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 Fine China Cabaret or Salad Dish, was \$4.00, now \$2.75
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Decorated China Cake Plate, sold for 65c, now 40c
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 Handsome Decorated China Cake Plate, sold for \$1.50, now \$1.00
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6 Knives and Forks, Triple Plated, were \$3.00, now \$1.95
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12-piece Chamber Set, Gold and Maroon Decoration, an ornament to any bedroom, was \$15.00, now \$11.10
 12-piece Chamber Set, decorated, was \$10.50, now \$8.10

Game and Chocolate Sets

14-piece China Game Set, decorated, was \$14.00, now \$9.45
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112-piece Dinner Set, Yellow Chrysanthemum Decoration, was \$22.50, now \$15.00
 100-piece Dinner Set, Purple and Gold Decoration; former price \$17.50, now \$12.90
 100-piece Dinner Set, Floral Decoration; former price \$15.00, now \$11.40
 112-piece Dinner Set, Floral Blue Decoration, Gold Tracing; former price \$27.00, now \$21.00

Cups and Saucers

6 Decorated Cups and Saucers, four styles; were \$1.00, now, per set, 75c

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5,000 Fancy China Cups and Saucers, at prices ranging from 20c to \$2.50 each.

Hanging and Stand Lamps

Always Needed in Every Household
 Decorated Bisque Shade and Bowl, Brass Fount, Round Wick Hanging Lamp, was \$12.00, now \$8.45
 No. 95—Handsome Stand Lamp, Large Globe, was \$7.50; now \$5.15
 No. 29—A Beautiful Parlor Lamp, with Globe, was \$3.00, now \$1.95
 No. 16—Decorated Stand Lamp, with Globe, was \$3.00, now \$1.95
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One that sold for \$5.00, now \$3.15
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 Over 300 styles, at prices from 15c to \$1.25 each

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7-piece Water Set and Tray, was \$3.00; now \$1.95
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 7-piece Wine Set, was \$2.50, now \$1.55
 7-piece Wine Set Imported, was \$6.00, now \$4.25

Restaurant China

Hotel Cups and Saucers, per dozen, \$1.50
 \$1.75 Plates, per dozen, now \$1.40
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 \$1.20 Plates, per dozen, now 90c

Bisque Figures

A fine pair of Figures 16 inches high, sold for \$10.00, now \$7.50
 A nice pair of Figures 13 1/2 inches high, were \$5.00, now \$3.50
 A pretty pair of Figures, were \$4.50; now \$3.50

Bric-a-Brac

Pin Trays, were 20c, now 10c
 Pin Trays, 60c and 75c kinds, now 40c
 Ash Trays, were 60c, now 35c
 Hair Receivers, were \$1.25, now 75c
 Bonbon Boxes, were 35c, now 20c
 Candlesticks, were 35c, now 20c
 Bisque Busts, on Pedestal, were \$1.25; now 80c
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 \$4.00 Mockingbird Cage for \$3.00

Carving Sets

\$4.50 3-piece Carving Set, Buckhorn Handles, \$3.15
 \$5.50 3-piece Carving Set, Stag Handles, \$3.95
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Gilt Frames and Mirrors

Handsome Gold Plated Photo Frame, was \$3.00, now \$2.20
 Pretty Gold Plated Photo Frame, was \$1.75, now \$1.15
 Nice Gold Plated Photo Frame, was \$1.50; now \$1.10
 Gilt Mirror Metal Frame, was \$3.50; now \$2.40
 Gilt Mirror Metal Frame, was \$2.75; now \$2.15

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18x18 Heavy Frame in Black and White Subjects, "Two Little Coons," "Pharaoh's Horses," "Dog Heads and Elk," "The Little Mother," "Family Cares," "Washington" and "Lincoln." SOLD at \$4.00, NOW \$1.95

