal Patriarch at Venice; and when I am Pope . . . fin che Dio vuole . . . forse altre nove anni . . . (as long as God wills . . . possibly for another nine years)."

A Swedish baron and a Belgian count, charged with devil worship and the systematic corruption of minors, have appeared before the court at Paris, which sat with closed doors to hear the case. It was stated that the baron had arranged a temple to Satan at his residence in the fashionable Elysee Quarter, and that the count assisted him by attracting minors thereto. Counsel for the defence pleaded that they were corrupted by reading the works of popular modern French authors, and that these writers, and not their victims, should be held responsible.

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Ymir, B. C., Jan., '04.

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A BIG IRRIGATION SCHEME.

Tenders will be invited in Vancouver, Chicago, Montreal, Winnipeg and Calgary, for the main canal excavation connected with the C. P. R's stupendous irrigation project near the last named place.

J. S. Dennis, engineer in charge, states that the tenders will be called for at once. The main cannal will be 35 miles long, 60 feet wide at the bottom, and will hold water to a depth of ten feet. This canal will carry the water to supply the secodary canal which will, when ultimately completed, be 115 miles long.

To make the main canal, 250,000,000 cubic feet of earth will have to be removed, and the work will be done by power plants such as steam shovels, railways, etc The project is the largest of its kind on this continent, and is designed to make usful for general agricultural and grazing purposes over three million acres of land now lying waste owing to the lock of moisture, the region being subjest to cycles of extreme drought. Of the tracted to be reclaimed it is estimated that 1,500,000 acres will be rendered fit for growing cereals of all kinds, the balance to be devoted to grazing and the cultivation of grasses. At present, however, the company's plans are to bring but 300,000 acres under irrigation, and after colonizing that, to extend the works gradually until the system covers the entire area.

CHINESE DEPORTED.

There was brought to Vancouver the other day a party of fourteen Chinamen for deportation on to China on the Empress of India. The Mongolians were under the charge of two United States immigration officials who accompanied them from Richford, Vermont and Malone, New York, where they were stopped at the Boundary line when trying to enter the Uniten States. The fourteen Chinamen are of a party of seventy who were brought over on the Empress on her last trip and have since been held up in Montreal. Fifty-six of the party had tickets through to Trinidad and Bermuda and were shipped through in bond. The remainder claimed to be entitled to enter United States territory, but when they presented their qualifications at Malone and Richford were turned back and deported. All of them offered to pay poll tax to enter Canada, but were not permitted to do so. The number of Chinamen that may be brought to Canada in any one ship is one to every 50 tons register. As the Empress of India had already passed her full quota the profferred poll tax for the unfortunate fourteen was refused and they will have to sail for their native land.

A few centuries ago, if a man wanted to make himself famous, he became a knight. If he were an artist he became known through some wealthy or distinguished patron. In these days whatever the road one would travel by way of art, business or the professions he must advertise. Without the newspaper, no man is known favorably or unfavorably. To succeed in any thing he must be known, and to be known he must use newspaper space.

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NOTICE.

In the County Court of Kootenay, holden at Fort Steele.

IN PROBATE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 19th day of November, 1903 it was ordered by J. A. Forin, Esq. Judge of the said Court, that James Ferguson Armstrong, Official Administrator of the County of Kootenay be administrator of all and singular the estate of WILLIAM J. SALMON, of Wilcox Mine, near Ymir, miner, deceased, intestate.

Every person indebted to the said deceased is required to make payment forthwith to the undersigned.

Every person having in possession effects belonging to the deceased is required forthwith to notify the undersigned.

Every creditor, or other person, having any claim upon or interest in the distribution of the personal estate of the said deceased is required, within thirty days of this date, to send by registered letter, addressed to the undersigned, his name and address and the full particulars of his claim or interest, and a statement of his account, and the nature of the security (if any) held by him.

