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DISTRICT NOTES.

Mr. Green, C. E., found the skeleton of a scorpion on a sandy bank near Kettle River not long since. Let us hope it lived a happy existence in the pre-Adamite age.

Three miles of the trail from Camp McKinney to Rock creek is in a bad condition, owing to fallen timber and other obstructions. It would require a small expenditure to get it fixed for pack horses.

A petition was forwarded to Victoria some time ago, signed by residents of Penticton and Fairview, asking that a bridge be built between Mr Ellis' house and the Penticton hotel, where one of the creeks, though dry during the rest of the year, rises dangerously high during the early spring.

At the present time there is not one single money order office in the Lower Okanagan. This is a source of considerable inconvenience to residents and should be remedied without delay. No time should be lost in petitioning the postal authorities for the establishment of money order offices at Fairview, Osoyoos and Boundary creek.

There are still several bands of wild horses in the lower country, which, if they were exterminated, never would be missed. In other words they are a source of direct loss to stockmen and an unmitigated nuisance, and permission should be granted by the Government to destroy them on sight. It is a strange fact that they nearly all have matted tails.

Last week a siwash came within an ace of being drowned while crossing the river on horseback at Grand Prairie. The horse turned round and round in the stream and finally drifted ashore half a mile further below. The red man hung onto the horse's tail for a time and then managed to swim ashore. More bridges are required in this part of the country, but that is no reason why the settlers should have to build them at their own expense.

A matter which claims the attention of those in authority, and which should be settled definitely without delay, is the prevalent custom of land-holders to alter the roads made by the Government and on which public money has been spent, so as to suit their own convenience. There have been many notable instances of this, both in the upper and lower Okanagan, and in nine cases out of ten a poor and circuitous road has been substituted for a short and good one. The Government has certainly been very lenient in the matter and has allowed almost any changes to be made that the parties making them found to their advantage. In the majority of these instances the change has been made to save double fencing. As, however, the public roads are supposed to be for the convenience of the general public, the least that could be done would be to insure the building of a road equally as well made as the one fenced in. Otherwise, the public must of necessity pay for the rebuilding of roads that they have already paid for, which is obviously unjust. A great many of the public roads throughout the district are not gazetted, but this appears to make little difference, as gazetted roads have also been changed to suit private convenience.

Messrs, Jas. Schofield and R. Denzler, two well known Boundary creek mining men, were in Fairview last week. The former is part owner, together with Messrs. Atwood and Lefevre, of the Number 7 mine at Atwood's camp, and with Mr. Denzler in the Stemwinder, in the Greenwood camp. He also owns a third interest in the Little Giant fraction, which lies between the Number 7 and the New York. There are three distinct leads on the Number 7 carrying gold and silver concentrating ore. One of these has been traced 800 feet and another 600 feet, and over $1,200 spent in development work on same. The Stemwinder is now too well known to need description, and was lately bonded for a high figure. On returning to Boundary creek Mr. Schofield will continue development work on the Mountain Rose in the Summit camp, about four miles from Greenwood. This is a copper sulphide proposition carrying gold. Besides being interested in some of the claims above mentioned, Mr. Denzler is part owner of the North Star, Red Cloud, Snowshoe and War Eagle and others in the Greenwood camp. These carry sulphide ore rich in copper and gold. The ore in all these claims improves with development. On his return to the camp Mr. Denzler will sink a deep shaft on the War Eagle. Mr. T. D. Johnson, of Marcus, holds an interest in this claim.

British Columbia has probably had sufficient boom townsites laid out within its limits for some time to come, especially in cases where no effort has been made to develop the natural resources of the property in question. That the mere laying out a plot of land into town lots will not necessarily cause it to grow into a town is well exemplified (too well in fact) by a visit to Okanagan Falls. This "rising city" now can boast of a resident population of three souls, and as many bodies. Even the celebrated Hotel Holman, which resembles a series of bathing sheds, is now untenanted. The survey pegs, however, still remind the passer by that he is treading on town lots, probably the property of parties hundreds of miles distant, and an odd copy of the prospectus of the townsite company picked up on the ground makes him smile ironically, when he reads of the proposed industries, railway stations and other statements therein contained. Yet there is little doubt that the place will eventually become a point of greater importance than it is at present, but selling town lots will not help make it so. When the new steamer runs on Dog lake the greater portion of the freight from the Upper Okanagan will pass that way, and when the waterpower provided by nature on the townsite is really put to some use, Okanagan Falls may lose the name it is continually called by the people of the district.

Encouraging news comes from the placer mines at and above the crossing of Rock creek. Messrs Rankin and Turley have struck solid gravel and are more than pleased. Just above the south fork, at the Gold Cup (formerly the Homestake), Messrs. G. Boyer, D. Bowen, G. Hofmaster, J. Lewis, J. Blaugh and others interested have already come across considerable color and are feeling good. They commenced work only this spring, and have run a ground sluice to wash off the top dirt. A clean-up will be made shortly. Above this claim, at White's bar, Mr. A. Donahue, an old Cariboo and Granite creek miner, is stated to be taking out good pay. This claim has already been worked three times, and in the early days paid two ounces to the man per day. Still further up the creek a Chinese company has been working for several years. Very coarse gold, some nuggets running as high as $13 and $18, has come out of their claims. The claim highest up the creek was located last fall by Messrs. Kline, McDougall and others. They have been waiting for the snow to go off to commence work, and will probably make a start next week.

Those interested in fruit culture who entertain the idea of planting out trees in the Lower Okanagan cannot do better than pay a visit to the orchard of Mr. Francois Suprenant (Frank Surprise) in the Keremeos Valley. After seeing the manner in which these trees thrive and blossom, any doubts as to the possibilities of successful culture in this section will at once vanish and the visitor will be soon convinced that the Lower Okanagan is par excellence the most favored district for fruit growing in the Province. The orchard is small, not covering more than four acres in extent, but in it there are peach, apricot, plum, prune, apple, pear, cherry and other trees in full bloom. The majority are peach trees, some of which are grafts and others grown from pits. They have all borne a heavy crop the past three years, always ripening well, and the blossom this season gives promise of it being still better than the preceding ones. The same may be said of the apricots. The apple, plum, cherry and other trees are of various varieties, both early and late, and all seem to bear equally well. The careful manner in which they have been pruned and attended to has much to do with the success met with. There are also a few vines, the grapes on which have ripened in the open air. Mr. R. Cawston has also a flourishing orchard in the same valley. It is a pity there are not more of them.

