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## LOCAL ITEMS

☞ The boycotters who have sent us notice to withdraw their ads. this week will have their communications dealt with next week. Their orders did not reach this office until the advertising pages had been printed. We regret keeping them in fear and trembling until Saturday next, and expressly give this notice so that they may be able to square themselves with the union boycott committee.

J. W Ross J.P., who has been on the sick list for a few weeks, was out driving on Wednesday.

There is not much business at the rink these days as the snow fall is greater than the snow shovel.

Nels Evanson is doing work on the Black Hawk, the nearest mining property to the town.

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

Several inches of snow fell during the week, but the weather has been mild.

Newitt & Co. are selling off a big stock of ladies' waists to make room for spring goods. Talk of bargains! Just see these.

The Porto Rico Lumber Co. are preparing to establish a saw mill at Hall Siding. There is some good timber in the immediate neighborhood.

A snow slide from the roof of the Ymir saloon the other day broke down the elevated walk leading into the "ladies" side enterance.

Men who are troubled with a constipation of ideas and a dirrhoea of words, as are the agitators of Ymir, are public nuisances, and should be treated as such.

It is rumored that there is another show on the road which is arranging for a date with Ymir. The chief feature will be a beauty contest. Get ready with your cash suckers.

Work on the bridge spanning the Salmon River at Ymir, will commence as soon as the snow begines to go. A good permanent structure will be up before the spring floods set in.

The genuine Chinese of Ymir celebrated their new year on Monday last and their hospitality was enjoyed by many to whom even Sam Sauie was a welcome graft.

Ymir Hospital returns (that is, patients yearing to get back on the sick list) are like the other returns—hard to get at. This natural condition of affairs is not to be wondered at.

Harry Wright, M.P.P., passed through Ymir on Tuesday evening on his way to Nelson, after the close of the Provincial Legislature.

A letter has been received in town from James Stewart, now at Kelantan Malay Peninsula. Jim expects to be back in Ymir about July next, and reports that he is now enjoying excellent health. He desires to be remembered to all his Ymir friends.

It is said that they are not going to Make-Isaac secetary of the Miners' Union for the next term. Some want Make-Innis, who has a strong pull on certain Knights. Billy Beinit is the other candidate and he is above Par, who on this accasion has not been nominated. The objection to one of the candidates is that he was Miles away when the hospital caved in under the snow, although it was supposed to be subject to Daly inspection.

So far as work has proceeded on the Dundee mine, the results are greater than were expected. Some splendid ore has been mined, running high in values A big force will be put on as soon as the season opens.

Every day a car load or two of Hunter V. ore passed through Ymir for the Nelson smelter. As soon as the snow clears away, the shipments will be on a much larger scale, as there is abundance of ore available, and every facilty for handling it.

Police Constable Forrester appears to treat boycotting as great fun—as he does almost every other crime committed in the camp. Respectable citizens are asking what his superiors are thinking of, or if they really know how things are in this town.

A positive cure for chronic constipation has been discovered in Ymir, It has been proven that a look of disapproval from a union "boss" will aperate so suddenly that in some cases portion of the toilet is offensively injured Several bad cases have been thus treated during the week. It is but an illustration of the power of mind over matter.

"Boycott" as the dictionary defines it—"To combine together to have no dealing with one on account of his opinions; a mode of persecution so called from Captain Boycott, who was the first victim of it in Ireland in 1880." The law, however, takes a more serious view of it, as will be demonstrated next week.

### OUR LOCAL MEMBER.

Mr. Harry Wright, the local member of the Provincial Legislature, passed through town on Tuesday on his return from Victoria. On that evening he promised that within a week he would have the government engineer on the ground to prepare plans for the Ymir bridge. True to his word, he arrived in town this morning with Mr. Gamble the engineer, and Mr. Renwick, the gold commissioner. These gentlemen examined the bridge, and immediate steps will be taken to have a new structure erected. This will be done before the spring floods set in. Mr. Wright deserves the best thanks of his constituents for his energy and faithfulness to the trust reposed in him. He is ever watchful of the interests of his district.

