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MIDWAY'S XMAS TREE.

For some time past quite a ripple of excitement had stirred the usually placid lives of Midway's feminine population, and this state of affairs was brought to a climax when on Christmas night the public were given admittance to Palmerston's hall. Many even among the adults viewed then for the first time what was without doubt a magnificent Christmas tree. The decorations of the hall, which were arranged in truly artistic style, and drew forth praise from all who beheld them, consisted of the mottos "Welcome to our Christmas Tree," "A Merry Christmas," "A Happy New Year," and "God Save the Queen," together with flags, the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes entwined on each side of the principal Christ-tree., combined with pictures, Chinese lanterns, evergreens, etc., etc., whilst the tree itself (or rather trees, for there were three of them raised upon a dias) were simply loaded with all kinds and descriptions of articles, some of which were very beautiful and delighted old and young alike.

As to numbers, Santa Claus himself must have been astonished at beholding such a display of generosity, for upwards of three hundred presents passed through his hands, two hours of his time being taken up distributing them.

For a description of Santa Claus we had better turn to the little ones, for they only can give a true rendering of his appearance, which did not take place until after the following address of welcome had been delivered by Mr. Norris:

"Ladies, Gentlemen, and Little Ones:

"The motto that is at present hidden from view, but which will soon be disclosed to you, reads thus: "Welcome to our Christmas Tree," and it is with feelings of pleasure and pride I carry out the duty that has deputed to me, viz., on behalf of the ladies of Midway and vicinity to extend to you all a very hearty welcome to this the first entertainment of the kind ever held in your midst, and at the same time to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The primary object of this gathering, you will understand is to entertain the possessors of the beamiag little faces that are looking at me with such fullness of expectancy, and therefore I trust that one and all will throw aside reserve later in the evening and give a cheerful assistance, so that the enjoyment of to-night may ever be associated in after years with the pleasant memories of childhood. For a fullness of enjoyment, however, it will be necessary that Santa Claus shall make his appearance here to-night, so I beg of you one and all to lend your mind to this one thought, and let your only prayer be that he, in his rapid flight on errands of mercy to the people of the earth, may deign to tarry with us, if only for a little while, to scatter good things among those who are so ready and willing to gather them. But hark! what is that? do I hear the jingle of bells? is it possible our prayer is so soon to be answered? but yes, it must be so, for surely Santa Claus is now rapping at the window and I must leave to let him in. (Applause.)

The curtain falls and Santa Claus stands revealed to view amid the Christmas Trees, and such a Santa Claus, with fur coat, cap and boots, carrying in one hand a lantern, upon which was inscribed strange greetings, in the other a long whip, and this was his greeting: "Bismallah, Inshallah, Fallallah! Good evening little girls, good evening little boys, a Merry Christmas to all my Children.

I have come from the far north and rapid has been my journey, for I knew you were all anxiously awaiting me. Great use I have made of my whip to guide the four beautiful reindeer that drew me over the crystal snow. But I came very near not bringing you all those beautiful presents, for surely I met a large white bear in Alaska, who wished to eat them up, but I said "go away, go away, I cannot bear you," so I was allowed to pass on, and after surmounting other innumerable difficulties here I am ready and willing to cheer your hearts and make you merry."

And merry the time Santa Claus spent among them truly was, with jokes, trite sayings, and happy remarks, and his departure came all too soon and was much regretted by all, although taken amid great applause.

After the distribution of presents refreshments were served to all, after which, Mr. Alex. Sherrett having kindly volunteered to furnish the music, the floor was cleared and two hours were spent in dancing, which brought to a close one of the pleasantest gatherings ever brought together in the country.

Great credit is due to the ladies who worked so hard and so long to bring the entertainment to the crowning success that it was.

THE RED MOUNTAIN RAILWAY.

Press Opinions For and Against the Extension of the Charter.

Vancouver World.—"Among other railway undertakings with which the legislature will have to deal this session is the Red Mountain railway scheme. In April, 1893, it granted this company, of which C. T. Dupont, F. B. Pemberton, and D. C. Corbin are the leading lights, a charter to build a line from a point on the international boundary on the right fork of Sheep creek, up the said creek to Red Mountain, tapping the Trail creek mines. Nothing has been done in the way of commencing operations and the charter expires in April in default of bona fide operations. The promoters will have a bill before the house, asking, among other things, an extension of time in which to commence operations. Certain events have transpired since the granting of the charter to prejudice members of the legislature against the Red Mountain company. It is practically the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Company, or, in other words, D. C. Corbin. This gentleman is the principal owner of the Spokane Falls & Northern railway, the American continuation of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway connecting with Spokane. The railway company owns the townsite of Northport, and within the last year has made every effort to build it up at the expense of British Columbia towns. To such an extent has this been carried out that the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway has refused—so it is reported—shipments of ore from Trail Creek at any point in Canada, necessitating shipment by steamer to Northport. The way things have shaped recently has been sufficient to convince members of the legislature that the construction of any such line as the Red Mountain railway could have but one effect, that is the diversion of traffic from its natural channel through British Columbia towns to the American townsite of Northport. An effort will be made to impress upon the house the fact that the building of the road will tend to increase the material importance and progress of an American townsite at the expense of places on this side of the line."