At the present time ranchers coming to Fairview from Keremeos and other parts of the Similkameen valley with a waggon, have to travel by Mr. Frank Richter's, and almost to Osoyoos, a distance of twenty-four miles, round three sides of a square. As a road could well be built up the creek to the west of Mr. Manuel Barcello's ranch, thence by the Clear Water lakes to the north end of the camp, which would not be more than ten miles long, and would be a clear saving of a day, and of benefit to both the mining and farming community, the matter is well worth looking into this season. The least the Government could do in the matter would be to send an engineer to report on the approximate cost of construction. At the present time the trail which runs almost over the same ground is always used in the summer and fall by parties going on on horseback. A fence is being put across this trail at the entrance to the valley. There can be no objection to this provided that a gate is placed so that the travelling public can pass, though the closing up of public highways with fences by private landowners in certain portions of the district is a matter which should no longer be allowed.

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GOOD NEWS IF TRUE.

We clip the following from the *Loomiston Journal*:—

"Two car-loads of narrow-guage T rails have been received at Wenatchee and way bills for about 50 car-loads more iron and new locomotives have been received by the freight agent at that place. The iron and machines are billed to Francis H. Cook. It is his intention to at once commence the construction of a narrow-guage railroad up the west bank of the Columbia river to Swansea, thence north on the Okanagan river to a point directly east of Loomiston, thence to this city by way of Waggon Road coulee. This news is exceedingly gratifying, and the chances are that by November Loomiston will be enjoying railroad connection with the outside world."

This is gratifying news, if correct, to the people of the Okanagan country on both sides of the line, and it is to be hoped that the railway will be continued up to the boundary line at Osoyoos lake. Whether that would force the C.P.R. to build southwards to that point or not is uncertain, but at any rate the Lower Okanagan on the B. C. side would enjoy the benefits of a competing point, and no longer suffer from the ridiculously high freight rates at present in force over the S. & O. and C.P.R. Though people in this province would naturally prefer, if possible, to help out a Canadian institution, still the policy of high rates has not rendered the C.P.R. popular in this section of the country, and it is only natural to suppose that, if the line in question runs up to Osoyoos, that a very large percentage of the passenger and freight traffic would go southwards and not northwards as at present. Goods can at present be bonded through via the States from Victoria to Kettle river cheaper than they can be laid down at Penticton, and when the new railway is built a similar course will undoubtedly be adopted by the lower country merchants unless a material reduction in freight rates is made by the C.P.R. It is interesting to note that the second link in the chain of the Alaska railway route so forcibly explained by Mr. C. E. Perry, C. E., when in charge of the construction of the S. & O. railway, is now about to be forged. The route advocated by Mr. Perry was up the Okanagan valley to connect with the S. & O., thence via Kamloops and the North Thompson and Chilcotin plains, and it appears from present indications that his ideas are liable to be realized sooner than even he himself anticipated.

Now that the general provincial elections are near at had it is certainly time for some movement to be made in the district towards the selection of a candidate or candidates to represent this constituency. There is nothing to be gained by apathy in things political, and if the district is to be properly represented in the next provincial legislature the sooner the selection of a thoroughly representative man is made the better. Such being the case, it is to be hoped that any parties aspiring to political honors will announce themselves without delay and communicate their views either at public meetings or through the columns of the local press. There is certainly, in any case, no necessity for an election by acclamation. As far as we are aware, it is still uncertain whether Hon. Mr. Vernon will again ask for the support of his constituents, or merely assist in the election of a Government candidate. Several gentlemen pressed to stand in the Upper Okanagan have refused, and there appears to be less talk of running a candidate from the Kettle river district, as a protest against the manner in which that section of the country has been neglected of past years. Still there is no telling what may happen—it is generally the most unexpected which does take place—and the sooner the the voters have the names and political views of the candidates placed before them, the more likelihood will there be of a suitable man being elected.

White Valley Notes.

I notice that efforts are made to lower the rate of current wages in the Okanagan by introducing main line and coast figures for laborers' work. If a corresponding decrease in the cost of food and clothing were instituted, the move might be justified. Two dollars and fifty cents has been the pay for a laborer for day work, boarding himself, and I see that the city council of Vernon have lowered that standard to $2 for street work, so that after paying about $6 per week for board, and wear and tear of clothing, but little margin is left for the hardest worked of workers. Credit is due to Alderman Shatford for his attempt to maintain the old figure.

Capt. Shorts passed through Lumby the other day on his way the Harris creek mines. The enterprising captain is about to resume opperations for the summer. "Nil desperandum" is his motto.

I notice in an Eastern Canadian paper that "judging from the frequent favorable mention of Canada of late by the English press that Canada is beginning to attract attention in the old country." In my humble opinion it is about high time that such should be the case. After a century and a half of possession and occupation it is being found out at last that there is a country where over-populated Britain can unburden itself to the great benefit of the old country as well as the new. There is something radically wrong with our emigration department. If our emigration offices throughout Great Britain and Ireland are run in the same manner as in '78, when your correspondent had occasion to transact some business in the Dublin office, they might as well be closed up altogether.

Lumby and White Valley are attracting the attention of outsiders. Several visitors have been looking up the country with a view to locating. The chances are good for the opening of a large general store in Lumby in tne near future.

Osoyoos Notes.

(From our own correspondent.)

An advance party of emigrants arrived at Osoyoos to-day, consisting of three families with four covered waggons loaded with farming implements and household goods, and also a number of horses and cattle. They intend to seek homes in the lower or upper Okanagan, and failing, to proceed to the N. W. T. They come from Umatilla County, Oregon.

