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LOCAL ITEMS

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Sid Saunders is progressing favorably at the General Hospital.

Cook Stack, of the Ymir Mine, has left for the Coer d' Alenes.

Customs officer Vroom and Mrs. Vroom paid Ymir a visit yesterday.

New Years Day was very quietly spent in Ymir

There were a large number of visitors to Ymir during Christmas week.

The crew at the Ymir mine is being gradually reduced

G. H. Barnhardt, superintendent of the Porto Rico mine, paid the Ymir Mine a visit today.

Supt. Cameron, of the Active Gold Mining Co., is around again, after a rather serious illness.

J. W. Ross was on the sick list during the holidays, but is now on the road to recovery.

Local skaters are regretting the mildness of the weather as there has not been sufficient frost this season to freeze the rink.

The calandars issued by local merchants this year are particularly pretty and are liberally distributed.

Christmas Day was a merry one in Ymir, although some of the chronic kickers were predicting blue ruin.

The snow fall so far this season has been particularly light, and the local weather prophets are promising an early spring.

A merry crowd painted the town red on Thursday evening last. They determined that the old year should have a royal send-off, and they gave it.

"A New Start;" will be the subject at the Methodist church Sunday night at 7.30. All are most cordially invited to attend.

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

Percy J. Gleazer is gazetted deputy mining recorder for the Ymir district, vice A. B. Buckworth. Mr. Gleazer is also Justice of the Peace.

There was a big gathering of Free Masons in Ymir yesterday, the occasion being the installation of the officers of the local lodge for the ensuing year.

A meeting of local Liberals will be held in Ymir on the 9th inst. to chose delegates for the convention in Nelson at which a candidate will be named to contest the riding at the coming dominion elections.

The Masquerade ball advertised for New year's Eve did not materialize, owing to non arrival of costumes which had been duly ordered. This was a great disappointment to very many.

The December number of Industrial Canada, issued by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, is to hand, and is as attractive as usual. Among its other features is a full report of the Pacific excursion banquit, welll illustrated.

It is not probable that the Ymir public school will open on Monday, a telegram having been received from Miss Sloan, the recently appointed teacher, declining to accept the position. The youngsters are not likely to enter a very vigorous protest.

The masquerade ball scheduled for for New Years' eve has been postponed on account of inability to get costumes here in time. The event, however, is to come off at a near date in the future, but next time the costumes will be on hand before any public notice is given.—THE FAIR

There was trouble over the river this week, confined principally to the Chinamen The ever-enterprising Mongolians have a financial interest in the houses with the red lights, and one of them removed some furniture which another of the almondeyed brethren claimed as peculiarly his own A summons was issued, but the charge was not proven.

There was a surprise party at the home of Miss Sutherland and Miss McCorquodale the other evening The young ladies are leaving for the East on Tuesday, and their many friends determined that they should not depart without some pleasant token of the esteem in which they are held in Ymir. A very enjoyable time was spent.

Harry Wright M. P. P. paid his Ymir constituents a visit during the week, and met with a hearty reception. He proved his practical interest in the camp by personally interviewing its most prominent men, irrespective of their political creed, as to the requirements of the town and immediate district. Mr. Wright has every confidence in the ability of the present government to carry on successfully the business of the country.

Among those registered at the McLeod Hotel during the week were: R. N. Riblett, Nelson; G. A. Peone, Calville; Arthur Phillipe, Erie; C.O. Woodside, Nelson; H. D. Bretzius, Slocan City; E. P. Arthur, Wilcox Mine; T. J. Parkinson, Rossland; L. G. Maney, W. W. Smith, G. Leinerminster, Spokane; Harry Wright, Nelson; R. Murry Ymir Mine; G. Arbie, Ymir Mine; Geo. Johnstone, Warren Spencer, Geo. Antle, W. E. Ketcham, Nelson; Ed. Perry, Spokane; Andrew Garson, Foghorn mine.

J. T. Price has just completed his annual assessment work on the Iona group, consisting of three claims. Mr. Price brought to town some fine looking ore and reports that the ledge is three feet wide. The ore carries iron and galena in a blue quartz and is certainly promising looking. The strike was made in the breast of the tunnel 63 feet underground in the tunnel which is being driven to tap and cross cut the main lead. Assays already made of the ore reveals that it runs from $10 to $15 to the ton.