The carnival festivities have resulted in disorder and bloodshed in southern Italy and Sicily. Troops and police were obliged to intervene and a score or more persons have been wounded At Trani, a number of masquerade rs started the trouble by insulting state institutions and in fighting which followed several officers and soldiers were wounded. A large number of arrests were made. At Piazza Amerina, in Sicily, the masquerading brought about a conflict between the members of two local political parties and an attack was made on the city hall. The disorders became so great that troops were called out and fired on the people to disperse them. Fourteen of the rioters were wounded.

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

## WAR IN YMIR!

### The Camp in the Hands of the Enemy.

### Storekeepers and Saloon Men Surrender.

### Tyrants Threaten and Timids Tremble.

The long expected has come! A general boycott has been declared against THE MIRROR by the tyrannical "bosses" of the Miners' Union simply because this paper gave publicity to some facts and figures which these gentry do not appear able to explain. As long as they were dealing with union funds they were entitled to handle them as they pleased, but when it comes to dispensing public monies the public have a right to know how they are spent, and it is the duty of an independent newspaper to supply this information—if available. In the case of the subscriptions raised for the Ymir Hospital we applied for information and were supplied by the then secretary of the union (Parr) with a list of subscribers to the building fund, with the amounts set opposite each name respectively. This totalled $897.65, exclusive of several sums set opposite the names of men who gave work in lieu of cash. This was in July 1902. In November 1903, what purported to be a correct statement of receipts and expenditure in this connection was published, by resolution of the union, in a Nelson and a Butte, Mon., paper—the intention evidently being that the figures should not be seen by those who subscribed the money. In this official statement public subscriptions are set down at $382! We called attention to this matter at the time, but a little discrepancy of $515.65 was too trivial an item to call for explanation. For daring to question the accuracy of this official return we incurred the wrath of the union bosses. But an hospital was built, miserably built; and the snow was allowed to accumulate on the roof until its weight caused the whole building to tumble down! We had the temerity to accuse those responsible, of mismanagement and gross carelessness. For this piece of presumption we again incurred the wrath of the union bosses. Then came the provincial elections of last fall. The union bosses and their followers nominated a labor-liberal candidate—a man of their own heart. Once again we failed to recognise the wisdom of the clique. We vigorously opposed their nominee, and he was ignominously defeated at the polls. Here again we incurred the wrath of the union clique and intensified their vow of vengeance.

But the worst offence of all had yet to come. Another hospital was built to which the government contributed $2,000. Many were asking what the cost of running it would be, and we were requested to give the particulars as a matter of public information. We applied to Burgess, the president of the union, and McIsaac the secretary, but they declined to give any particulars unless authorized by the union so to do. They represented the case to the union at the next weekly meeting, when it was decided to withhold the information for reasons assigned, and which we will hereafter enumerate We then stated the case to the proper authorities at Victoria, and succeeded in getting copies of the returns which the law demands the hospital directors to make every month. These we published in summary on the 6th inst., and those who perused the figures will concede that they require a whole lot of explanation. Because we dared to suggest that this explanation should be forthcoming (the government contributed over $2,500 towards the maintenance of the hospital for ten months last year) the union has decreed that we be BOYCOTTED! Not alone are they individually boycotting us, but they have intimidated the following supporters of THE MIRROR to withdraw their advertisements under threat:

Samuel Miller, saloon keeper,
DesBrisay Jobbing Co (per D Grobe
Jackson & Leahy, teamsters,
S. H. Seaney, tobacconist
W M Coffey, barber,
D. Campbell, grocer.

All the withdrawals came in in a batch—proof of conspiracy. They reached the office after our advertising pages had been printed, but will receive attention next week.