After the expiration of the said thirty days the Administrator will proceed with the distribution of the estate, having regard to those claims only of which he shall have

Dated at Fort Steele this 26th day of November, 1903.

JAMES FERGUSON ARMSTRONG,

Official Administrator

Fort Steele, B. C.

H. P. RENWICK,

Provincial Land Surveyor,

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MINERAL ACT.

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE.

New Victor, Royal and Excelsior Mineral Claims, situate in Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On Wild Horse Creek about seven miles from Ymir.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, of the city of Nelson, acting as agent for Frank Bowser, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 71,728, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements

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HEAVEN ENOUGH FOR HIM.

Last evening I was talking
With an editor aged and gray,
Who told me of a dream he had,
I think 'twas yesterday,
While snoozing in his office
The vision came to view,
For he saw an angel enter,
Dressed in garments white and new.
Said the angel, "I'm from heaven,
The Lord just sent me down
To bring you up to glory
And put on your golden crown.
You've been a friend to everyone,
And worked hard night and day;
You have supported many thousands,
And from few received your pay,
So we want you up in glory,
For you have labored hard,
And the good Lord is preparing
Your eternal, just reward."
Then the angel and the editor
Started up towards glory's gate,
But when passing close to Hades,
The angel murmured: "Wait!
I have a place to show you.
It's the hottest place in hell,
Where the ones who never paid you,
In torment always dwell."
And, behold the editor saw there
His old subscribers by the score,
And grabbing up a chair and fan,
He wished for nothing more;
But was bound to sit and watch them
As they'd, sizzle, singe and burn
And his eyes would rest on debtors,
Whichever way they'd turn.
Said the angel, "Come on, editor,
There's the pearly gate I see."
But the editor only muttered,
"This is heaven enough for me."

A Swedish baron and a Belgian count, charged with devil worship and the systematic corruption of minors, have appeared before the court at Paris, which sat with closed doors to hear the case. It was stated that the baron had arranged a temple to Satan at his residence in the fashionable Elysee Quarter, and that the count assisted him by attracting minors thereto Counsel for the defence pleaded that they were corrupted by reading the works of popular modern French authors, and that these writers, and not their victims, should be held responsible.

A horseshoe does not always bring good luck—especially if it is on the foot of a mule.

Few men are appreciated until they take up their residence in the cemetery.

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The art of keeping the mouth shut should be taught in every shool.

"Brains, versus Cook Books" is the subject of a household writer It is a combination of brains and cook books most fellows are looking for just now.

G. H. Bullock-Webster, chief constable for Kootenay, is in the Boundary country on official business.

The Greenwood amateur dramatic society played "A Faulty Affair" at Phoenix on Monday evening last. The acting was quite realistic in parts.—Boundary Creek Times.

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9.32 a m	Ymir	5.35 p.m
7.20 a.m	Nelson	7.20 p m
11.05 a m	(Grand Forks)	3.35 p m
9.30 a.m	Republic	5.15 p.m

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Provincial Secretary's Office,
28th December, 1903.

HIS HONOR the Lieutenant Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following appointment:

PERCY JAMES GLEAZER, of Ymir, Esquire, J.P., to be a Deputy Mining Recorder for that portion of the Nelson Mining Division known as the Ymir District, with sub-recording office at Ymir, vice Mr A. B Buckworth.

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SOME INTERESTING DETAILS OF THE BIG TORONTO STORE.

Toronto has long been noted as the city of fine stores. With her miles of beautiful residential streets, her avenues of trees, splendid lake front, unequalled street car service and her great department stores, such as that of the Robert Simpson Company, her citizens possess advantages few other cities can boast.