It would seem that Beegan has successfully eluded the authorities, as it is reported he was seen to board the train the other day at Wilber.

It is rather hard on intending settlers coming into Canada to have to comply with the quarantine law on stock. It subjects them to a great amount of annoyance and expense, and is really not necessary, as it is a well known fact that no contagious disease of any kind exists among cattle in the Western States.

I am informed that the quartz mill at Loomiston, which has been lying idle for some time past, has been leased by parties wh intend soon to put it in operation again.

When the fact of wild goose nesting in the trees in this neighborhood has been mentioned, people on the outside have been slow to credit the story. A few days ago a still stranger circumstance was brought to light by one of our residents, who, on ascending a tree to rob a goose nest, discovered to his surprise that the goose and Osprey had nested together. It would be interesting to know which of the two birds would rear this strange family.

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BIRTH.

THOLL—At Camp Fairview, on Saturday, 28th April, 1894, to the wife of Mr. N. Tholl, a daughter.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Half the population of the camp took in the Oro races last Tuesday.

Mr. R. Cawston, of the B. C. Cattle company, was in camp Saturday.

A large body of good ore has been struck on the Morris extension of the Joe Dandy.

Mr. Johnson is spending a week at Vernon. Mr. Prather is taking his place on the stage.

Mr. F. Gome passed through Fairview from Penticton on his way to Boundary creek on Monday.

Last Sunday a Klootchman living in the camp shot herself through the foot with a revolver. It appears she was drunk at the time.

The first issue of THE ADVANCE was published at Fairview on the same day that the first stampmill was set in motion at Camp McKinney. This district is not dead yet by any means.

Three men left the camp to cross the line last week owing considerable money to local storekeepers. Characters of this kind are welcome to a permanent residence in Uncle Sam's domains.

Mr. Manson McMillan is setting an example in the gardening line to the other boys in the camp. He claims he can raise better garden stuff than any one else—barring out Mr. Moffat, of course.

Mr. David Leblanc, who for some time past carried on a business as butcher in the building adjoining the Golden Gate hotel, left on Wednesday for Vernon, en route to Vancouver, where he has secured a position as bartender in the Manor house.

Two herds have been started in the camp, one by Mr. T. Robinson, who has his Karral on Reed creek, about half a mile above Dr. Boyce's house; the other by Mr. A. Cosens, who uses Mr. J. Anderson's old stamping ground. Both have secured a number of horses.

The owners of the Morning Star are about to ship twelve tons of concentrates to the Tacoma smelter. They run as high as $280 to the ton. The carload rate from Penticton to Tacoma is $11 per ton for not less than twelve tons, and U. S. lines quote a carload rate on eight tons.

The main cropping of the Brown Bear, hitherto unworked, and considered not worth working, is now being opened up. The ledge, about eight feet wide, appears to contain two streaks of well mineralized galena ore, and the chances are that several tons will be runthrough the mill as a test.

Mr. Morris, of Fairview, goes prospecting next month in the Sheep Creek camp, which lies between Grand Prairie and Trail, north of the Dewdney trail, and about eleven miles west of the Columbia. The well known O. K. claim was located by Mr. Morris three summers ago and since sold to Spokane parties. It is an extension of the I. X. L., the first location struck in the camp by John Cole. Mr. Morris has immense faith in Sheep creek.

The owners of the Silver Crown mine (Messrs. Blewett and Hammond, of Seattle) are expected to arrive shortly in camp, with a view to developing their property, which is no longer in litigation. They also own an interest in the Joe Dandy and the Morris extension, in partnership with Mr. T. Davis. The Joe Dandy turned out good bullion in the early days of the camp, and a new strike lately made proves these claims to have been underrated.

Mr. Torence, mining expert, left Fairview on Wednesday for Montreal. He was very reticent as to the opinion formed by him of the various claims he examined in the several camps, yet he unhesitatingly stated that the bodies of ore hastily examined by him in Camp McKinney and Boundary creek appeared to him extremely rich. He also spoke highly of certain property in this camp which he did not authorize this paper to mention.

The Smuggler is turning out some fine ore—a claim bought from C. E. Campbell by Thos. Elliot. Mr. Fred Gwatkins, who is now managing the work done, says he thinks it some of the best rock in the camp. Mr. Gwatkins is the pioneer miner of Fairview and ought to know. The ledge matter is widening out, and prospects at 40 feet in depth, where they now are, are flattering for Mr. T. Elliot to leave the camp worth $50,000.

Mr. J. Shubert, road superintendent, returned from Kettle river last week. While there he inspected the various proposed routes over the Boundary mountain. He stated his opinion that the one passing by the Skylark, though considerably the longest, affords the best grades, and would also furnish a temporary outlet to the Copper Camp and that the other, selected by Mr. Burnyeat, C. E., which passes between the two groups of camps, though the shortest possible route, would offer more difficulties in construction. The question will be decided on his return within a week, when tenders for the construction of portions of the road work will be advertised for. Work was begun last Tuesday on the Camp McKinney portion of the road where it was left off last fall—about eleven miles from Fairview, several men being employed. The completion of the rock work on Vasseau lake will be commenced in about a week, when a gang of men will be put on under the supervision of Mr. Kehoe. It will take about three weeks to get this finished.

Wednesdas, the 25th, Mr. Bullock-Webster found a halfbreed named Dick Keoghan hopelessly drunk at the Indian village at Inkameep, in the early hours of the morning. He arrested him and he was tried the following morning before Messrs. Lambley and Sidley, J. P.'s, at Osoyoos, for having intoxicants in his possession on a reserve. He admitted being drunk, but stated that he did not know that he was on the reservation. For this offence he was fined $50 and costs or in default one month's imprisonment. He was further charged, under the cattle act, with cutting off the ear of a sucking calf belonging to an Indian rancher named Batiste—his father's ear mark. He pleaded guilty to the second charge and was fined $100, or in default three months' imprisonment.

THE ORO RACES.