We have the honor of being the first newspaper boycotted in British Columbia.

## THE HUNTER V. GROUP

### ANNUAL MEETING, B. C. STANDARD MINING CO.

### A RICH PROPERTY ECONOMICALLY WORKED.

The annual meeting of the B. C. Standard Mining Co. was held on Wednesday at Nelson, Mr James Johnstone, president of the company, presiding.

The directors report was highly satisfactory. It gave a history of the property from the time the option was taken over from Mr. William Davis, detailed the building of the tramway, ore bins, railway spur, etc. to facilitate the economic handling of ore. The tramway will be equipped at first with thirty buckets of a capacity of 1,000 pounds each, and by travelling at 300 feet per minute per hour, can deliver 10 tons of ore per hour. The standing rope is 1 1-8x7 8, and the hauling rope 3-4 in diameter, and 30 buckets may therefore be added as desired, with a corresponding increase in the capacity of the tramway. Mr. A. D. Wheeler was appointed superintendent on 13th August, and the construction work has been supervised by him. He has also finished the construction of inexpensive two bucket tramways, one 1,800 feet long, connecting the Hunter V. tunnel with the upper terminal bin, and one 500 feet long, connecting the Double Standard tunnel with the same bin By this arrangement of tramways we will be able to ship ore from tunnels at lower levels than the present working, or from other parts of the property than those already opened up, without disarrangement of the permanent and expensive main tramway. The subsidiary tramways will, like the main tramway, be operated entirely by gravity, and will each have, it is estimated, a capacity of 10 tons per hour. New buildings have been put up to accommodate the workmen. Arrangements have been made for shipping ore to the smelters at Nelson, Trail and Northport, and regular shipments are now being made.

The financial statement showed the company to be in a flourishing condition.

Mr. J. J. Campbell was appointed managing director and secretary treasurer, and Mr. Johnstone president The latter announced that all the stock issued had been sold at par.

The war is well on between Russia and Japan, and so far things are in favor of the Japs. This in the war news of the week in a nutshell.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions of correspondents, but reserves to himself the right to eliminate such matter as to him may appear irrelevant or offensive.

All communications must be accompanied by the name of the author—not necessarily for publication, but as a means of identity.

We do not undertake to return rejected correspondence unless requested so to do.

### THE WRIGHT MEN.

To the Editor, MIRROR

Sir—Please excuse my trespassing on your space—especially as I understand it is now Boycotted. Your correspondent, "A Right Man," is evidently another of the disappointed ones, who will not honestly and manfully acknowledge defeat, but instead delights in throwing mud at the choice of the people. He mixes up P J. Gleazer, John Houston, the leader of the opposition, and the newspaper correspondent in such a tangle that it is difficult to comprehend what he is driving at. Buckworth was correct in stating that all that is appropriated for the district is $10,000, but wrong in casting a slur on Mr. Wright for not securing more—the money was not there, and Ymir district got her full share of appropriation when you compare this with other ridings, and take into consideration the depleted state of the treasury.

What is your correspondent driving at? Does he try to defend Buckworth, to censure Gleazer, to glorify Houston, to immortalize the leader of the opposition, to belittle Wright, or is he merely gratifying an insane desire to see his composition in print?

Again apologising for trespassing on your boycotted space and assuring you of my practical support in your struggle against tyranny—Yours.

A WRIGHT MAN.

Official announcement was made yesterday by the window glass workers of America of a reduction of 14 to 18 per cent in the wage scale.

Every year about 300 new school sections are opened and teachers in the northwest are largely drawn from Ontario. First and second class ceretificates valid in Ontario are recognized at face value there. This year there has been no diminution in the drain of the best teachers.

Thomas Duke, of Vancouver, was elected grand master at the meeting of the Orange grand lodge of British Columbia at Ladner yesterday. The 12th of July celebration will be held at Vancouver, and Vernon was selected as the place for the next annual meeting.