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\$2.50 Cooking Kettles, Granite Iron, \$1.80
 \$2.00 Cooking Kettles, Granite Iron, \$1.60
 \$1.00 Cooking Kettles, Granite Iron, 80c
 \$1.75 Tea Kettles, Granite Iron, \$1.40
 \$1.50 Tea Kettles, Granite Iron, \$1.10
 \$1.25 Dinner Pails, Granite Iron, 90c
 50c Granite Siew Pans, 35c
 25c Granite Mill Pans, 15c
 25c Patent Flue Stops, 15c
 50c Tin Dinner Pails, 35c
 10-cent Roll Toilet Paper, 6 for, 25c
 5c Paper of Tacks, 3 for, 10c
 Mrs. Potts' Irons, were \$1.75; now, per set, \$1.20
 Paper Napkins, were 25c 100, now 10c

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INTERESTING NEWS OF THE MINES

BLUE FLAG GOLD MINES ON BOOM

CLAIMS ON RAVEN HILL, NEAR VICTOR, COL., BID FAIR TO DEVELOPE INTO BIG THING.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
 Victor, Colo., Dec. 23.—J. Herrisman, president and manager of the Blue Flag G. M. company, who recently returned from the East, where a consultation was held with the principal stockholders, has commenced work on an extensive scale on the company's estate on Raven Hill.

A powerful hoist and other machinery have been purchased and will be installed immediately. The old timbering in the shaft which has been selected for the main workings, will be replaced. The shaft will be enlarged to four and one-half by eight feet in the clear and will be timbered with square sets. Good ore is now being mined and saved at a depth of 100 feet in another shaft in this property. Yesterday a 40-ton shipment which will average about \$25 a ton was hilled out. The screenings from this vein are averaging \$50 a ton and a shipment of this grade of mineral will be made this week. The Blue Flag adjoins the Joe Dandy and is believed to carry the extension of the rich Joe Dandy ore chute.

ROSSLAND-KOOTNAY ARE TO BE BOOMED NEXT YEAR

Directors of British Columbia Mines May Make Some Improvements—What the Outlook Is.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
 Rossland, B. C., Dec. 23.—The management of the Rossland-Kootenay mines will be William Thompson, general manager, and Andrew G. Larson, general superintendent. Mr. Larson has been identified with the Nickel Plate and the Kootenay as superintendent since November of last year. He was formerly connected with the "Trisco" and other Custer & Alene properties.

Manager Thompson leaves shortly for England to before the directors of the Rossland-Kootenay details respecting the position of the Nickel Plate and the Kootenay, and to go with them into the question of utilizing the enormous deposits opened up and blocked out in the Kootenay. The problem of reduction work hinges exclusively around the Kootenay's ore, the product of the Nickel Plate being regarded as a "sweetener" in any process that may be decided upon.

It has been thought heretofore that the company would undoubtedly decide upon the erection of a smelter on the pyritic system, the Kootenay ore being ideal for treatment by this process. Now, however, a new element has developed through the amended attitude of the Canadian Smelting works operating the Trail smelter. It is intimated that since the Rossland-Kootenay company took up the establishment of its own smelter seri-

ously, the Trail smelter, heretofore somewhat indifferent to all appearances to the possibilities of the Kootenay mine, has evidenced a strong disposition to purchase the output of the mine, and extended rates that are so low as to affect possibly its future program.

The Trail smelter is handling some 12,000 tons of War Eagle and Centre Star ores monthly, and these ores are ordinarily classed among the refractory ores characteristic of the Rossland camp. The product of the Kootenay mine, by reason of its self-fluxing qualities, would make an admirable "mixer" for War Eagle and Centre Star ores and save the smelter a part of the cost of importing lime flux at heavy outlay. Moreover, the Kootenay ore is an admirable flux for silver-lead ores, and it is expected that the assistance of the federal government will have the effect in a few months of stimulating the production of silver-lead ores.

ALPINE GROUPS OF MINES DOWN IN TONOPAH DISTRICT

Five Carloads of Ore Received at Salt Lake, With Which to Demonstrate the Quality of the Stuff.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
 Salt Lake, Dec. 23.—Accompanied by five carloads of ore with which to demonstrate the quality of that which is now being quarried from the Alpine group of mines, out of Tonopah, Nev., Messrs. M. J. O'Meara and Thomas Lynch came in from the West yesterday, and will remain through the holidays.