Grey Dick the Winner of a Well-Contested Event.

(Special to THE ADVANCE.)

ORO, May 2.—The matched race, a 600-yard dash, for $250 a side, between between J. Long's Grey Dick and R. Seibert's Barney, of which notice was given in the last issue of THE ADVANCE, come off at Oro May 1st, under very favorable circumstances, and it was quite apparent by the large number of people assembled to witness the event that it had been looked forward to with a goodly amount of interest. The horses having been paraded, Mr. Stanton, with his white pinto and long whip, was requested by the judges to constitute himself master of ceremonies, which duties he performed in his usual happy and pleasant manner, and soon cleared the track. Mr. W. Granger acted as starter and sent them away without loss of time. So evenly matched were the horses that many were in doubt as to which won, but after a consultation by the judges Grey Dick was declared the victor, and the people from Loomiston gave vent to their feelings in the usual manner. Messrs. Stevenson, Ballier and Lathrop acted as judges.

The day's sport was brought to a close with a 75-yard foot race between F. B. Barney and Charles Richter for a purse, but as some mistake took place at the start the judge, Mr. Stanton, decided it no race, and it was decided to run the same over again to-day.

Owing to the ill feeling existing between white people in this district and the Indians of the Colville reserve, there was not a siwash nor dusky maiden of the plains to be seen.

Kelowna Notes.

(From our own correspondent.)

The Government has begun repairing the roads in this section, and the force is now engaged on the main road, near Mr. Dell's property, where the new road, gazetted last spring, starts in to reach the steamer landing and Kelowna generally. It is to be hoped that they will continue the work in the right direction, for "westward the star of empire takes its way," and why not roads. There is a good deal of complaint about the manner in which the new road has been shifted about, most of the remonstrance coming from the ranchers in the northern portion of the valley, who feel it most. For a time it was difficult to know where the road was, but just at the moment there is one, though how long it may stay there it is difficult to say,

An inquest was held on the 21st inst. by Coroner McGowan on the the body of young Welby, the unfortunate young man who was drowned in the lake the 19th. Mr. Walker, who was the companion of the young man, at the time of the accident, gave the only evidence bearing on the case, which was to the effect that deceased must have been taken with cramps, or had some affection of the heart. The funeral took place Sunday, 22nd inst., and was largely attended, although the young man was not extensively acquainted in the valley. A Church of England minister was not available for the occasion, and Mr. Mair, of Kelowna, kindly consented to read the burial service. A number of floral offerings were sent by some of the ladies of the Mission.

Mrs. Eli Lequime and Mrs. Bernard Lequime, after a sojourn of nearly three months in San Francisco, returned last week, accompanied by the father of the latter lady, Mr. Jas. Dowling. Mr. Dowling is one of the old pioneers in this country, having gone up the Fraser river in 58, when travel was both difficult and dangerous.

Mr. Frank Conkling is the happy possessor of a son and heir.

Enderby Tips.

(From our own correspondent.)

A celebration will be held on 24th of May.

The gun club are letting the pigeons sit for their benefit—not flying them.

Horses are alredy being trained for the fall races.

The water in the river has risen very rapidly.

A lawn tennis club is being started.

Harvey & Co. are going out of business.

HYDRAULIC MINING

Granite Creek and the Similkameen River to be Worked.

Mr. R. Stevenson, a former partner of the celebrated Cariboo Cameron, has formed a company to develop the valuable hydraulic placer diggings on the benches above Granite creek, and is now, with other parties interested, in the east placing stock on the market. The company has been registered as "The Stevenson Gold and Platinum Hydraulic Mining Company," of which Mr. Stevenson is president and Mr. W. M. Hogg secretary.

For at least three miles along Granite creek the benches contain good pay, and it is for working them that the company has been organized. They not only contain gold, but also platinum, which can be saved at the same place and time, being the heavier of the two metals. For the working of the benches it will be necessary to construct flumes and ditches for a few miles, so as to obtain sufficient elevation for pressure, and as the primary expenses will necessarily be large it has been found expedient to call in outside capital. It is a well-known fact that close to the river, where accessible to water, these benches have yielded large returns.

Last year quite an excitement was created by the fact that a number of eastern capitalists had become interested in the development of large tracts of hydraulic ground near the junction of the Similkameen and Tulameen rivers. It is now understood that the investigation made of the property proved that there is a large quantity of gold in the gravel on the benches about fifty feet above the bed of the Similkameen, and that active operations on a large scale will be commenced and carried on this season. A flume or ditch will have to be constructed for a distance of about five miles.

Vernon Notes.

Not seeing any correspondence from Vernon in your first issue, I thought a few notes would be appreciated.

The weather has been very favorable and a very large acreage is being sown in the valley this spring. Messrs. C. O'Keefe, Mark Hill, Price Ellison, E. H. Woods, Q. Faulkner and L. Girouard will be through seeding, or nearly so, this week. Mr. McClusky, on the B. X. ranch, has got in all his crop.

Quite a number of settlers have located on the commonage and are busy breaking, seeding and putting in their crops.

A large orchard is being set out on the B. X. ranch.

The fruit trees on the Coldstream ranch are looking remarkably well.

In mining matters there is not much to say. Capt. Shorts was in from Harris creek last week and reports heavy snow in the mountains. He is working up a new scheme and one of great value to fruit-growers—the extermination of the gopher. He says he has struck it this time and judging from his mysterious manner I think he has.

On Monday, 16th inst., the ratepayers of Vernon, by a large majority, decided to hang up $5,000 for the erection of a 50-barrel flour mill, with conditions. It is very doubtful if any one can be found with the necessary capital, who would be foolish enough to comply with one of the conditions—to run nine months every year. A flour mill is a commercial enterprise, the same as any other industry, regulated by supply and demand. I think the city council will find it a difficult matter to find any one willing to comply with the conditions they have attached to the bonus.