Manitoba will take the swamp lands case to the highest court in the empire. The decision went against the province in the Ottawa supreme court but attorney-general Campbell announces their appeal will be taken to the privy council.

It is reported from Santiago that the thorough train bearing Sir William Van Horne, heavily interested in Cuban railroads, and first president of the Canadian Pacific railway, en rout to Havana was attacked by bandits near Acto Cedro. The windows of the sleeper were smashed by the robbers, but all the passengers escaped uninjured. The government is sending a detachment of th Rural Guards to patrol the railway in the vacinity of the track. The bandits were frightened away by the show of force made by the crew and passengers, but are believed to be camped in the neighborhood awaiting a favorable opportunity to make another attack.

Two hundred old country settlers arrived in Winnipeg on Wednesday.

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C. DELL SMITH, EDITOR.

SATURDAY, FEB. 20.


THERE is trouble on at the Transvaal in reference to the proposed importation of Chinamen to work the mines of that country. The seriousness of the question appears to be felt in Old England, and vigorous stops are being taken to preserve the new colony. At a large and enthusiastic meeting held in London last week—a meeting convened by a parliamentary committee representing both sides of the House of Commons—the subject was very fully discussed, and resolutions were passed denouncing the scheme as a grave, moral evil, and urging that the proper solution of the problem was the employment of British workmen. The people of the Transvaal object to Chinese immigration, and they show their wisdom in so doing The self-governing colonies of Australia and New Zealand have had bitter experience of the yellow pest, but they rid themselves of it. New South Wales took similar action under like circumstances. Canada—at least this western province—discovers, rather late, that the Chinaman is no acquisition, and in order to make living even tolerable for the ordinary whiteman has raised the pool tax to $500 on every Chinaman entering the country. The United States has also suffered, and will not allow any more Chinamen to come within her borders. In the face of all this, however, the men controlling the wealth of the Transvaal want to import Chinamen, regardless of the ultimate ruin of the country. Did the British empire shed its blood and pour out its treasure that South Africa might be handed over to John Chinaman? Let us hope that South Africa will be spared the infliction.

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THE Ymir Hospital financial puzzle continues to agitate the public mind, while those responsible for it seem to be getting deeper in the mire at every turn. First they tried to conceal the accounts or to give any reckoning as to the disposition of public funds. When the mysterious figures were supplied through the government (copied from the hospital returns sent to Victoria) and published, the directors preferred to endure public odium rather than invite investigation, but when this became too strong—when people began to ask significant questions—what did these gentry do? They simply chose a committee of three to look over the books and pronounce everything O.K. But even this committee, having examined some of the accounts, refused to certify them correct. The board are now canvassing for a couple of obliging fellows—a knowledge of figures not necessary—who will give the much needed certificate. And they'll get them. When the books are properly audited, as they will be, the true state of affairs will be made known. We hope it is possible to prove the figures right, and if this can be done it will afford us pleasure to give full publicity to the fact. On a former occasion, when some important documentary evidence was required by the miners' union, it was discovered that somebody had misteriously broken in and destroyed that which was wanted. History sometimes repeats itself. Will it be so in this case?

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ENGLAND is taking up the drink question afresh. Leading men and women is all departments of life are out with a manifesto for a great reduction in the number of public houses, for the extension of the principle of local option, and for Government compensation for those persons whose licences have been revoked, the money so used to be raised from the liquor traffic.

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AN important decision has been rendered by Mr. Justice Lawrance and a special jury in the Kings Bench Division, London. An action was brought by the Denaby and Cadeby Main Collieries against the Yorkshire Miners' Association and others to recover $750,000 as damages for an alleged conspiracy and unlawful combination, inducing the plaintiffs' workmen to break their contracts. The jury found that the strike was instigated for the benefit of the association and in breach of the Workmen's Contract of Service, and brought in a verdict against the defendants, affirming the principle that a trades union is a body possessing rights and liable in obligations.