Right worshipful Bro George Johnstone, G. J. W., of Nelson, installed the officers for the coming year of Ymir lodge, No. 31, A. F. & A. M., in the Masonic Hall on Friday as follows: W. M., William Clark; S. W. John McVicar; J. W., W. H. Spencer treasurer, D. E. Grobe; secretary, U. S. T. Ross; chaplain, J. Davis; senior deacon, T. H Oddie; junior, Arthur Clair; senior steward, J. Ruddy; junior. F. McLeod; D. of C., L. R. Van De Bogart; tyler, George Rotherham.

Alex. Taylor, postmaster of Edmonton, Dr H. C. Wilson ex-M. L. A., Edmonton, and E. Reyner, a leading jeweler of the same city, are spending a few days in Nelson, meeting a number of old friends and acquaintances. All are old timers in the Edmonton country, having been there since the 80's. They are making a trip through the Kootenay and Boundary country, looking over things generally. They report that business is extremely good in Edmonton and all through the district, and that the prospects for the coming spring are even brighter

The man who invented a puzzle showing how hard it is to figure out a girl's [illegible] something about human nature [illegible] mathematics.

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THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW.

To the Editor, YMIR MIRROR

Sir—Might I suggest to all our storekeepers the propriety of keeping the snow regularly cleared off the sidewalks in front of their premises. Some of us do this, but others do not, and the result is very disagreeable, if not dangerous. Even for appearances sake the sidewalks should be kept clean. A visitor to camp last week remarked to me that he could pick out the houses that did the business of town, although he had not been in one of them How would you do it, I asked. And the significant explanation was, "By the snow, or absence of snow, in front You never see snow before a busy house."

I hope the delinquent ones will take the hint.

SNOW SHOVEL.

ALLEGED BLACKMAIL.

To the Editor of The Mirror.

Dear Sir—In justice to myself you might publish the following:

I am not and never was dependent on The Mining World for a livihood and it is rank assumption for Mr. Heilbronner "to caution me at the peril of my position."

It has been a pleasure for me to recommend The Mining World, because I consider it a representative and as honest a paper as is published any where, but to make a living by bumming subscriptions neither myself or any other man can do it.

Regarding the cause of my recent letters which you published, I may say that I wrote frequent letters to the people of Ymir explaining amongst other things the necessity for appreciating the good offices of the press, and that I had completed negotiations with the Spokane Chamber of Commerce and other boards of trade throughout the northwest, whereby I would write a letter every week to not only The Mining World, but several eastern journals of merit. I suggested, therefore, the possibility of opening a branch office in Ymir, and asked them to give me some encouragement by subscribing for The Mining World, taking the paper on its merits only to start with. Well, after writing many times and receiving no reply, disposed me to take the course of finding out whether a draft would be accepted being a cheaper course than writing letters. The drafts were not accepted, and returned in many cases with decidedly curious letters attached which I replied to.

Now, the mention of blackmail is absurd. I consider Ymir the same as every other district in British Columbia, a total failure in gold dividend payers, and my object in future would be as a business proposition to advance the interests of other districts. That hardly constitutes blackmail. I trust the future will bring evidence of my ability to aid rather than curse the beautiful province of British Columbia.

Sincerely yours,
with Xmas greetings,
G. RAYMOND PAYNE.

During 1903 there were 195 county court actions tried in Nelson for an aggregate of $25,267.42. In 1902 there were 218 similar suits, the total involved amounting to $31,490.84. In 1903 there were three county court probates or administrations of estates of deceased grantees, amounting to $2,862, as compared with 13 in 1902. There were six application for probate or administration amounting to $54,200 in 1903, as compared with eight in 1902. During 1903 there were 132 supreme court actions in which $620,269.57 was involved, as compared with 134 actions in 1902 with $498,640.79.