Now that the flour mill by-law is disposed of, I think it is time we were making a move towards fire protection of some kind. As we stand now, we are helpless whenever a fire occurs. The by-law introduced by the council of last year was defeated. I believe it was a mistake to vote it down. Its opponents have nothing better to offer now, and the members of the present council who opposed it are ashamed to introduce it again. Such is the irony of fate.

Mrs. Greenhow and Mr. Girouard, to the surprise of every one, have placed thirty acres of their land on the market in half-acre lots, at $1000 an acre; no building conditions; terms not known. Barnard avenue is continued west and narrowed down to 60 feet, with a jog on the off side. Two streets running north and south will be called after the owners, Girouard and Greenhow avenues. There will be a lane in the centre, which should be called De Lorier's alley if it is crooked. However, it is, taken on the whole, an improvement on old Frank's townsite, and will sell—by and by. E.

Make Sure of Your Vote.

Blank application forms for the registration of provincial voters can be had at THE ADVANCE office. In connection with this matter information furnished by the collector at Vernon may prove of interest.

The old register was closed on the 21st day of March, 1894, and all names of persons not known to be resident in the district were dropped therefrom, leaving those who have complied with the provisions of the Provincial Voters' Act, and whose names have been posted for two months on the list of persons claiming to vote, and are known to be resident in the district. The names of those persons who have not been posted for two months prior to 21st March, 1894, shall not be added to the register until the two months expire. Also those who send their applications now must be posted two months before their names can be placed on the register.

"The names comprising the new register, as well as those taken from the old list, will shortly be published, thus giving people a chance to see whether their names are on or not.

"If any residents are dropped from the preliminary list that will be published, they can be replaced upon the collector being satisfied that they are entitled to be on.

MR. AND MRS. BOWSER.

THIS WELL-KNOWN COUPLE HAVE A SECOND ATTACK OF GRIPPE.

Mr. Bowser's Opinion of the Doctor Who Says Such a Thing is Possible—His Revised Opinion After a Practical Experience.

"What's this! What's this!" exclaimed Mr. Bowser as he came home the other evening and found Mrs. Bowser lying on the sofa and looking very much distressed.

"The doctor says it's the grip—a second attack," she explained. "I was taken with a chill and headache about noon and——"

"Grip? Second attack? That's all nonsense, Mrs. Bowser! Nobody can have the grip a second time."

"But the doctor says so."

"Then the doctor is an idiot, and I'll tell him so to his face. I know what's the matter with you. You've been walking around the back yard barefooted or doing some other foolish thing. I expected it, however. No woman is happy unless she's flat down about half the time. How on earth any of your sex manage to live to be 20 years old is a mystery to me. The average woman has no more sense than a rag baby."

"I haven't been careless," she replied.

"I know better! Of course you have! If you hadn't been you wouldn't be where you are. Grip be hanged! Well, it's only right that you should suffer for it. Call it what you wish, but don't expect any sympathy from me. While I use every precaution to preserve my health you go slosshing around in your bare feet or sit on a cake of ice to read a dime novel, or do some other tomfool thing to flatten you out. I refuse to sympathize with you, Mrs. Bowser—absolutely and teetotally refuse to utter one word of pity."

Mrs. Bowser had nothing to say in reply. Mr. Bowser ate his dinner alone, took advantage of the occasion to drive a few nails and make a great noise, and by and by went off to his club and was gone until midnight. Next morning Mrs. Bowser felt a bit better and made a heroic attempt to be about until he started for the office. The only reference he made to her illness was to say:

"If you live to be 300 years old, you may possibly learn something about the laws of health and be able to keep out of bed three days in the week."

Mrs. Bowser was all right at the end of three or four days, and nothing more was

"I EXPECTED IT, HOWEVER."

said. Then one afternoon at three o'clock a carriage drove up, and a stranger assisted Mr. Bowser into the house. He was looking pale and ghastly, and his chin quivered and his knees wobbled.

"What is it, Mr. Bowser?" she exclaimed as she met him at the door.

"Bed—doctor—death!" he gasped in reply.

Mrs. Bowser got him to bed and examined him for bullet holes or knife wounds. There were none. He had no broken limbs. He hadn't fallen off a house or been half drowned. When she had satisfied herself on these points, she asked;

"How were you taken?"

"W-with a c-chill!" he gasped—"with a c-chill and a b-backache!"

"I thought so, Mr. Bowser; you have the grip—a second attack. As I have some medicine left there's no need to send for the Doctor. I'll have you all right in a day or two."

"Get the Doctor at once," wailed Mr. Bowser, "or I'm a dead man! Such a backache! So cold! Mrs. Bowser if I should d-die, I hope——"

Emotion overcame Mr. Bowser, and he could say no more. The Doctor came and pronounced it a second attack of grip, but a very mild one. When he had departed, Mrs. Bowser didn't accuse Mr. Bowser with putting on his summer flannels a month too soon; with forgetting his umbrella and getting soaked through, with leaving his rubbers at home and having damp feet all day. She didn't express her wonder that he hadn't died years ago nor predict that when he reached the age of Methuselah he would know better than to roll in snowbanks or stand around in mud puddles. She didn't kick over chairs or slam doors or leave him alone. When Mr. Bowser shed tears, she wiped them away. When he moaned, she held his hand. When he said he felt that the grim specter was near and wanted to kiss the baby goodby, she cheered him with the prediction that he would be a great deal better next day.

Mr. Bowser didn't get up next day, though the Doctor said he could. He lay in bed and sighed and uttered sorrowful moans and groans. He wanted toast and preserves; he had to have help to turn over; he worried about a relapse; he had to have a damp cloth on his forehead; he wanted to have a council of doctors, and he read the copy of his last will and testament over three times. He was all right next morning, however. When Mrs. Bowser asked him how he felt he replied;

"How do I feel? Why, as right as a trivet, of course. When a man takes the care of himself that I do; when he has the nerve and will power I have, he can throw off most anything. You would have died, Mrs. Bowser, but I was scarcely affected. It was just a play spell. I'd like to be real sick once just to see how it would seem. Cholera, I suppose it was, but outside of feeling a little tired I wasn't at all affected."