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THE statement comes in the daily press that Princess Alice had her wedding gown made by Worth. What an excellent mill hand Mr. Worth would have made, laboring as he does, quite a few years overtime after his death regardless of union rules.

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MARK TWAIN has left for Florence, Italy. The last time Mark traveled through the organ-grinder's paradise, the guides introduced him to all the prominent people thereabouts, but as hey failed to appreciate his observations, he found, on close inspection, that they had the marble heart. And it made the guide tired when Mark asked him if they were dead. He wasn't a Mark to the heroes from Carrara.

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THE Dominion elections are now on, and it strikes us as a good idea to see the various candidates for M. P., and ascertain their views as to admitting lumber and shingles free of duty from the States, says the B. C. Lumberman. A candidate for office, if elected, may try to serve two or more interests. Any office holder may serve the Dominion Government more than the people who elect him; and again, he may serve the people responsible for his return to Ottawa in preference to the Government, when it comes to a question of enacting a tariff on lumber from the States. The candidates before the electors of British Columbia must either declare for or against protecting the most important industry of this Province. They must not only declare that they will try to get justice for the lumber and shingle men, or endeavor to assist in passing a Tariff Act, but the candidates returned from British Columbia must pledge their utmost efforts towards the enactment of a Dominion tariff, to an extent sufficient to protect Canadians in the Canadian market. The very least that is expected is the enactment of a Canadian tariff equivalent to the United States tariff on Canadian manufactured lumber.

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IT is safe to say the Ymir bridge will be built before the spring floods set in this year. A sum of $2000 has been secured for the building through the instrumentality of Mr. Wright, the local member, and next week, it is expected, the government engineer will be here to get data for his plans. Yet the "soreheads" will say that Mr. Wright is not doing well by the camp! Those fellows would not accomplish as much in a lifetime as Mr. Wright has within two months.

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THE Provincial Legislature has adjourned after a brief but productive session. The assembly met under disadvantageous circumstances — the first elected on party lines, and hence open to the attack of disappointed political opponents; and when the finances of the province were at their lowest ebb. Even under these conditions the McBride Government has made a good showing, straightening out the financial tangle and successfully dealing with some 50 pieces of new legislation, and this despite the most persistent and malicious opposition.

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AN American lady has risen to defend the national dignity by asserting that her countrywomen do not marry European noblemen for their titles alone. It seems that the European is more skilled in the art of making love, and the titles become only one of the many attractions that endear him to the wealthy heiress There is probably a good deal to be said in favor of this point. In a land where a man's social status is almost entirely governed by his bank account, the universal grab for dollars occupies all the available leisure of the average Yankee, and he hasn't the time to waste on a mere girl who may refuse him after two or three months' courting, and a sacrifice of precious moments that might have been used in besting a brother man out of a quarter's salary.

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## REFORM OF BURIAL LAWS.

As illustration of the dangers of premature burial, most people will be greatly surprised to learn that the home secretary has admitted that 10,000 persons are buried annually in England and Wales without death certificates. William Tebb, president of the London Association for the Prevention of Premature Burials has deter mined to take action to remedy this state of things. Doctors, as is not infrequent, differ on the chances of premature burial, but even if the odds were a million to one it would still be desirable to take all possible precautions to save the unfortunate unit from so terrible a doom. The manner in which Mr. Tebbs and his association proposes to deal with the danger is by the institution of public mortuaries, where bodies can remain until the fact of death is put beyond the possibility of doubt. Another practical remedy suggested against the peril is a more general acceptance of the principal of an open coffin and a shallow grave, but there is a great deal of prejudice to overcome before this system could prevail.

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## AMONG CANNIBALS.