FORMATION OF GOLD NUGGETS

That gold is formed from a solution is generally recognized. The miner receives the theory because it explains the making of gold to him, but he often wonders how it is done, so here is what has been seen. Daintree once produced a solution of gold and left in it a small piece of metallic gold. Accidentally a piece of wood fell into the solution; the solution decomposed, the gold assumed a metallic state and collected and held to the small piece of undissolved gold, which increased in size. Another investigator heard of this and made a dilute gold solution in which he immersed a bit of iron pyrities and left it there a month. He added also organic matter, and at the month's end the pyrities were covered with a film of metallic gold. Pyrities and galena were next tried, and each was covered with gold. Gold, copper pyrities, arsenical pyrities and galena were also tried with similar results. Metallic precipitates were also tried, and while they threw down the gold as a metallic powder they did not cause it to cohere nor to plate any of the substances tried. Organic matter thus seemed the necessary chemical agent. Through the wood used in these experiments gold was dissiminated in fine particles. Imagine these experiments conducted by nature through ages and the result could be a nugget!

TRAVELERS ARE COMING.

The travellers for Toronto and Montreal houses report that during the last few months they have met more American commercial travellers on the road than ever before, says Industrial Canada. Many industrial establishments of the United States which have been indifferent to Canadian orders during the last few years because they could not fill their home orders during the period of extraordinary prosperity, are now eagerly seeking business in Canada. The high tariff of the United States prevents Canadian manufacturers from seeking a market for their products across the line. As the depression in the United States increases, the numbers of commercial travellers from the United States in Canada will multiply and Canadian travellers will lose many orders. Every Canadian commercial traveller should use all his influence to get the tariff raised.

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As chairman of a committee appointed by the Chicago Federation of Labor to investigate assertions that labor unions produce hard times, T. P. Quinn reported on the 20th that he had received replies from several economic students attributing hard times to inequitable distribution. Among those reported as having replied were Sir Charles Dilke, Wm Lloyd Garrison, Ernest H. Crosby, John Burns, Prince Kropotkin, and Lawson Purdy.

An act of heroism is but temporary while an act of charity is everlasting.

Many a good woman can see where she might have been better looking.

Can advice be very valuable when so many people are willing to give it and so few to take it?

He is an unfortunate man who is only clever enough to make enemies.

LARRY'S LETTER

Deer Tim—'Tis so long since I wrote to you that I don't know what to say. Ye didn't heer from meself since the year 1903, an' a quare lot av things happint in Ymir since then.

We had ould King Kristmas wid us for won thing an' Santa Claus too Ov coorse, they wor all giving me invites to spend Kristmas wid thim. I had to ate 8 dinners, an' I'm not the better av thim since. Turkeys an' gooses don't agree in a man's stomick, whin there's too much ov them birds; naythier does Scotch an' Irish whiskey whin the Scotch gets down an' the Irish gets up in a man. Whin I got back to the shack that noight I was scarcely able to waddle from the dint ov all I ate, but the plum puddin seemed to be the soorse ov most ov me truble. An' talking ov noight mares! There wasn't a mare kilt in the Boer war whose ghost didn't haunt me. An' as if I didn't suffer enuf to oblige me frends be overtaxing me stomack, they put it out that I was the gratest glutton an' desaiver in the hole country. Ov coorse I purtended that the dinner I was ateing was the only won I had, an' they wor all koaxing me apytite till me vest buttons give way. I'll remember this Kristmas, Tim.

Ye've herd of Poplar Creek, Tim. Percy Godenrath wrote a romance ov it, an' frend Lowery, in the Nugget says that the whole story was not told about the hero an' heroine. He says: "As the heroine was assiduously working a 12 pound Hudson's Bay blanket up and down the corrugated face of a washboard, enveloped in a halo of steam, soap-bubles and profanity, two hideous creatures darkened the tent door. 'Silver-tips!' she gasped. She didn't scream; she yelled like blazes. Where was Copper, the hero at this [illegible] ling and swollen Lord, in a tent doing ass-essment work on a copy of the Argosy. Did he hear her yell? Could he hear a steam Calliope at 50 yards? He sprang, leaped or bounded to an upright position, hit the trail, plunged into the water and manfully breasted the turbulent waves. He reached the tent and with a couple of chunks of gold-impregnated quartz slew the monsters." It is worth recording that these were the only quilled silver-tips ever killed in British Columbia.

I'll write to ye agin next week.

With the complaints of the saison,

LARRY FINN.