And the dutiful Mrs. Bowser looked at him and swallowed it all and never said a word to hurt his feelings. M. QUAD.

A Last Resort.

Little Boy: I want you to write me an excuse for being late to school yesterday.

Jeweler: Eh? You are not my son.

Little boy: No, but mamma says I had plenty of time to get to school, so I guess the clock you sold her doesn't go right.

Lost His Head Completely.

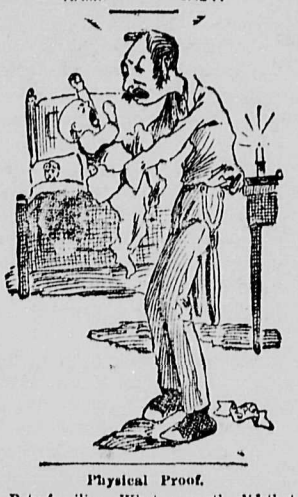
"They say Vaillant, the Anarchist, was very brave on the scaffold."

"That wasn't bravery. It was bluff."

"What makes you think so?"

"Why, along towards the last he weakened. Lost his head completely."

NAMING THE BABY.



Physical Proof.

Paterfamilias—What on earth did that young man mean by paying you such an unconscionable long call last night?

Mary—Oh, papa, it was purely an accident, you see! The clock stopped at 12.30.

Her Joke.

Heiress—There's a man after my own heart.

Papa—Who?

Heiress—The Count. But he won't get it!

Long Headed.

Jess—If Mrs. Fitz has a divorce why does she continue to recognize her former husband?

Bess—He has promised to give her a reference.

Knew It Was Loaded.

Joe—I guess I must be a gun.

Tom—Why?

"The boss fired me this morning."

"Was it a case of didn't-know-it-was-loaded?"

"On the contrary."

Taking No Chances.

Mr. Bowerie—Say, gimmie a close hair cut.

Barber—How close?

"Close to de head."

"Training for a prize fight?"

"Naw; going to git married."

A Mark of Superiority.

His Mother—Why don't you play with your Christmas toys, Tommy? They're just as good as new, and you've had them ten days.

Tommy—That's just it. They're no good, Willie Nabors got some that he bust in no time.

A Mean Trick.

"It was mighty mean of him."

"What was?"

"We were talking of good dinners, and I food him to a certain restaurant just to show him what a good dinner is like. When we finished, the cad expected me to foot the bill."

He Wondered.

Mother—The paper this morning has an account of a little boy who was drowned while skating on thin ice.

Little Son (cleaning up his skates)—Too bad. I wonder if he was any relation to the poor little boy who was killed by the trolley while going to school.

A Disappointed Husband.

Sympathetic Friend: I hear that your partner has skipped with $20,000 of your money.

Business Man: Yes, but that's not all the ungrateful scoundrel did.

Friend: What else did he do?

Business Man: He neglected to take my wife along with him, and he has been flirting with her for the last six months, the ungrateful scoundrel!

Perfectly Helpless.

Mr. Meanitall: So you have quite recovered from your throat trouble, Miss Cotillon?

Miss Cotillon: Yes; but it has left me in a terrible condition. The Doctor says I shall never be able to raise my voice or scream.

Mr. Meanitall: That is not very serious; you seem to talk all right.

Miss Cotillon: Yes; but suppose someone should try to kiss me, for instance.

Remedial Art.

The horse was balking and backing all over the avenue, and a chappie with a pretty girl by his side was watching its performances.

"I think," remarked the young woman, "that they ought to send it to the art school."

"To the art school?" queried the chappie, without the faintest idea of his companion's meaning.

"Certainly."

"And why, pway?"

"To cultivate its talents for drawing, of course. Don't you think it needs it?" And the chappie caught on several hours later.

Her Interpretation.

Said the wise man, "A soft answer turneth away wrath." A lady who believed in this precept, said to her four-year-old Nellie, who is somewhat quick-tempered. "If one of your playmates speaks rudely to you, return a soft answer." "Softy" "Yes. Now run along and play; mamma is busy." The child went out on the lawn, where a neighbor's boy was mending a kite. She accidentally broke the kite still more, whereby the boy was made angry. "I don't like you; you're a horrid thing!" he said. Little Nellie's eyes flashed, and she was about to reply with a very unkind remark, when, suddenly recalling her mother's advice about a soft answer, she looked the boy right in eye, and said meekly and slowly, "Mush."

She'll Never Marry.

Uncle Josh (on a visit)—Well, Minta, you've growed so I reckon you'll be a-gettin' married afore long, eh?

Minta—No, I'm goin' to remain single an' be a skirt dancer an' high kicker. I've got so now that I kin kick as high as my head. I could take them glasses off your forehead with my foot an' never touch your eyebrow. Do you want me to do it?

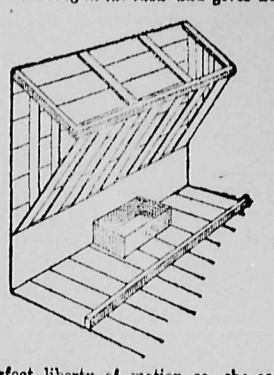
STABLING THE COWS.

Extracts From an Essay Recently Read by Ex-Gov. Hoard of Wisconsin.

How to keep cows clean in the stable has been an unsolved problem. Drops, stanchions of various kinds and a variety of stalls have one and all proved themselves useless in this respect. Latterly, however, I have been using a rack and floor which seem perfect. With Watts, I can say:

"This is the way I long have sought;
And mourned because I found it not."

In place of a manger is a rack for hay, slanting towards the cow at an angle of forty-five degrees. The other side of the rack is boarded up four feet high. Into this all the coarse fodder is thrown. The cut and ground feed is given the animal in a strong box, placed under the rack as shown in the cut. The cow is held by a halter to which is snapped a rope. This is tied to a ring in the rack and gives her



perfect liberty of motion so she can rub or lick herself at pleasure. The floor unlike most modern floors, many of which damage dairy cows, is planked level. As the cow stands feeding at the rack a two by three inch scantling is laid down just forward of her hind feet and spiked firmly. Between this scantling and the rack a little dry bedding is placed. The cow in lying down soon learns to step forward and not lie across the scantling, but occupy only the dry, clean and comfortable portion of the floor. When she rises the sloping rack forces her to step back and there the manure is dropped. The bedding in the scantling will remain dry until ground to powder.