The firm, on Mr. Simpson's death, in 1897, became a limited company, and no modern phenomenon of the business world, so far as Toronto is concerned, has occasioned more remark than the growth of the business of the Robert Simpson Company. Large though the building is and added to from time to time as it has been,

The Robert Simpson Company building stands in the most prominent position in the city, viz., the southwest corner of Queen and Yonge Streets, where, situated in the very centre of the city, it has long been one of the most familiar land-marks of the town. As a specimen of modern store architecture, it stands supreme in Canada. It extends from Queen Street on the north clear through the block to Richmond Street on the south, with a long series of magnificent front windows on Queen, Yonge and Richmond Streets. Counting the basement, the store numbers seven selling floors, each of which would provide

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On these seven floors, in twenty-three distinct departments, practically everything needed in daily life, may be bought for the lowest economical price for which a store can sell it.

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The business now known as the Robert Simpson Company Limited, was established away back in 1873, by the late Mr. Robert Simpson. An unequalled judge of dress goods and silks, his store soon acquired a reputation for dress fabrics second to none in Canada, and that reputation has been one of the store's most valued and most carefully treasured assets ever since. Soon Yonge Street rivalled King Street in its attractiveness for the ladies of Toronto, and when after the great fire in 1895, the new building was erected, Yonge Street was indisputably master of the situation. To-day the tide of retail business flows fullest right at the corner of Queen and Yonge Streets, so less than four blocks north of where it centered ten years ago.

it was still too small until a few weeks ago to accommodate the wealthof merchandise which comprises the Robert Simpson Company's "forward" stock.

An Addition Equal to One-sixth of the Building

has just been arranged for, by utilizing the great reserve stock room on the top floor and shifting the reserve stock to an outside warehouse. This move gives room on the first floor for the display of the finest stock of dress goods and silks in Canada, and one of the finest on the continent. The Cloak department, where ready-to-wear garments for women are sold now occupies the entire second flat of the main building, a space equal to a fair sized province of Ontario field. The sample furniture show-room occupies the next entire floor, carpets and curtains the next, while on the fifth floor above the ground is situated the largest and most popular restaurant in Toronto with a ten-mile view over the city in three directions. One entire floor of the Richmond Street wing is given over to Men's Clothing, and it has become the most popular place in Toronto for men who do their own shopping. Simpson Clothing is famous, it being chosen from the cream of the production of the Canadian manufacturers in competition.

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When the order reaches the Mail Order department of the Robert Simpson Company it is at once entered as received, and handed to one of the trained crop of practical buyers, who [illegible] the departments where the goods are on sale and buy just as the customer would herself were she shopping in person using all the judgment and good [illegible] of such orders every day. The goods are assembled in the Mail Order department, checked over and passed on to the parcellers, who check them again, wrap them, and pass them to the shipper. The Dominion Express Company and the Canadian Express Company detail six special wagons to handle the store's express parcels with the least possible delay, while the firm's own delivery department horses handle the packages shipped through the post-office, with the speedy promptness necessary to catch the very first trains starting for the towns from whence the orders were received. Some time ago as an experiment the firm took a bunch of letters selected at random from orders received and had them photographed so as to show the post-mark of the offices from whence they came. The photo was reproduced and published. Seldom, indeed, has a more [illegible] a firm's wide usefulness been placed before the public. From Victoria to Halifax, roughly speaking, the entire Dominion of Canada was represented.

The 1903 Fall and Winter Catalogue

of the Robert Simpson Company is now being mailed to the firm's friends as fast as a large staff can address the envelopes and dispatch the parcels. It is a magazine of some 200 pages replete with information as to styles, qualities, new ideas and prices. The book itself is as attractively gotten up as any magazine, with half-tone cuts, showing the magnificent departments where the goods are sold. Any reader of this paper may receive one of these catalogues free on sending name and address plainly written to the Robert Simpson Company Limited, Toronto.

Moreover, the firm extend to have the heartiest welcome to look through the store should they visit Toronto. Every modern facility at the store's command, such as waiting-rooms, writing desks, lavatories, parcel check office, etc., is freely at their service, while the largest and finest stock of merchandise the store ever gathered together from the markets of the world is on sale at a scale of prices only possible to a business of such magnitude.