Kelway's method of warning ships by wireless signals from lighthouses at the same time as the sound warning during fogs enables the ship to estimate its distance from the lighthouses by noting the interval between the wireless and the sound signals, as one calculates the distance of lightning by noting the time between the flash and the thunderclap. The wireless signal travels with the speed of light, and is, therefore, instantaneous. Sound only covers about one thousand feet a second. If there is a difference of five seconds between the wireless and sound signals, the distance of the vessel from the lighthouse will be about a mile. In order to get the position of the lighthouse the ship may continue on her course a few miles and take another observation of her distance from it. She has all the data for calculating the position of the light-house by trigonometry.

Judge Drake has refused the application made by Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, intervener in the Hopper-Dunsmuir will case, for an examination of the books of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway company of R. Dunsmuir, Sons & Co. The judge said that it would be time enough to ask for an examination of the books when the will case had been won.

For thousands of people in the wage working class of the United States this is to be a dismal holiday season. The business depression has reached a point at which workmen in certain manufacturing lines are being discharged in large numbers, while others are having their wages largely cut down. The details are merely reported by the newspapers, but enough appears to indicate the actual presence of the hard times among the workingmen.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 2.

ANOTHER year has dawned on the Ymir camp, and from present appearances it will be one of the most prosperous in its history. The mine that made the camp (the Dundee) is starting up again with the assurance that it will prove a source of profit to the fortunate ones who have relieved the bank of a debt that should never have been incurred. Then there is the Wilcox, turning out its gold brick with due regularity; the Fog Horn paying a substantial dividend; the Gold Cup looming up, the Ymir mine turning out beyond all expectations; the Porto Rico yielding profits that will ensure it as a constant shipper; the Hunter V an accredited mine, installing a tramway and every prospect in the camp showing up well. Ymir is all right and will be a prosperous community if that envy, hatred and malice which has characterized the past year will but disappear. The natural wealth of the district is undisputed, but there are unfortunately a lot of fellows here who cannot get on themselves and who hate to see another get on—creatures who presume to think that the best way to promote the interests of a town is to "buck" it everlastingly, to make everything they can here and to spend every cent they can out of town. We could name them by the score. A town depending on such an element must go to the dogs. There are men and women in Ymir who make an honest living here, who will denounce the rascal who does not leave them their every cent, but whose names constantly appear on the shipping tags at the railway station. "Do unto others as you would be done by." This would be the most prosperous community in the country if its inhabitants were but loyal one to the other We are beginning a new year, and for God's sake let us turn over a new leaf, and long ere the dawn of 1905 Ymir will be prosperous.

THE Detroit Free Press regards the recent occurrences in Chicago as a curious comment on American government and American civilization. "In the second largest city of the United States the living dare not bury their dead publicly, because a labor union has disagreed with an employers' association about the rate of wages. The bodies of loved ones must be left in private morgues, or carried silently to the cemetery at night, least the funeral cortege be attacked by strikers and the mourners injured in labor riots. Think of it!" The Free Press says that the responsibility does not rest entirely with the strikers, but largely with the municipal government of Chicago, which ought to be able to protect funerals against mob violence. The drivers have a perfect right to get the biggest wages they can, but their fight is with their own employers, not with the innocent families in which deaths occur; and in interfering with funerals they put themselves as distinctly in the wrong as the owners of the Pennsylvania coal mines were put about a year ago.

IN memory of David Kennison, the last surviving member of that party of anarchists who threw the tea into Boston harbor a century and a quarter ago, a memorial stone was erected last week in Chicago. How true it is that the mobs of one generation become the heroes of another—provided the purpose they did the mobbing for "wins out."

THIS is the season of good resolutions, many of which are made to be broken. But it is good for the world that resolutions made on New Years' Day are always good ones. A moral wave sets in as the old year dies out which cannot fail to prove beneficial to humanity. However, this wave has beaten on the shores of time for countless ages, and yet man is vile. There are a lot of good resolutions which the people of Ymir might make which would make them happier and more prosperous for the year upon which we have just entered. Let us hope that they will make them—and keep them

A meeting of the executive of the Provincial Conservative party was held at Vancouver the other day, at which what is termed "the mutinous disposition of John Houston," was discussed in not very complimentary terms for John. As president of the Liberal - Conservative Association, Houston has called a meeting of the party in this district to nominate a candidate for the Dominion house, so that it will be very unfortunate if any disloyalty manifests itself.