The following is part of the Nelson Tribune's rejoinder to the above:

"The Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway has not refused to receive Trail Creek ore at its stations. All ore from that district is now transferred from steamboat to rail at Waneta; and were the Pilot Bay smelter now ready to treat ore, every ton of Trail creek ore could be treated at that point, provided the charges for treatment were the same as at American smelters, for the simple reason that the transportation charges from the mines to Pilot Bay would be $4 a ton less than the charges now paid for transportation to Tacoma or Great Falls. Were the Red Mountain road built to a connection with the Spokane Falls & Northern at Northport, the transportation charges to Pilot Bay would be even less than the present rate, for both the wagon and steamboat hauls would be done away with. The World should not intermeddle in railway matters that do not concern its own bailiwick; it is not sufficiently broad-minded to discuss economic questions that concern the province at large. * * * *
It (the World) would have southern Kootenay kept as a preserve for the Canadian Pacific, or for the men who build railways, like the Nakusp & Slocan, on the credit of the province. There is no reason why the mine owners of Trail Creek should be deprived of that which is granted the people of other sections of the province, that is, transportation facilities; and more especially when such facilities are to be given them without cost to the province. The building of the Red Mountain railway will force the Canadian Pacific to extend its Columbia & Kootenay branch into Trail Creek district; and the building of the two roads will benefit the province, and will surely not work to the disadvantage of the mine owners of Trail Creek."

Trail Creek is in Kootenay and the building of the Red Mountain railway as far as the ADVANCE is concerned must necessarily be treated in a broad spirit, as the principle involved is a matter which affects the southern interior and not the immediate section of country in which this paper chiefly circulates, and in which it is principally interested—the southern Okanagan and Kettle river. We have, therefore, no hesitation whatever in stating, as the principle involved appears to be, whether private parties or corporations on the American side of the line shall or shall not be permitted to build roads into the mining camps of the southern portion of the province when they seek no subsidy from the Governments on this side, that they should be permitted to do so. The question is not whether the building of a certain

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895.

A MATTER OF CHOICE.

Nelson Tribune, Dec. 22.—"Whether or not a general election is to be held at an early day or a late day, it should be the duty of every elector in Yale and Kootenay to vote solid for a member who will pledge himself to make an attempt to remove from office Postoffice Inspector Fletcher. This may work a hardship on Mr. Mara, the present member; but Mr. Mara has long refused to act as his constituents wish him in this and other matters and he will have to step down and out to make room for a man who will do as he is told by the people whose servent he is."

The people of south Kootenay, whose wishes and ideas are well voiced by the Tribune, have undoubtedly suffered immense inconvenience owing to crass stupidity on the part of the postoffice department as represnted by Mr. Fletcher. The people of south Yale also have no reason to cherish a friendly feeling towards Mr. Fletcher, those, at any rate, who live in the south Okanagan and Kettle river.

The manner in which the country south of Okanagan lake has been treated during the past four years in this respect would lead anyone to believe that the arrangement for mail contracts in this section was left to a committee of lunatics. If Mr. Mara is wise in his generation (and he certainly has the reputation of being so) he will undoubtedly take some action in the matter before the next general election takes place, either by securing the postoffice inspector a handsome pension for life or by getting another official appointed to arrange mail contracts for the districts in his constituency. This may be a very "small" way of treating a political matter, but politics in this section of Canada are very small anyway, and if Mr. Mara cannot secure Kettle river a better mail service than that lately accorded to it, he can rely on receiving very few Kettle river votes.

Subscribers to the ADVANCE who did not receive their paper by last week's mail are entitled to know the reason why. It was owing to the mixed up state of affairs caused by the old mail service giving place to the new one. We made a noble effort to get a paper out in time to catch the last mail for the west and north, which now leaves Midway on Monday and not Wednesday (or Tuesday, as last week), but in common with almost everyone in the place, failed to connect, as no notification was given beforehand as to the change. Henceforth this paper will be published on Saturday night to fall in with the weekly mail for the north, and will be sent by one of the subscription mail services to Grand Prairie and points east.

A NEW CORNER ON COPPER.

Dispatches yesterday morning announced that an international deal had been entered into at Chicago, whereby a French Syndicate had combined to get a corner on the copper market. Ever since the great smash up of the the great corner in copper, which was created by the French and English syndicate three years ago, speculators have been figuring how to put through some such scheme.

The representatives of the combine were in Chicago several days ago, and were joined there by John Dempstel of Glasgow. Arthur Turnbull of New York, who is interested in the deal also, came on and yesterday the party left for the west.

Their mission, it is said, is to confer with the owners of the immense Montana and Arizona properties.

The scheme of the syndicate is to get the owners to cut in two the output and not exceed 2,000,000 pounds a month. This would bring down the figures of the Anaconda properties, and of the Calumet and Hecla mines. All arrangements have been made for the carrying out of the deal and it only remains for Marcus Daly to give his consent. He is a difficult man to deal with, but the promoters profess to believe they can afford to offer a big inducement.—Mining and Market Reporter.

NOTICE.

PURSUANT to the "Trustees and Executors Act," notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims against the estate of John Moffat, of Fairview, British Columbia, who died on the first day of November, 1894, and of whose estate probate was granted on the 17th day of December, to George J. Sheehan, of Fairview, aforesaid, are hereby required to send in the particulars of their claims or demands, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of February, 1895, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having reference only to the debts, claims and demands of which he shall then have had notice, and for the assets or any part thereof so administered or distributed and he will not be liable to any person of whose debt, claim or demand he shall not then have had notice; and all persons indebted to the estate of the deceased are required forthwith to pay the amount of their debts respectively to the executor.

GEORGE J. SHEEHAN,
EXECUTOR,
December, 18th, 1895. Fairview, B. C.

GENIUS AND MADNESS.

Moliere was subject to convulsions.