The consignment, which is the first to reach the local market under a contract with the American Smelting and Refining company, cannot but emphasize the nature of opportunities, so long neglected in Nevada, the camp assays on a stack of 500 sacks that have been piled up revealing an average of 65 per cent lead and 280 ounces silver, with 3.1 per cent copper. As rapidly as a force of these miners can accomplish it, these ores are being quarried from a ledge eight feet between veins, and that has been intelligently prospected for a distance of over 2,000 feet along its strike. While the purchasers were fortunate in their operations on the Mizpah ledge at Tonopah, everything indicates that their earnings from the later acquisition, about 25 miles distant from the camp, will usher them into a place among the multi-millionaires of the famous old commonwealth. Indeed, the work is so well in hand on the Alpine group that the output promises to equal that of the most productive of the bonanzas in the neighboring camp. Not far distant from them Con Driscoll has acquired a group which is traversed by the same phenomenal ledge, and, by the samples from it, is now on his way to Salt Lake.

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JOHN H. HAMMOND GETS A GOOD JOB

VETERAN OF JAMESON RAID APPOINTED TO CHAIR IN SHELF-FIELD DEPARTMENT AT YALE.

A recent number of the Yale Alumni Weekly received in Butte from New Haven gives the information that John Hays Hammond, the noted mining expert, well known throughout America, as well as in South Africa, has been appointed professor of mining engineering in the Sheffield Scientific school of Yale University. Prof. Hammond's engineering abilities have made him pre-eminent in his profession the world over, and millions of dollars have been hung on his dictum in mine examinations.

Prof. Hammond graduated from Yale in the class of '76. He was involved, through no fault of his own, in the dangers attendant on the Jameson raid in South Africa, and for a while his life was in great danger. However, he was released through influence of Yale friends in this country and by payment of a heavy fine imposed by Gen. Paul Kruger. Prof. Hammond received his professional education in the German universities.

"CONSOLIDATED MERCUR" AND ITS EXPERIMENT

Earnings of Company May Be Increased Many Thousands of Dollars if Their Scheme Works.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
 Salt Lake, Dec. 23.—The "experimental plant" of almost adult proportions with which the management of the Consolidated Mercur company is seeking to promote the extraction of its metal will go into commission next week, said George Moore, who is to prosecute the tests on his return from camp yesterday. The efficiency of the new method to which the company is resorting to be determined a week later.

The plant has a capacity for treating an average of about fifteen tons of ore daily, the calcined sulphides as well as the oxidized product to be subjected to test while the slimes from each are to be treated in a filter-press plant which has been improvised by Mr. Moore. The principle with which the experimental plant has already been "tried out" with quite satisfactory results and equally satisfactory ones are relied on at the Mercur.

The result there will, of course, determine to what extent it should be applied at the Con. Mercur mill. According to estimates, it is possible to introduce it throughout at an expense of a very few thousand dollars, while the additional saving would be such as to offset this in less than 60 days.

Certainly it will be employed at the properties of the Sunshine Mining company, which has been reclaimed by Mr. Moore. The installation there to be completed within the next 90 days. With the slimes at the Con. Mercur yielding as read-

ily to treatment as did those at the Sunshine, it is not difficult to see how President Derr will be able to increase the earnings many thousands of dollars in 1903.

BOULDER MEN THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE TO SMELTER

Some of Their Reason for Believing Such a Plant Should Be Put Up in Their Neighborhood.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
 Boulder, Mont., Dec. 23.—Mining men of this vicinity are very anxious to have a smelter located here to work up the abundance of concentrating ores in sight.

At this place the location is an ideal one, the dumping ground for slag would never get crowded, the buildings are intact, a railroad track passes under their eyes, water is in profusion, and everything necessary for operating a first-class smelter and concentrator is only awaiting the right parties.