EDWARD BOYCE, at one time considered a leading Socialist, and who served many years as president of the Western Federation of Miners, has tendered his resignation as one of the members of the executive board of the American Labor Union. The resignation comes as a surprise. The reason given for Mr. Boyce's action is that he has business interests which take up his entire time and will not be able to devote the necessary attention to labor affairs.

CHICAGO appears to be having her full share of trouble just now. With numerous strikes, epidemics, hospitals overcrowded, jails full and the worst of weather come details of a catastrophe in which nearly six hundred people lost their lives. The details are appaling—a fire in a crowded theatre, panic and death.

IT looks as if the price of wood will take a swift advance in Ymir. Heretofore anybody could cut and haul wood from the surrounding hills, all of which, of course are claimed by the railway company. An order recently issued, however, prevents the removal of wood unless the land upon which it grows is purchased from the big corporation. This is yet another illustration of the folly of giving away the whole country to railway companies who in turn treat the public as trespassers on their own lands—or what ought to be their own lands.

Melville Church, the leading Presbyterian place of worship in Westmount, the fashionable residential suburb of Montreal, was without the services of a choir on Sunday last. In his sermon on Christmas morning Rev. T. W. Winfield, pastor of the church, severely criticised the members of the choir for eating candy during the progress of that portion of the service in which they did not play a leading part. As a result of the criticism a deputation from the choir waited upon the reverend gentlemen on Saturday and requested a retraction. This he refused to make, and as a result the choir, without any exception, went out on strike. It is either candy or music. Which shall it be?

The announcement of the increase of 17½ per cent in commodity rates on all the transcontinental railways on January 18th next struck Vancouver merchants in a heap at first sight and many inquiries were made at the railway offices regarding the matter. After deliberation the jobbers have concluded that they can do nothing but increase their selling prices to an extent that will cover the increased cost of transportation of freight. In effect the wholesalers will pass the burden of the increased cost on to the retailers, who in turn will put it on the customers, and thus will the balance be struck. In answer to all inquires about the increase railroad officials could but announce that rates were agreed upon at a convention of freight traffic officials in Chicago some weeks ago.

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LOOK INTO THE MIRROR

"PHILOSOPHIC ANARCHIST."

The New York Express says "After an animated debate the Centeral Federation Union decided yesterday, in the face of protests from a small minority to father the movement in this city to prevent the deportation of John Turner the English labor leader and 'Philosophic Anarchist,' who was seized by the United States immigration authorities on his arrival here and is now in Ellis Island awaiting probable deportation. Since the seizure of Turner was made the Anarchists and other radicals it is remarked have been trying to force organized labor to take a hand in the fight. In Boston the Turner case was taken to the attention of the American Federation of Labor; that organization decided to have nothing to do with controversy. Having failed there, the 'reds' and radicals, it is said, decided if possible to agitate among the central labor bodies in all the cities. The The Centrel Federated Labor Union here voted to permit the use of its name to sanction a second mass meeting to be held in Copper Union soon, under the auspices of the Free Speech League which recently held a meeting on the same subject."

THE PROSPECTOR.

The prospector has a nature that is heroic, says the Nugget. He abandons the comforts and luxuries of home and civilization and with a pack on his back he plunges into the wilderness in search of treasure. He spends the best part of his life fighting the elements, dodging silver tips, and bucking the evil effects of doughy bannocks and mildewed sow belly. Once in a while he blazes a trail that leads many a fortune, while too often his share of the wealth is dissipated swiftly against the three things that gild every camp with a touch of hell. No government officer, or city mining paper warns him that he is taken awful chances against an untried formation. Oh, no; they have nothing to do with the poor prospector. When he does discover a country that shows unmistakeable signs of natural wealth, they too often decry his efforts towards inducing capital to assist the good work that he has commenced. Possibly afraid that some fat millionaire might lose a few dollars in developing a claim that would pinch. Such officials and papers are willing that the poor prospectors should take all the risks and then be damned for attempting to sell their property.

WILL IT BE MACKINTOSH?