Schopenhauer was always gloomy and pessimistic.

Ben Jonson and Nat Lee were almost slaves to alcohol.

Paganini, the violinist, often fell into a cataleptic state.

Schiller was a victim of fainting fits and convulsions.

George Eliot had frequent attacks of nervous prostration.

Chatterton was undoubtedly insane when he took his own life.

Shelley is said to have had visions in which he devoutly believed.

Both Kepler and Cuvier died of different forms of brain disease.

Johanna Southcote was a cataleptic of the same variety as Joan of Arc.

Ignatius Loyola had visions which he seems to have regarded as inspired.

The brilliant Southey finally sank into a state of mental stupor, in which he died.

Lord Clive's melancholy finally ended in madness, and he died by his own hand.

Socrates imagined that he had a familiar spirit or guardian angel that conversed with him.

WELL-KNOWN FOREIGNERS.

Alexander Dumas has been fined twice for keeping a vicious dog at his home in Paris.

M. Durnof, the aeronaut, who first opened communication between Paris and the outside world in 1870, is dying in a Paris hospital.

Multafa Bey, formerly private physician to the sultan of Morocco, is said to derive an income of $100,000 a year from his profession.

Countess Alesio, of Turin, Italy, who celebrated her one hundredth birthday recently, accompanied her husband through all the hardships of the Moscow campaign while she was a bride of eighteen.

The Archduke Rainer, of Austria, has a collection of 10,000 Egyptian papyrus documents dating back from B.C. 1200. The collection contains commercial letters, contracts, tax records, wills, tailors' bills, novels and even love letters.

Bismarck said to a correspondent who visited him at Varzin a couple of weeks ago: "I shall never enter public life of any kind again. I am out of the harness forever." As he is verging upon the age of fourscore this is not particularly surprising.

GOVERNMENT RAILROADS.

South Austria owns her own railway system.

The little country of Hesse owns two hundred and twenty-six miles of railroad.

The government of Portugal owns about half the railroads in the country.

The Netherlands own nearly one thousand miles of railroads, all in the best of condition.

There are six hundred and three miles of railway belonging to the Japanese government.

A large per cent of the railways of Italy are owned by the government and leased to corporations.

Victoria, Australia, owns all the railroads in the colony, two thousand three hundred and forty-one miles.

New South Wales owns two thousand one hundred and eighty-two miles of railway, and New Zealand in 1892 owned six hundred and seventy-two miles.

THE ORIENT.

According to the examination just made by order of the Greek patriarch, the Byzantine edifices of Constantinople have not suffered severely by the earthquake.

As fasters the sect of Jains, in India, is far ahead of all rivals. Fasts of from thirty to forty days are very common, and once a year they are said to abstain from food for seventy-five days.

Nearly every Japanese paper has a "prison editor." For infraction of the publication laws somebody must go to jail, and so the prison editor's chief duty is to expiate the newspaper's offense by languishing in a cell.

On a territory about the area of Montana Japan supports forty million people in comparative comfort. Reckoning our own area at twenty-four times that of Japan, this country at that rate would support nine hundred and sixty million people.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Europe has only about eight per cent. of the Sunday school attendance of the world.

The Sunday school membership of Germany has increased over eighty per cent. in the last twenty years.

There are 22,000,000 persons, teachers and scholars, enrolled in the Protestant Sunday schools of the world.

There are 25,099 Sunday schools, 81,950 teachers, and 1,635 scholars in the different continental nations of Europe.

In 1374 there were in Germany 1,218 Protestant Sunday schools, with 86,418 teachers and scholars, in 1893 there were 5,900 schools and 784,769 teachers and scholars.

IN AND AROUND ENGLAND.

The announcement was lately made by the paymaster general of the supreme court of England that the total amount of dormant funds lying in chancery is $6,000,000.

The Fastnet lighthouse, the spot on the Irish coast best known to Canadians, is said to be in a dangerous condition, as the iron fastenings of the tower have become corroded.

"Window gazing" is a profession in London. A couple of stylishly dressed ladies pause before the window of a merchant, remain about five minutes and audibly praise the goods displayed inside. Then they pass on to another store on their long list of patrons.

PAINTING AND ARTISTS.

Rosa Bonheur is over seventy years of age, and not finding her easel sufficient to occupy her time and consume her energy, she has taken up with photography as an additional work.

Miss Dhanbai Fardonjer Banajee, aged eighteen years, of Bombay, is the first woman to go from India to Paris for art study. She has succeeded in having one of her pictures hung in the Paris salon.

After many repaintings and alterations Alma Tadema has finished his magnum opus, a picture of ancient Rome in festival, which has already been bought by a dealer in Berlin for one hundred thousand marks. It is called "Spring," and contains more than one hundred figures of celebrants and spectators, a procession in honor of the gods of flowers and fertility moving along toward the temple.

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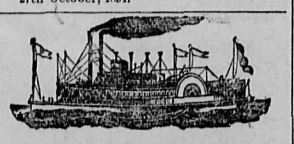
C. A. R. LAMBLY,
Osoyoos, B. C., Gold Commissioner.
27th October, 1894.



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LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

Mr. Lefevre returned to Midway on Friday from Fairview.

Timber wolves have been frequently seen of late in Grand Prairie.

The fords are now frozen solid the whole length of Kettle river.

A certain resident of Grand Prairie will be charry of chairs in future.

Mrs. W. T. Thompson is, we are glad to hear, again recovering health.

Mr. J. E. Boss left last week for Spokane and is expected to return in a few days.