More than this: There will be in the near future all the ores necessary to run a very large smelter to occupy its time when not engaged on the company's material.

One admirable thing about a smelter being located at this point is, that the smoke would take a natural swirl down the valley and be detrimental to none, and another is it is easy of access from all points, and these two propositions alone are essentials that cannot be overlooked. Another is that this is the very place of all others for a concentrator, as the slimes could be controlled almost forever with comparatively no expense. There is no doubt we have thousands of tons of concentrating ores already in sight that the owners would be only too glad to have worked up if it could be done at a reasonable cost.

MOLLY GIBSON MINING COMPANY WILL RESUME

Own Group of Three Claims Adjacent to the Snowshoe—Development Work Encourages.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
 Libby, Dec. 23.—It is announced to be the intention of the Molly Gibson Mining company to shortly resume operations on its property in Snowshoe gulch, about 20 miles south of this place. This company owns a group of three claims which lie next the famous Snowshoe mine, which has produced considerably over a half million dollars.

The claims owned by the Molly Gibson company are the Molly Gibson, Osse Negro and Moccasin. The vein which extends through the company's property is one of the biggest and strongest in the entire Libby district. It has been traced through all the claims, giving the company about 3,700 feet of known ledge.

Development work has resulted in good values being found. The company has directed its efforts to driving a tunnel, beginning at a point just above the main working shaft of the Snowshoe mine, and this is the point at which the future developments are to be carried on.

From the indications at the face of the tunnel the character of the vein is such as to warrant the belief that a short distance will have to be run to find the ore. In the event of its being the

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same character as that found on the surface, a large share of it will be clean shipping ore, and will not require concentration.

The values are in gold, silver and lead with good indications of copper. In addition to the clean shipping ore there is much good concentrating ore in sight. The Gibson has always been considered one of the most promising properties in the Libby district and with sufficient development work the chances are very much in favor of its becoming a big producer. The vein is from six to 12 feet wide, the formation is slate and quartzite, and the vein is a fissure, standing about straight up and down. The character of the ore is the same as that found in the Snowshoe mine, with the advantage that the crude ore is richer.

The Molly Gibson Mining company is organized under the laws of Montana, and is capitalized for \$150,000, one-third of the stock being in the treasury for development purposes. It is largely owned by Helena parties.

INTEREST STIMULATED IN ROSSLAND, B. C., NOW

Work on Minor Claims Has Been Begun With Renewed Vigor and a Period of Prosperity is On.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 23.—The late feature in mining has been the stimulated interest in the minor properties of the camp, such as the White Bear, the Homestake and the Green Mountain.

The White Bear lies almost due west of the Black Bear claim, in the Le Roi group, and two important stopes on the big Le Roi claim lie in it. An examination of the Black bear ledge seemed to

indicate that the White Bear people could pick it up on the 700-foot level of their property, and a shaft was accordingly sunk to this depth. Drifts were turned off and some 1,400 feet of drifting was done in search of the ore body. Ore was picked up and of excellent quality, running high in copper, but the main ore shoot could not be located. It was discovered, however, that the formation was badly disrupted, and this showed that even had the main shoot been caught it would have been too broken to form profitable stoping ground. Now the company has decided to drop to the 900-foot level and turn off drifts at that depth to pick up the elusive lode. This additional depth will overcome the highest degree of dip which the Black Bear vein can have taken, and unless the ore has vanished altogether it would seem as if the White Bear people would eventually strike pay rock. The property is largely owned in Ontario, although Rosslanders are interested to some extent.

In the case of the Homestake another instance of perseverance is manifested. A large sum of money has been spent in development, but results have not been satisfactory. The work has proved, however, that the upper strata have been disrupted and the company is seeking results at lower levels. Work is being done in a drift on the 300-foot level. In the 200-foot level a good ore body was opened up, but the values were low, and it is thought that in the lower workings the values will be found higher. It is the only south belt mine now being operated.

On the Green Mountain a body of ore, claimed to be 10 feet in width and to carry values of \$11 across the face, was recently opened on the 450-foot level, and this is being explored.