The conservative convintion for the nomination and election of delegates to the convention which is to nominate a candidate for the dominion house for Kootenay will be held in the board of trade rooms on Saturday night. Under the plan adopted there will be five delegates elected in each riding. The nominating convention will be held in this city on January 6th. The convention will be made up of 45 delegates as there are nine provincial ridings in the new dominion constituency of Kootenay. There are two candidates spoken of as possible conservative nominees. There are John Houston, M.P.P., for Nelson and ex governor Charles H. Mackintosh, of Rossland. It is understood that Mr. Houston has informed his friends that he would under no consideration be an asiprant for the nomination at the hands of the conservative convention. This leaves the field practically clear for Mr. Mackintosh and he doubtless will be the conservative candidate, unless there is a dark horse, who should show remarkable strength. Mr. MacKintosh should make as good a run as any man in the conservative party in the constituency.—Nelson Daily News.

The stories from Vancouver B. C. that President J. J. Hill has offered to build a railroad from the Kootenays to the coast is obsolutely denied at Great Northern headquarters. His surveyors have spent two years in surveying for a route through the British Columbia ranges that will be low grade enough to permit of the running of a line up Similkameen river and thence down to the coast. Everything was bright until the surveyors reached a point just beyond Princeton, B. C., where the survey came to a standstill, because at this point it was found impossible to get a low grade. As the coal and ore deposits there had to be shipped at low rates, President Hill says he will not build the road unless a line can be made at a lower grade than the Canadian Pacific has at Kicking Horse pass. Engineers of the Great Northern have about given up hopes of securing a roadway beyond Princeton.

Sleep as long as you can, but employ your time judiciously while you are awake.

When the downpour is heavy and the clouds are black people somehow lose interest in the silver lining.

POCKETS OF GOLD.

Pockets of gold occur under a great variety of conditions in mines. Often they are found in large and well defined veins, and again in seams. In nearly every instance where pockets of gold have been found careful investigation has shown that the pockets occur in a vein or seam at a point where at least one other vein or seam, and often two others, intersect the main vein or seam. Cases have been noted were pockets occur along a line of fault which had dislocated a gold bearing vein, says the Mining and Scientific Press. In some pocket mines the bunches of gold occur with noticeable regularity within a well defined zone or erea along the fissure carrying them, forming what may be termed a shoot, beyond the limits of which pockets are not found. When a mine of this character has been extensiyely developed, a working map, showing the various cuttings with the stopes where pockets were found, has the same appearance as the stope map of a mine where gold is evenly dis tributed and no pockets occur. Pockets of gold are also found in dykes or zones of slaty or schistose rocks, within well defined walls. In such cases there is usually a series of transverse fissures, crossing from wall to wall—in the dykes duo possibly to shrinkage, and in the slates, to stretching of the rock. In these transverse fissures, which usually lie in a plane approaching the horizontal is found crystallized quartz. Usually in such fissures the gold is found near one of the walls, where the zone is slate or schist, it is often found that there are seams or veins of quartz running with the slates or schists and approximatly coinciding with them in strike and dip. Across this zone, cutting both slates or schists and the veins paralleling them, are a second series of flat, or nearly flat, seams usually containing quartz, and at the intersections of these pockets form, either along the line of intersections or "bunched" at the point of a crossing of a third seam, called the "gold seam." These gold seams usually contain a pulverulent, earthy mineral, which consists largely of black oxide of manganese and iron oxide. Quartz in veinlets and granulesis also present. Miners often follow the seam persistently in the expectation of cutting veins and crossings where gold may be expected to occur, and are often disappointed when in a pocket region. The slates and schists in pocket mines are usually heavily impregnated with pyrite. In some mines arsenical pyrite is a good sign of the proximity of a pocket of gold, though far from an infallible index. In other mines, where a dyke accompanies the pocket bearing seams or veins, the appearance of light green scales of iron silicate with the softening of the dyke rock is considered a good sign, as this condition is frequently observed when pockets are found in mines of this description.

CHINESE STUDENTS.

In a letter received by Dr. MacKay, secretary of the Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society, C. H. Robertson, a missionary stationed at Nanking, China gives some interesting facts concerning the educational systems in China.