Mr. Dale is getting out a quantity of cedar shakes and shingles up Norwegian gulch.

Mr. T. Hardy lately trapped seven martin during a two days' outing at Christina lake.

Messrs. Brown, Wolfe and Miller are still hard at work in the tunnel of their claim up the north fork of Kettle river.

The specifications for the recorder's office, Midway, have been altered to allow lumber other than fir to be used for flooring and sheeting.

The expenses to which the city council at Vernon were put to quench the diphtheria epidemic, amount to the respectable figure of $1,400. There is a great deal of ill feeling over the matter.

The clean-ups on the Similkameen river are beginning to come in, and bricks aggregating several hundreds of dollars have been accepted in town in trade for "grub."—Loomiston Journal.

The majority of the settlers on Anarchist mountain celebrated Christmas by a surprise party at the hospitable home of Mr. R. G. Sidley. A thoroughly pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent by those present.

The necessary permission having been given by the school trustees, a meeting will take place this week in the school house, Grand Prairie, for the purpose of electing officers for the library and debating society, lately formed in the valley.

Mr. Sheringham, the late mail carrier, made his last trip from Oseyoos to Grand Prairie on Saturday, and will now settle on his ranch up the north fork. Mr. Sheringham was always willing to oblige the public in any way he could while carrying the mail, and those who will miss seeing him along his old route will not be few in number.

The Kettle river above Boundary creek has been fordable on ice for the past week. Some exceptionally cold nights were experienced on Boundary Flat last week, considerably colder than at Camp McKinney or higher up the creek, the thermometer registering several degrees below zero. No great cold has yet been experienced in the lower Okanagan.

The new weekly mail service between Penticton and Grand Forks will cost the Government $900 more than the old weekly service by Osoyoos. By giving an additional day for making the trip a semi-weekly service could have been procured for the figure the new weekly one will cost. It would, however, be of no earthly use to attempt to explain the matter to the postoffice department.

A very pleasant gathering took place at the Manse, Grand Prairie, on Xmas Eve, when Rev. Mr. Paton and Mrs. Paton entertained a large number of guests, both young and old. The great feature of the evening was a musical trio by the Messrs. Ward and Sutherland. Altogether, the gathering was one of the pleasantest which ever took place in the valley, and the genial hospitality of the host and hostess was greatly appreciated by all who were present.

Mr. C. C. Sands, Clement Vacher and the one and only Captain Shorts of Okanagan naval fame, landed in Midway last Sunday from Penticton. Mr. Vacher stated that he had purchased the St. Lawrence group in White's camp from Mr. Sands and intended to do some work—exceptionally good news for those who worked for the late owners. The gallant captain stated that the people of Kettle river would have to put up with his company for some time, as people up north had kind of tried to freeze him out. On behalf of the Kettle river community we offer the captain a hearty welcome as one of the greatest all round geniuses of the day.

Mr. F. W. Dickman is getting splendid ore out of the Defiance.

Christmas and New Year were celebrated in great style at both hotels at Fairview.

Mr. and Mrs. Lundy left Midway on Friday for Spokane. Mrs. Lundy, we regret to state, was suffering from ill-health.

Mr. Edward's ferry on Kettle river has been moved two hundred yards further down stream. This will avoid a dangerous eddy.

Seventy-five men "swore off" on Boundary creek during the last night of 1894. All have sworn on again by this time except one man, who does not wish his name to be made public.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McClung and family left Midway on Thursday for their ranch near Colville, where they will pass the remainder of the winter, returning to their Boundary creek home in the spring.

Last Wednesday a great Christmas celebration took place at McLaren Bros.' hotel, Grand Prairie. A large number of miners were present. What with music, stump speeches, and step dancing everybody had a real good time. Mr. William McCormick especially excelled himself in step dancing, and the chorus "Crossing the Cœur d'Alene," brought down the house.

We regret to report that two valuable teams belonging to Mr. Bennet, of Midway, were drowned in the Kettle river last Sunday. They were being driven down to Curlew creek to be wintered by Mr. J. W. Reed, and the ice broke while they were being taken on the river round the rocky bluff, about two miles from that point. Mr. Reed first tried the ice himself on horse back and it appeared to be perfectly safe. It, however, broke when the teams were being driven over it, and the horses were carried down by the current one after the other.

A very sad event is reported from the Tonasket Indian school (Okanagan) on the Colville reservation. One of the scholars, Moses Lambert, a half-breed, while stooping over a large heating tub used for washing purposes, slipped and fell into the almost boiling water. Those near, in attempting to pull him out, let him fall in a second time. The unfortunate child was so badly scalded that he died in great agony four hours afterwards. He was buried near the schoolhouse. The parents, who live twelve miles up Curlew creek, are distracted with grief. He was their eldest child and twelve years of age.

Mr. Charles Lawson, one of the pioneer cattle men of the upper Okanagan, died in Vernon on December 29th. He was a native of Sweden and was a sailor during the early part of his life. He took part in the earliest gold excitements in Australia and came to B. C. at the time of the first rush to Cariboo. On leaving the gold fields of the north he went into the cattle business and took up a ranch on Swan lake, near Vernon. This property was purchased, together with his band of cattle, some four years back by Judge Spinks. Since the sale of his ranch Lawson's health had gradually become impaired. The immediate cause of his death was from falling down stairs in the Victoria hotel, Vernon, whereby he fractured his hip bone and one of his arms.