The bottom of the rack is twenty six inches from the floor and its top twenty-six inches from the partition. The latter is frequently critised, because it prevents visitors from passing along and looking at the faces of the stock; but the cows seem satisfied. Our stables are too frequently made for the comfort of man instead of beast. This stable is preeminently adapted to the comfort of the cow. I used two snaps on the ropes which fasten my cows. In this way if one gets loose the other is sure to hold her.

Shoes for This Year.

A woman's congress shoe of the whole foxed variety of bright dongola is produced. The foxing at the back extends tapering to the top of the shoe and at the top is tipped with patent leather. The top is of plain light colored cloth, with goring to match it in color. This is in imitation button style, the scalloped button piece forming the seam line against the goring at the front, and the extension of the foxing to the seam line at the back. By this method the shoe is simplified as to the number of pieces required for the top and a minimum of seams is obtained. With medium heel and a narrow, rounded toe, the shoe is neat in appearance. A similar shoe is of French kid, the difference being that the handsome, broad button piece is of this bright leather, instead of cloth, forming a pretty contrast to the dull black goring, instead of matching it as in the former. A sample shoe, with a pretty name, is low cut and a combination of button and lace fasteners, of soft, black kid. Down the front is a line of scalloped-edge open work, to show the stocking of the wearer. The elaborate and broad button piece has three diamond-edged points, corresponding to the three buttons, and a circular hole is made below each button, through which also the hosiery is visible when on the foot. It has a broad, perforated heel foxing of the same material.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

How Cigar Ashes Can Be Utilized.

Cigar ashes are used for medical purposes—as a cure for ringworm, epidemic scarlatina, etc. They are useful on account of the lime and alcoholic properties they contain. Cigar ashes have been sold under the pretentious name of "diamond dust from the sun," and the purposes to which they are chiefly put are cleaning plate, brightening and sharpening razors, lancets and doctors' other delicate instruments, as an insecticide for plants, etc., and as a tooth powder. It has been stated that a London firm offered a guinea per ounce for them for the purpose of compounding with other articles as a valuable dent frice. The ash is, however, so light that it requires a very large quantity indeed to weigh one ounce.

The Dairy Cow.

Interest in the dairy line continues unabated, and the creamery has become the strong staff of many a farmer. This method of operation in butter-making seems to have come to stay. The price received for butter during the year averages nearly 25 cents per pound. Good butter cows are always in demand. The little Jersey, so sneered at by dairymen a few years ago, is now finding her way into every neighborhood. Our farmers are learning that beef-raising and butter making are two distinct lines of business and that it is a mistake to attempt either with a type of cows intended for the other. The long, fruitless search for the general-purpose cow is changing to a scramble for the special-purpose animal.—Country Gentleman.

Butter From the Farm.

A careful and painstaking system adopted on the farm will bring up the farmer's butter to a higher price than either dairy or creamery butter can by any possibility attain to, for the reason that a few cows properly kept by the farmer is subject to less variations from true conditions than larger herds kept by the dairyman and the circumstances attending the creamery. A determination on the part of the farmer and the milk maid to produce the very best, will soon make such a favorable change that there will be no ground for complaint from customers, and the farmer and his family will reap rich rewards.—E. S. Teagarden, in Western Rural.

CAMP McKINNEY.

A Red-Letter Day for the Old Camp—The New Stamp Mill Going Full Blast.

(From our own correspondent.)

CAMP McKINNEY, April 26.—To-day was a red-letter day for old Camp McKinney. For the first time since the camp was struck was heard the welcome sound of "stamps dropping."

In the beginning of May, 87, Messrs. McKinney, Rice, Burnham and Lefevre located the Cariboo and Lefevre claims, and the richness of the croppings and of the many specimens taken, more particularly from the former of the two claims, created no inconsiderable excitement. Many claims were taken up, not only in the vicinity of the "Bonanzas," but for miles in every direction, and Camp McKinney enjoyed the questionable luxury of a boom. But the time was not propitious for quartz, capitalists were timid to invest, the disastrous quartz experiences of Cariboo had not been forgotton, while other quartz ventures, notably the Foster mine, were still fresh in the minds of the monied men of Victoria. The riches of the Kootenay country were still undeveloped, and unable to refute the almost accepted axiom that there were no valuable quartz properties north of the 49th parallel. Another serious drawback to Camp McKinney was its inaccessibility; only under heavy expense and with great difficulty could heavy mining machinery be imported. Nothing daunted, however, the owners of such well known claims as the Cariboo, Amelia, Eureka, Alice and Emma, Carbonate, Maple Leaf, Kamloops, Okanagan, Victoria, Washington and many others, expended thousands of dollars in development work and proved beyond doubt that there were tons of paying ore in Camp McKinney and its vicinity, inviting only the advent of the necessary machinery to produce dividend-paying properties. The fortunes of the camp gradually languished, until it became that most desolate of places, a deserted mining camp, when late last year Messrs. Monaghan, King and McAuley, the principal shareholders of the Cariboo and Amelia Co., determined to further develop their property. The result was so satisfactory that a force of men was kept working all winter, running drifts east and west in the vein, and a remarkably fine body of ore, carrying free gold, was displayed. Mr. Monaghan, the president of the company, realizing that if machinery was to be brought into Camp McKinney, the winter was the only time practicable. He was fortunately able to secure a first-class ten-stamp mill complete, which had formerly been used in the Rainbow mine, near Golden, Wash., a distance of 35 miles from Camp McKinney, and on February 20th he commenced pulling down the mill on the Rainbow mine, and on April 26th he saw his first ton of ore through at Camp McKinney. When we consider the difficulties to be contended with in handling heavy machinery up a mountain 4,500 feet with from two to four feet of snow, in the most inclement weather, getting out timbers and lumber, and setting up the mill in running order in a little over 60 days, it must be admitted that Mr. Monahan, under whose personal supervision the work has been carried on, has established a record for energy and perseverance which deserves to meet with success, and it is most gratifying to be able to state, that an examination of the plates, after the trial run above alluded to, showed considerable gold, and the old Cariboo claim promises to uphold her former reputation as the best gold property in this portion of the province. H. N.