Despatches received at Queenstown recently from Barbadoes contain particulars of the arrival there of the British barquentine Mary Hendry, commanded by Capt. Foote, from Southern Nigeria, after having spent several weeks trading on the African coast. Capt. Foote states that during his stay on the coast he entertained at dinner King Ogby, the ruler of the Iakrimen who inhabit Southern Nigeria. The dusky monarch was much impressed with the vessel, and whilst feasting on roast pork enquired if it was white man's meat! The king has over 1,000 slaves, numerous wives and a crowd of children. When King Ogby was leaving the ship Capt Foote asked him for a piece of tanned skin with which to make a pair of slippers, and the next day a slave came to the vessel with a parcel from the monarch. It contained the hide of a negro, from the neck to the waist, who had been killed by order of King Ogby to procure his skin! Capt Foote added that he was informed that the tribesmen eat little else than human flesh.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

Dollar wheat is quoted in Toronto for the first time in several years that figure being offered for No. 1 Manitoba hard.

The Japanese residents in Vancouver have already raised $25,000 as a contribution to the national Red Cross fund.

Returns in yesterday's bye-election in east Lambton show a majority for Armstrong, conservative, of 575. Full returns in East Bruce give Donnelly, conservative, a majority of 171.

Peter Reimer was killed by a snow slide on Wednesday while engaged with a party of surveyors surveying the Estella mine near Fort Steele. His companions witnessed the slide but were unable to rescue Reimer.

A passenger train on the Western & Atlantic railroad has been wrecked at a high bridge over Chattahoochee river, eight miles from Atlanta. Many passengers are reported hurt. A wrecking train with doctors has gone to the wreck.

After a long discussion in the house of commons in London on Wednesday, the amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne against the admission of Chinese laborers into South Africa was defeated by the comparatively small majority of 51.

The issue of $25,000,000 in Russian notes announced from St. Petersburg has caused all Russian securities to weaken on the Berlin bourse. An impression among the bankers is that Russia designs to pay abroad in gold and at home with notes. The belief is that Russia naturally will seek loans in Berlin and in Paris within a couple of months, especially if she has a success on land.

The Payne has closed a contract with the Aaron Hirsh & Sohn company, of Halderstadt, Germany, for about 2,500 tons of zinc, says the Sandon Standard. The deal was closed last Saturday by S. Hirish, representing L. Vogelstein, a Wall street broker The ore will be shipped in bulk and will comprise the most of the year's output of the Payne. With a market for silver, lead, zinc and iron, the Payne should be on velvet before long.

A wealthy recluse, who had one of the most curious collections one could imagine, was R. S. Wilson of Tuxford Hall, Notts, Eng., who died last week, age 73 years. He had in his grounds an Inferno guarded by a colossal effigy of Satan bound in chains. His "hell," as he described it to those few visitors privileged to see his exhibition contained effigies typifying lawyers, priestcraft, the woman with the proud look and the lying tongue, and the tobacco devil. The whole was intended as an allegory. Satan being represented as the king of this world.

Senator Dietrich, of Nebraska, accused of the rather serious crime of selling postmasterships for cash, has escaped on a technicality. It appears that there was some legal flaw in the indictment, and through the loophole thus afforded the Senator did not scruple to crawl. This conclusion of what promised to be a most important investigation will do Senator Dietrich more harm than good. Unless he refuses to accept the advantage thus afforded him, and insists on another trial, the suspicion will remain that he fears the issue. This being so, surely his influence in national councils will vanish no less suddenly than if he had been convicted.

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## CONFEDERATION LIFE.