News from the outside world reaches Kettle river slowly. It was only this week that intelligence of the death of Mr. Mat. Hotter reached Boundary creek, who died on November 15th, four days after reaching San Francisco. Mr. Hotter was a partner of Mr. J. Stevens, who originally owned the Wide West mine, Fairview, and held interests at the time of his death in the Evening Star, Fairview; Paris and Lincoln, White's camp, and the Knob Hill and Ironsides, Greenwood, besides other properties. He was a very much respected man among all who knew him. For a long time past he had been in very feeble health. He leaves, we understand, two children in California to mourn his loss and died intestate.

For the information of justices of the peace in the southern portion of the Osoyoos Division of Yale we may state that at the licensing court held at Vernon on the 15th, Mr. C. W. Ireland, P. M., who sat on the board, objected to the application of F. R. Kline, of Fairview, to have his licence for the Golden Gate hotel transferred to Mr. T. Elliott, being dealt with by the board at Vernon, for the following reasons: that it would be a breach of etiquette and an insult to the southern court sitting at Osoyoos to deal with a matter before the lower court and entirely within its province, that the object of establishing a court in the lower country had been for the express purpose of allowing that court to deal with matters concerning which the justices living in that section were conversant, and that in the event of the northern court granting or refusing a transfer of the license the reverse might be done by the southern court. It is only fair to Mr. Ireland to make this public, as the stand he took in the matter was undoubtedly the right one, and something more than surprise was entertained by the magistrates down south at the action of the northern board.

A shaft house has been put up on the Last Chance, Skylark camp.

On New Years Eve service was held by the Catholics on the reservation at Mr. R. Keoughan's, near Curlew creek.

Mr. J. A. Coryell, C. E., returned to Midway on Saturday from Grand Prairie, where he had been engaged in survey work, and left for Vernon the next day.

Dr. R. W. Jakes, who for the past three months has been practising medicine at Midway, left on New Years Day for Victoria to pass his examination before the B. C. Medical Board for the necessary certificate permitting practise in this province. The examination takes place on the 8th of this month.

Mr. J. Taylor of the Wellington camp went up to Rock creek to-day. He stated that he and Mr. Rumberger, having done what work they intended to do this season on the Ophir, meant to do some development on the Lexington, White's camp. Mr. Taylor also stated that he had gone out of the cat-raising business, as the owl season was again approaching.

Mr. H. White returned to Midway on Sunday from a business trip to Fairview. He reported that the mill was only running five stamps, pending the arrival of new stamps and shoes from San Francisco to replace those worn out. The Morning Star ledge, he stated, was proving itself to be wider and better than was supposed where the ore is now being taken out.

Mr. Fred. A. Bartholemew came down from the Providence camp on Thursday to Midway to have his left hand attended to which he had cut open with an axe while chopping fire wood. In the absence of Dr. Jakes he was fixed up by "Doc" Norris. Mr. Bartholemew stated that the Master Mason claim (north extension of the Providence), which he owns in partnership with Mr. E. Myers, is looking fine. The shaft in which they are now working is down twenty-eight feet in solid quartz, picked specimens of which show free gold, one wall being clearly defined. He is still on the outlook for the parties who stole everything in sight out of his cabin during his last absence, and necessitated his purchasing new batching and mining outfits.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE.

Hardly had the sounds of merriment ceased (the ocho of children's' voices still lingering in the ears of those who took part in the Christmas tree entertainment) than Palmerston's hall became once again the scene of a truly joyful gathering of the youth and beauty of the whole Kettle river district occasioned by a dance given on New Year's Eve by the bachelors of the neighborhood. Among the visitors from a distance may be mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Carraher, Miss and the Misses Elsie and Belle McLaren, Mr. F. Ruckle and Miss Wasson, and Miss Newby, together with a large number of gentlemen. These parties drove over from Grand Prairie by way of the new road over the Boundary Mountain, and reported good sleighing and a nice time spent on the way, the drive being a very enjoyable one. A large contingent came alss from Boundary Falls and vicinity, among whom were noticed Messrs. T. Hardy, G. A. Rendell, D. A. Holbrook, N. Leplante, H. White, J. Winters, John Harlan and others. Midway was represented by Mrs. Macdonald, Miss Jones, Mr. and Miss McAuley, Mr. and Mrs. Lundy. Mr. and Mrs. Melville, Mr. and Mrs. Bennet, Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. McClung, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, the Misses. Hopper and Miss Susie McClung. The local bachelors' names cannot be given for want of space, their number being legion, sufficient is it to say that they turned out in force.

At about 7 p. m. dancing was commenced, the music being furnished by a well appointed orchestra, and with the exception of the time spent in partaking of a splendid supper at 12 o'clock furnished by Messrs. McAuley & Lundy, to whom for the many delicasies provided great praise is due, was kept up until the early morning warned those remaining that they had truly entered upon the New Year, and that gay as the night had been, all things, even pleasurt, must have an ending. So with many expressions of kindly regard exchanged between entertainers and visitors, the most enjoyable gathering of the kind that ever took place on Kettle river was brought to an end, with the wish expressed by many that the near future might witness such anyther.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE ADVANCE:

SIR—For some reason at present unknown the ADVANCE has not come to hand; possibly the mail service is at fault; any way your tidy and interesting paper has not visited the writer for a number of weeks.

The valley is settling down to winter quarters, and cattle are being gathered off the ranges for feeding. The stock is coming in in fair condition and as feed is plentiful, with ordinary care, and unless the winter is very severe, the cattle should come through all right.

The prospects of the valley are brightening. The hard times, which means with us slow sales and scarcity of cash, are getting the people down to business in reducing expenses and practising economy, besides making plain to some the fact that good plain common sense, backed up with honest work, is a surer means of prosperity than wild-cat speculation or trying to get rich at the expense of somebody else.