The Kootenay Market.

Our correspondent from White valley sends us the following:—

"I wonder if ever it will come to pass that the Okanagan country will have direct railway communication with the Kootenay mining district by a route other than the C.P.R. The Kootenay country is being rapidly developed; towns and cities are springing up in every direction; thousands are flocking in annually, and the only industry in that section is mining. It is not an agricultural country, and yet the population need agricultural products of every description, flour, beef, pork, hay, oats, potatoes, &c., and we can safely say that the bulk of this trade is done with our neighbors across the line. Not over a hundred miles distant is a cash market for all the surplus products of this over-stocked Okanagan valley, yet here we are shut off therefrom by exhorbitant freight rates and a lengthy round about route which swallow up the profit margin. I have been in the Kootenay country and know that nothing but American bacon, American beef, American flour and American goods of all kinds predominate. So far as we are concerned, i. e., in agricultural products, we certainly should make an effort to secure this market, which lays in our own province, aye, at our very door. A feasible route has been discovered via White valley, Cherry and Mosquito creeks to the Columbia, near Nakusp; and another down the Fire valley to near Robson."

Our correspondent is probably unaware that a third pass exists, discovered by Mr. J. A. Coryell, C. E., considerably south of the two mentioned by him. This would run north of Christina lake, down the north fork of Kettle river and over the Boundary mountain—stated to be the lowest pass in the Gold range. A charter was at one time held for the construction of a line from Vernon to Nelson via White valley, Fire valley, and the Columbia river. It has, we believe, lapsed. This is just as well, as the parties holding the same were not practical railway men and the charter was, according to all appearances, obtained purely as a speculation. There is one section of the district, the Kettle river valley, which could easily capture the Kootenay market by the construction of a comparatively short waggon road—i. e. if the present portion of the old "Dewdney trail from the east of Grand Prairie" to Trail, on the Columbia, were made passable for waggons. This question must of necessity claim the attention of the Government in the near future. The farmers of this section are, however, certain to find a ready market soon at the mines in their own vicinity.

Fatal Accident.

Last Thursday Wm. Engre, who has been living for some time with Mary Smith, Indian wife of the late "Okanagan," Smith on the ranch on the Colville reserve, accidentally discharged a revolver, inflicting a severe wound, from which he died in about two hours. It seems that there were some alterations being made in the house, and that Engre, while stooping over a bed, which he was taking apart, in some way caught the trigger of a revolver that was stuck into the waistband of his trousers. The bullet entered the right side of his stomach, shooting downwards, and he expired from loss of blood. There were only Engre, Mary Smith, her daughter Lizzie and Philip Roux, who is employed around the fruit farm, in the house at the time of the accident. Roux immediately went to Oro for a doctor, but long before he returned Engre was dead.

It was reported at Fairview on Saturday that Engre's death was the outcome of a row between him and one Jack Evans, a son-in-law of Hoke Smith by his Indian wife, and for some time overseer of the ranch during Smith's life. Color was lent to this report by the fact that, about six weeks ago, Engre and Evans met in a saloon in Oro, and had some hot words, which ended in a row.

GENERAL NEWS.

It is stated that there are horned toads on the Anarchist Mountain.

Mr. Green, C. E., is about to move from Osoyoos to Boundary creek, where he will reside in future. He will also have a residence built on his pre-emption on Osoyoos lake.

Last season a rather novel method of mining was tried in the Similkameen, a short distance below the line, by a diver, who worked in the river bed about twenty feet under the water. He is said to have done well. The same method has long since been tried near Lytton by Captain Finch and Colonel Underwood.

One of the most beautiful sights in the country can now be seen at the fruit ranch of the late Okanagan Smith. The peach, apricot, plum and and other fruit trees are all in full bloom, and as there are quite a few acres it gives the place the appearance of a forest of flowers. The grape vines, too, are looking beautiful.

The Kettle River district has two mails a week from the United States and only one from the Canadian side. The latter does not represent one-tenth of the entire mail matter. Though the settlers have to subsidize the line to Marcus, still they save money by doing so, as the postage is cheaper. And yet there are people who assert that the district has not been neglected.

The snow is rapidly melting off the Boundary mountain, and the miners are all making for the hills. There is also very little left at Camp McKinney, while at Fairview the snow had quite disappeared from the camp a month ago. This is not by any means as snowy a country as our neighbors across the line seem to imagine.

There is no lack of genius in this section of B. C. This is amply proven by the fact that a well known rancher has patented a process whereby the brain of a squirrel can be grafted into that of a sucking calf. On reaching years of discretion the peaceful bovine therefore, puts up its own winter feed. This is an immense saving of time and money. It is rather an edifying spectacle to see a frisky young shorthorn skipping around on the boughs of the trees, or sitting on a swaying limb chattering merrily while cracking nuts and throwing the shells at the watery-mouthed boys beneath.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Prepared to Substantiate.

To the editor of THE ADVANCE:

SIR:—In the local columns of the Vernon News, of April 26th, I notice an article apparently making out K.R's. representations as to C.P.R. rates via steamer Aberdeen to be misrepresentations. The only fact Capt. Foster endeavors to upset is the fact of passengers' baggage checked through to Penticton, being left at Okanagan Landing. He states that the baggage invariably goes through. In the case represented by K. R., the baggage was checked to Penticton, the owner of the baggage came through, and had to leave his checks at Penticton until the baggage arrived on the following trip. K. R. is able to substantiate what he stated in the Vernon News and also in this issue of THE ADVANCE. K. R.

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