The thirty-second annual report of the Confederation Life Association held in the city of Toronto last week shows that the progress of the company during the year 1903 was eminently satisfactory. The new business was much larger than in any previous year since the establishment of the company, the income from the interest received being sufficient to meet all claims and leave a surplus of $112,087. The gain was in every department, and their accurate and clear statement shows the increase in the assets to be $674,867; in the premium income $57,757; in the interest income, $20,196; in the total income $77,953; and in the amount paid to policy-holders, $51,213. The total values of the applications received, and of the policies issued exceeded those of 1902 by $758,489 and $757,478 respectively. Their cash surplus above all liabilities is $535,384.03 company's and $736,394.03 Governmentstandard, and their reserve on policies and annuities is $8,833,366 company's and $8,632,356 Government standard. The death claims aggregated $286,870 during 1903, under 190 policies and 167 lives Further information is given in their concise and complete balance sheet, which is drawn up so as to be easily understood. To the volume of business British Columbia contributed liberally, through the exertions of Mr. M. Parry the wide-awak district manager. Mr. S. H. Seaney is the local agent for the company.

## AN ASBESTOS MONOPOLY.

Asbestos, as a manufactured commodity, is now said to be controlled by the Standard Oil Co. That corporation has contracted for the entire output of the Ontario asbestos mines, from which comes all but a small per cent of the asbestos of the world. The material is now to be employed for a hundred new purposes. Railroad coaches are to be built from it, tunnels are to be lined with it and fireproof furniture is to be made from it. As an indication that there is no exageration in the outlook the corporation has prepared plans for asbestoes cars built with the steel frames for the underground system in the Rapid Transit company of New York. It also has the contract for lining with asbestos the larger part of the tunnel of the system. Asbestos planks, experiment has shown, can be shaped and used exactly as wood. They may be sawed and planed and polished; they will bear weight and stand wear; they are much lighter than wood. The principle source of supply is in the eastern part of Canada, where a family of five members own the land where it is found. They refused the Standard oil company's bid of $5,000,000 for the property, but made a long time contract for all of the output of the mines.

The annual meeting of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital will be held in Nelson on March 8. All annual subscribers of the sum of ten dollars are members of the society, eligible to take part in the election of directors for the ensuing term, and in case of illness are entitled to free treatment in the hospital. In Ymir the fee is $12 the subscriber has no voice in the management of the hospital, and is practically entitled to but one month's treatment.


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## THE PIPE OF PEACE.

There are a very large number of people who regard smoking as a vice and claim that smoking to any extent is scarcely less injurious to health than drinking, In an interview with a representative of The Mail one of the leading practitioners in Halifax stated: "When it comes to a question of smoking for adults (I mean of course good smoking tobacco), I do not believe that smoking ever hurt any man. In fact I believe that it scarcely possible for a man of mature age to smoke too much. I smoke as often and as long as I please, and I am certain that no man in Halifax enjoys more perfect health. The smokers' mouth, according to the doctor, is the only mouth in the world free from disease germs. I know men who do their most brilliant work with a cigarette in their mouths and who cannot only do better work but more of it, under those conditions Tobacco has wonderful antiseptic qualities, and especially in our profession, really in my opinion fortifies against disease." The doctor referred to is the very picture of health, and as he claims to be physically an exponent of his view on smoking, and moreover as he is not given to making erratic or thoughtless statements about matters affecting health, they should have weight.

Luther Holbert and his wife, negroes were burned at the stake at Doddsville Miss., last week, a mob of over 1000 persons for the killing of James Eastland, a prominent white planter, and John Carr, a negro, at the Eastland plantation. The burning of Holbert and his wife closes a tragedy which has cost eight lives, has engaged 200 men and two packs of bloodhound in a four days' chase across four countries and has stirred that section of Mississippi almost to frenzy.

Commenting on a recent announcement that the Western Pulp and Power Company was about to erect a pulp mill in the Interior, the Inland Sentinel considers that this refers to the concern which has decided to put in a pulp mill north of Kamloops, the first cost to be $50,000. The company has secured limits up the North Thompson river where there is some of the best spruce in British Columbia. As soon as the limits are surveyed the work of building the mill will be started. The spruce trees are situated at least one hundred and fifty miles from the Canadian Pacific railway so the company will have to float the pulp down the Thompson river to the railway. The heads of the company figure on obtaining a big market in the Orient.