Mission Valley is progressive. The inauguration of the "Agricultural and Trades Association" is a marked step forward, and reflects the greatest credit on the forethought and perception of those who brought the society into existence, and no doubt it will fully justify the expectations of its most sanguine supporters.

There are complaints as to expensive transportation. Freight rates seem to be always a bone of contention. It is certainly true that without cheap transportation some of our most valuable resources must be idle. Whether we shall ever get as cheap rates as those in the eastern provinces must be doubtful, considering our mountain-locked position.

If we are unfavorably situated in regard to cheap transportation, what must be the position of those to the south of Okanagan lake and in the Similkameen valley? And when the great interests at stake are considered, the development of the lower Okanagan and Similkameen countries must be seriously handicapped by lack of quick and easy access to the coast.

In the days of the cayuse and packmule the quickest and easiest route to the coast was from Penticton to Keremeos, and up the Similkameen river to Princeton, thence across the mountains to Hope, about 145 miles. Now, why could not this old and reliable route be again used, and the most recent scientific invention to reduce the cost of travel take the place of the cayuse and pack mule? In other words—would it not be possible to build an electric tram line from Penticton to Hope, taking in the mining camps to the south? There is an abundance of power along the line. I presume Okanagan Falls would furnish power enough to do a great deal of the work, and the Similkameen and other streams could be safely relied upon to do the rest. It seems to me that tram cars could be made to climb grades in the Hope Mountains as well as the hills between Westminster and Vancouver. As for the funds to put the thing in operation, if everybody along the route, or would be affected by such an enterprise would take hold of it, I see no reason why the money could not be raised. I am neither an electrician nor engineer, but I make the suggestion in the hope that if the idea is feasible a cheap and ready means of access to the coast can be had for the late spring, summer and early fall months that would be of great advantage to the residents of this valley and the country through which the road would pass. And if such a scheme is practicable to Hope it might be possible to continue the line down the south side of the Fraser and cross the river on the new bridge to be built at New Westminster, making that city the terminus, and thus get the support of the people along the Fraser, and also some assistance from the city of New Westminster.

This letter has now become much longer than I expected, so I will not continue it further, only to say that if this tram line is not an impossibility, the Government would no doubt help in its construction.

With best wishes, yours truly,

SETTLER.

TRAIL CREEK NOTES.

(Condensed from Exchanges.)

The question as to the transport out of the camp of the mass of ore is now anxiously being discussed. The Illecillewaet can load up thirty-five tons, and unless the C. & K. people can send down the Lytton or the Kootenay to make the trip from Waneta to Trail, it looks as if the business of the camp is to be paralyzed by the stagnation of traffic. No authority has yet been granted for the output of produce along the Sheep creek road, and it is understood that the Spokane freighters who were coming up here in droves to haul ore over the Northport road have been notified that no horses will be allowed to cross the line without ninety days' quarantine.

This road from Northport is still reported to be a steady route for smugglers, as it has been for the last two or three years. There is no one near it whose duty it is to prevent smuggling or to search for goods which have come in without payment of duties.

The preliminary survey of the Red Mountain railway has been completed from the mines as far as Barney O'Brien's on Sheep creek. From the mines down to the Sheep creek divide there is a fall of 150 feet equal to a 3 per cent grade, while from the divide to O'Brien's it is 1,150 feet, equal to 5 per cent, and the line will therefore have to take a higher level and more distance.

Mr. Robins has been appinted assayer at the War Eagle and an assay office, boarding house and ore chute are now being put in. On clearing the ground for a road near the ore chute a body of ore 14 feet wide was disclosed, which appears to be of the same nature as in the tunnel.

I. N. Campbell has purchased all the interests in the View, on the summit of Red mountain.

G. Lodge, formerly of the Old Dominion mine, Colville, has taken charge as foreman of the Le Roi mine.

PERSONALS OF ROYALTY.

The queen of England always sleeps with her bedroom window open.

Among his many accomplishments the duke of Edinburgh can speak seven different languages.

Sir Edwin Arnold said the other day that he endorsed a remark once made by Chauncey M. Depew: "Fame depends on being civil to interviewers."

The duke of York has never conquered his tendency to seasickness, and although he does a great deal of yachting with his father it is not all plain sailing with him.

Lord Aberdeen first met his wife on Guisachan, her father's estate, when he was a lad, and, having lost himself on the hills, begged shelter at the lodge for himself and his pony.

Here is a good story which is told of Sir Arthur Sullivan: It was at dinner, and a young lady inquired of Sir Arthur whether Bach was composing anything at present. "No," he replied; "at present he is decomposing."

The duke of York, who is an enthusiastic stamp collector, recently applied to the agent general of the colonies for specimens of the issues of their countries. In reply stamps have been sent to him by the sheet, and in some cases issues withdrawn have been reprinted for him.

WHY AND WHEREFORE.

Clouds that move in the direction opposite to that of the surface current indicate a change of weather, because they prove the existence of two air currents, one warm and the other cold, and the mingling of these often causes rain.

The strongest muscle is in the calf of the leg, because locomotion is one of the most necessary functions. The great muscle of the calf has been found by actual experiment, to be capable of sustaining seven times the weight of the body.

Many persons lay a poker across the top of a grate to make the fire burn, because of a popular superstition, once credited, that a stubborn fire was due to the devil. Two pokers were used, and were laid across the fire in the form of a cross.