The Chinese government does not support education in our way, but permits men to study when and how they wish. It does at stated times and places hold examinations, where the successful candidates are given degrees, the first three of which correspond roughly to our bachelor, master and docter degrees respectively. There are in the Chinese empire about 1700 matriculation or preliminary examination centres 250 of the first degree, 18 of the second degree and 1 of the third degree. The halls at Nanking are for second degree examinations and hold about 28,000 students at one time.

Several days are taken up in getting the 20,000 candidates settled in their respective cells, after which the doors are sealed up. The first exam consists of essays upon five topics, mainly concerning the past dynasties and history of China. They write for 24 hours continuously—from 5 a.m. until 5 a.m. Three exams make up the whole course. The strain is very severe and men frequently succumb.

For the first test this year there were 20,000 candidates, for the second 19,000 and for the third 18,000. The gates are sealed after the examination and two examiners and eighteen assistants wade thru the papers. After five weeks the successful ones are announced. Out of 20,000 candidates degrees are given only to the 145 persons who stand highest in the list.

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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 25th day of November, 1903.

JAMES FERGUSON ARMSTRONG.
Official Administrator
Fort Steele, B. C.

MINERAL ACT.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Hunter V., Double Standard, Me'cis Fraction, Vulgar Fraction, Fugalla, Silver Bullion and Aurora Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: Five miles south o Ymir, on the divide between Porcupine and Hidden Greeks.

Take notice that I, J. D. Anderson, P.L.S., of Trail, B. C., agent for William Davis, Esq., Free Miner's Certificate No. B. 58,478, 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.

Dated this 14th day of August, 1903.

J. D. ANDERSON.

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

Dated this 19th day of Sept., 1903.

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Choice assortment of Jewelry, Cuff Links, Chains, etc., in heavy plated and solid Gold.

Large consignment of Fruits, consisting of choice eating and cooking Apples, Oranges, etc.

Full line of Fancy and Staple Groceries at moderate prices.

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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

Room for a Regiment's Drill Manoevers.

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.

Experienced enterprising "buyers" are scouring the world nearly six months of the year securing the most suitable merchandise where it is produced best and cheapest. Quantity is no drawback. The bigger quantity bought, the lower the price. If the goods are right the Robert Simpson Company cannot take too much of them.

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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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.

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POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY.

The Ontario government has a grievance. Its friends say that it is being accused of crimes with which it has nothing to do, of meddling in things that are outside the field of its activities. All this is the natural result of the Ontario government's abnormal thirst for power. It would not allow the municipalities to appoint sheriffs, registrars, or license officials. Everything must be centred at Toronto. It happens that to-day all the important appointments connected with the administration of justice in Ontario are made either at Toronto or at Ottawa, and that the same political party is in power in both places. When the making of laws, and the administration of laws are entirely in the hands of one political party, it is not at all unnatural that the acts of the dominant party shou'd be keenly scrutinized. The dominant party may have some good intentions. So had Downing street in the old days. But the good intentions of rulers are no compensation for the loss of self-government, and the people of to-day have a growing conviction that they are not self governed, but ruled by an office-holding combination, strongly entrenched by 32 years of domination. —Toronto World.

His Honor Judge Henderson has handed down his decision in the Chinese gambling cases appealed from a conviction of the Vancouver police magistrate, F. McD. Russell. The Chinamen contended that they were only playing a parlor game of "song pong" and not the unlawful, but fascinating game of fan-tan. His Honor upheld the conviction, the appeal being dismissed with costs. In giving his decision the judge commented on the presence of a complete gambling outfit and the fact that a watchman was stationed at the door, who would be hardly needed if an innocent parlor game were being played.

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ELECTION EXPENSES.

The following is an abstract of detailed statement of all the election expenses incurred by me on my own behalf, as a candidate for the Ymir Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District, at election held October 3rd, 1903.

To cash paid for Telegrams..	$	5 43
" Adv'ing & Pr'ing		77 25
" Horse Hire.....		8 00
" Postage & Stat'ery		37 95
" Rents of Halls....		10 00
" Travelling and Personal Expenses.....		143 00
		$281 63

I hereby certify above is a correct statement.

HARRY WRIGHT.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., November 26th, 1903.

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