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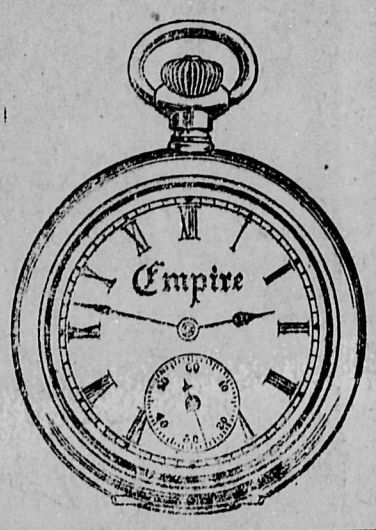


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## NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

TO G. ED. C. MARTIN. H. W. F. POLLOK. or any other person to whom they may have transferred their interests in the Goodenough Fraction mineral claim, situated on Wild Horse Creek, about four miles from the town of Ymir, and adjoining the Mugwump, Rockland and Lexington mineral claims in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District, and recorded in the Recorder's office for the Nelson Mining Division.

You and each of you are hereby notified that I have expended thirty-four dollars and twenty-five cents ($34.25) in labor and improvements upon the above mineral claim in order to hold same under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your interests in said claims will become the property of the subscriber, under section 4 of an act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1900."

O. A. LOVELL.

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## EATEN BY WOLVES.

The severe winter has driven the wolves from north Manitoba on the lookout for food, and already one man and many cattle have been eaten by the ravenous creatures. At Fort Francis a man has been killed by wolves and his bones picked clean by the starving animals.

A terrible experience and a narrow escape was that of W. E. Johnston, inspector of the Bell Telephone company, and John Amey, commercial traveller, who were persued by wolves while within six miles of Winnipeg They were driving to Stonewall when they noticed a pack of wolves following. They urged their horses to increased pace, and this seemed to be the signal for the wolves to commence the chase in deadly earnest. For several minutes there was a race for life the wolves gaining every yard. Only just in time was Stoney Mountain Penitentiary reached. The horses were played out when the penitentiary settlement was reached. The wolves slunk into the brush. Many people saw the finish of the exciting race. The condition of the men and horses showed that they had been in a terrible chase. Many instances are recorded of wolves eating cattle.

## HOW LABOR AGITATORS OPERATE.

Sherman Parker, Thomas Foster, and W. F Davis, managers of the strike in the Cripple Creek district, were placed on trial in the district court on Thursday on the charge of having conspired to wreck a train on the Florence and Cripple Creek railroad. Several days probably will be consumed in selecting a jury.


Just arrived, a fresh shipment o White Star Jellies and Jams at Seaf ney's. ×


## MINERAL ACT.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Shamrock, Rustler, Antonio and Monday Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located:—About one and a half miles south west of Erie.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of the City of Nelson, agent for the Gordon Mining and Milling Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. B. 58,210, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1904
JOHN McLATCHIE.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Warwick and Fourth of July mineral claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On north side of Wild Horse Creek and six miles from Ymir.

Take notice that I, F. S. Clements, acting as agent for the Broken Hill Mining & Development Co., Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 80,641, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown grants of the above claims.

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

Dated this 15th day of February, 1904.
F. S. CLEMENTS, Nelson, B. C.


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| 11:05 a.m | (Grand Forks) | 3 35 p.m |
| 9.30 a.m | Republic | 5.15 p.m |

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In chambers yesterday, at Nelson, before Chief Justice Hunter, R. M. Macdonald, in the action of John McIntyre vs. the Kootenay Shingle Company, Salmo, obtained an order exparte to substitute a new plaintiff. McIntyre the original plaintiff, was the man who so suddenly died from pneumonia at the Home hospital two weeks ago He had been selected out of a number of wage earners to bring the action and the order made will permit of the wage owners selecting another man to represent them and take the place of the deceased.


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