The human system can endure a heat of two hundred and twelve degrees, the boiling point of water, because the skin is a bad conductor and because the perspiration cools the body. Men have withstood without injury a heat of three hundred degrees for several minutes.

WORK AND WAGES.

An engraver in Rio de Janeiro can make $12 per week.

A blacksmith in Jerusalem can make $1.92 per week.

The King of Bavaria has a salary of $1,412,000 a year.

A printer in Peru can make from $1.25 to $1.80 a day.

Shop girls in France receive an average of $100 a year.

In Mexico seamstresses are paid 37 cents a day; weavers, 50 cents.

Bookkeepers in Germany receive from $ 0 to $800 a year.

Teachers in Hamburg receive from $11 to $28 per month.

Fig packers in Asia Minor, if skillful, can make 20 cents a day.

A camel owner and his beast in Palestine are worth $1 a day.

Railroad clerks in Germany are paid an average of 52 cents a day.

Houses for working people in Germany rent for $25 to $45 a year.

GOSPEL HYMNS.

"Drooping souls, no longer mourn," was the work of Thomas Hastings, the author of more than six hundred sacred lyrics, and even better known as a composer of church music for use in popular religious assemblies.

"Come, O Thou All Victorious Lord," is by Charles Wesley. It was written for the quarrymen of Portland, and contained several allusions to their business, which were readily recognized and heartily appreciated.

"O Love divine that stooped to share," was by Oliver Wendell Holmes, and first appeared in one of the series of papers entitled "The Professor at the Breakfast Table," published in the Atlantic Monthly for November, 1859.

"I'll praise my Maker while I've breath" came from the pen of Watts. It was a favorite hymn with John Wesley. The day before he died he sang it through, and the night of his death he vainly attempted several times to repeat its words.

MEN OF MONEY.

William Waldorf Astor has an income of eight million nine hundred thousand dollars a year.

Princess Tom is an Alaska Indian woman. She is the richest of her race in the far northwest. She is a shrewd trader and wears upon her arm thirty bracelets made of twenty-dollar gold pieces.

M. Schneider, the head of the great Creusot foundries, was married the other day in Paris. Creusot has grown in sixty years from a village of five hundred inhabitants to a town of thirty thousand people—larger than Krupp's town of Essen.

Henry W. Cramp, secretary of the great Cramp Ship-building company, is an enthusiastic botanist, and is particularly interested in ferns and palms. His father, Charles H. Cramp, is said to be one of the best-posted men in the country on the commercial and utilitarian value of the various woods of the United States.

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A piano contains nearly a mile of wire.

There are 147 Indian reservations in the United States.

A Bohemian monk, in 1754, invented the first lightning conductor.

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Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque for $200.00, made payable to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works. Such cheque will be returned to unsuccessful competitors, but will be forfeited by any bidder who may decline to execute a contract if called upon to do so. In the event of a contract being let the cheque will be returned upon the contractor furnishing approved security, amounting to $1,000, for the due completion of the work.

Plans and specifications can be seen and form of tender obtained at the following places: Government Office, Osoyoos; Government Office, Rock Creek; Advance" Office, Midway; residence of Mr. S. R. Almond, J. P., Kettle River; and at the office of the undersigned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

LEONARD NORRIS,
Asst. Commissioner Lands and Works
Vernon, B. C.,
November 15th, 1894. 7-td

County Court Notice.

SITTINGS of the County Court of Yale will be holden as follows:

At Osoyoos on Wednesday, 10th April, 1895;

At Midway on Saturday, 13th April, 1895, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

By Command
C. A. R. LAMBLY,
R. C. C.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE, OSOYOOS,
23rd April 1894.

THE MINING BUREAU.

Text of the Measure to Promote the Mining Industry by Establishing a *Mining Bureau.*

The following is the bill introduced by the Hon. Col. Baker, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Mines, for the establishment of a Mining Bureau:

Whereas it is expedient to establish a central office for information and instruction concerning the mining industries of the Province;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the "Bureau of Mines Act, 1895."

2. That on or after the passing of this Act the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may select some suitable locality, to be reserved out of Crown lands or to be acquired either by purchase or lease, for the erection of the necessary buildings, machinery and furniture for the establishment of a museum of minerals, offices, and lecture rooms, assay office and laboratory: Provided, always, that the necessary expenditure for the erection of such establishments, and for their effective administration, as hereinafter described, has been sanctioned by the Legislative Assembly.

3. That a central office or Bureau of Mines shall be established for the collection of all official information relative to the various mines and mining projects of the Province, and for the publication and circulation of such information as may be deemed advisable for making the mineral wealth of the Province more widely known, and also for taking any steps which might be likely to advance the development of the mining industry.

4. The Minister of Mines (hereinafter called "the Minister") shall have the administration and control of the aforesaid offices and bureau, and all Government offices in connection with the mining industry, all of which shall be under the name of the Department of Mines.

5. The minister may make such arrangements as he may deem expedient with the Dominion or other Governments, for the collection and transmission of information on the mining industries and allied subjects of the Province, or for obtaining for use of the Province such information and specimens as may have been collected by the Department of Geological Survey of the Dominion, or from other sources.

6. There may be appointed a Deputy Minister of Mines, who, under instructions from the Minister, shall have charge of the Government Bureau of Mines.

7. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Minister of Mines, under instructions from the Minister, to institute enquiries and collect useful facts relating to the mining industries of the Province, and to adopt such measures for disseminating and publishing the same in such manner and form as he finds best adapted to promote improvement in the aforesaid mining industries of the Province; to conduct all correspondence of the Department; to send to the proper officers and persons of whom such service is required, schedules with instructions, approved by the Minister, for the collection of facts and information relating to the mining industries and allied subjects of the Province; to receive, abstract and tabulate, the information collected and obtained, and to publish the same from time to time; to prepare at the close of the year a general report to the Minister; and generally to have such control and to perform such work within the sphere of the Department, as may from time to time be directed by the Minister.

8. All owners of mines and all persons engaged in mineral pursuits and alllied subjects, or their agents, shall promptly answer, to the best of their knowledge and belief, all official enquiries relating to such pursuits emanating from the Department, whether enquiries are made by circular or by personal application of any public officer of the Province, or by any agent or correspondent or person duly authorized by the Department to make such enquiries: Provided, always, that if such enquiries shall relate to a subject which, in the opinion of the party interrogated, it would be detrimental to his interests to disclose, a notification to that effect shall be a sufficient compliance with this section.

9. All officers and agents employed in collecting data for the Department of Mines shall be entitled to receive at least one copy of the publications of the reports of the Department.

10. The Minister may from time to time make arrangements for such instruction as may be deemed of benefit to prospectors and others in connection with the Bureau; the salaries and other expenses of and incidental to the management and maintenance of the Department shall be provided out of funds to be appropriated for that purpose from time to time by the Legislature.

11. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall from time to time fix a schedule of fees for instruction and for assays and tests made by the Department.

12. The Minister shall in each and every year appoint an examination for efficiency in the practice of assaying, or such other subjects as may be deemed advisable, and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall grant a certificate of all successful candidates at such examinations on the recommendation of duly appointed examiners, and such certificates shall be taken as prima facie evidence of efficiency in any Court of Law in the Province.

13. Societies of Art and Science may be permitted, with the sanction in writing of the Minister, to affiliate with the Mining Bureau for the purpose of courses of instruction and examination of their students, provided they pay such fees as may from time to time be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Dominion Revision.

Mr. Justice Walkem has lately completed the revision of the voters' lists for the Yale and Cariboo districts. The work has been most laborious. A totally new revision would have cost less trouble and labor. The total number of voters for the combined districts is 7,742. An increase of 2,000 votes, since 1891, has taken place in the Kootenay, Revelstoke, Vernon, Osoyoos and Nelson sections of the country, which has necessitated a sub-division of twenty-one districts in the Yale constituency alone into forty-seven districts. Vernon and Kamloops, oddly enough, have the same number of voters—497 each. Five courts of revision were held in the Cariboo district and seven in Yale-Kootenay district, namely, at Ashcroft, Yale, Kamloops, *Vernon, Nelson, Golden and Donald*, and a revision also took place at Revelstoke when the judge was on his way to Nelson.

From all quarters much satisfaction has been expressed at the independent manner in which the lists have been completed. The Kootenay and Vernon newspapers referred to the work done in their sections in similar terms. The work has also been rapidly done with a view to saving expense. The judge, when not absent from town, has had longer hours of toil than most people would wish for, entering his chambers shortly after 9 a. m., he seldom left them before midnight and often later.—Kamloops Sentinel.

The Gold Output of the United States.

The treasury department of Washington has received such returns in regard to the production of gold in the United States during the calendar year 1894 as warrants the statement that the output will approximate $43,000,000. The states of Colorado, Montana, Idaho, and California will show an increase amounting in the aggregate to $7,000,000 of the total production of the year. It is estimated that California will contribute $13,750,000, Colorado $11,270,000, Montana $4,575,000, and Idaho $2,225,000.

RED MOUNTAIN RAILWAY.

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line will divert trade in one direction or another, but whether people who have the pluck and enterprise to furnish transportation facilities for the mining camps in the interior, and especially those close to the boundary line shall be permitted to do so or not. The C. P. R. evidently does not wish to build into Trail. On the other hand, the S. F. & N. R. R. is willing to do so without a subsidy. Neither the people of the coast towns or the C. P. R. have a right to dictate that every mining camp in the interior shall either send its trade their way or shall remain stagnant for want of shipping *and general transportation facilities.*

Boundary creek itself furnishes a good illustration of the result of their policy of hoggishness by which certain lines are refused charters for building into certain districts because they must necessarily divert traffic to a great extent across the line. Some four years ago Mr. Corbin was prepared to build a line up Boundary creek without a subsidy. The railway company he represented were conversant with the mineral resources of the district and satisfied that they would furnish traffic. No charter could, however, be obtained for the line, on the ground that traffic would go across the line. The consequence has been that no line has been built into the Boundary mineral belt, and immense bodies of copper and gold ores which cannot be worked at a profit until near transportation facilities are obtained, still remain unworked. If Mr. Corbin's line had been built Boundary would be now employing many hundred miners, and would be by now one of the greatest wealth producing camps on the continent. Like any other people interested in the welfare of our own country, we would prefer to see the trade of the interior camps handled by Canadian *lines to the benefit of towns in our* territory, but if American enterprise will build lines in British Columbia and will help to develop the wealth of the interior when Canadian apathy will not do so, we are on the side of American enterprise every time, as it at least will bring about one beneficial result—namely, the development of the natural resources of the country. Whether the result is also beneficial to our neighbors across the line or not is of secondary importance. We hope that the member for this riding, Mr. Graham, will see fit to vote for the extension of the charter of the Red Mountain railway company, not in the interests of the company, but on account of the principle the granting or refusing the company's petition involves, and because the refusal to grant a charter to Mr. Corbin to build up Kettle River helped to win his (Mr. Graham's) election.

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