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THE CYANIDE PROCESS

As Applied to Ores from Different Sections of B. C.

The following, which is taken from a pamphlet sent out by Mr. W. Pellew Harvey, agent in British Columbia for the Cassel Gold Extracting Company, may prove of interest to the general mining community, and more especially to those who have been somewhat tardy in recognizing the fact that the possibility of working some of the large bodies of ore to be found in this country (especially those of low grade) depends almost entirely on this mode of treatment:

MANIPULATION.

The first thing to be done when considering the advisability of using this process, is to have samples tested for their gold and silver contents; the consumption of cyanide per ton; the time taken to dissolve the contained precious metals; and, if the consumption is over the average, viz.: from 2 to 2.5 lbs. per ton of ore treated, the cause of this abnormal waste. It may be from several causes, the principal of which is free acid.

Having satisfied yourselves by preliminary experiments, and, if an excessive consumption, rectified it by adding an alkali, usually soda or lime, to neutralize the acid, we proceed as follows. (My remarks will necessarily be brief and non-technical, as I wish all to understand me.)

TREATMENT OF BIG SAMPLE.

The ore as received from the mine is crushed to pass a screen of from 20 to 30 mesh, this varies in accordance with the nature of the ore. From the crusher the pulp is introduced by any means most economical and best adapted to local circumstances into either round or square vats, capable of holding the tonnage required to be treated daily. Above these ore vats there are others containing a liquid composed of cyanide of potassium and water, and, if necessary, soda, made up to the strength as previously found will be required; below these are others. Vats No. 1 are connected with No. 2 by means of rubber tubing and the solution is introduced by means of an aperature underneath them and so percolates through the mass in an upward movement. This solution is allowed to stand on the ore a few hours; then, by means of a vacuum filter, is drawn back and through other tubes and finally emptied into vats No. 3. This process is kept on for several hours and eventually the solution now containing the gold and silver, which has been dissolved, is passed into launders and slowly over zinc shavings, so arranged as to expose as much of its surface as possible. By this means the gold and silver is deposited as a black powder, which hangs loosely on the zinc and can be shaken off at will. The solution, which is saved in other vats, is now freed from gold and silver, and can be used again by making it up to standard by adding more cyanide of potassium. The gold and silver powder is washed, dried and run into bars in the usual way. This process on ordinary ores takes from 24 to 48 hours, but more usually the former.

LOCAL COST OF TREATMENT AND RESULTS.

I have treated a great many parcels of most complex ore with wonderful results and will give an instance or two to confirm this.

Recently a parcel of ore from the Stemwinder claim, Greenwood camp, Kettle river, B. C., was sent me for treatment. This contained about 6 per cent of copper, about 30 per cent of sulphur, with zinc, silica and the usual "refractory combination." Such an ore could not be smelted for $15, to say nothing of cost of transportation to the smelter of another $15, and still more impossible would it be to amalgamate. The ore assays 2 ozs. 13 dwts, 1 gr. per ton. This was under treatment 48 hours and cost per ton to treat $3. The extraction was wonderful, viz.: 98.3 per cent, the tailings only containing 22 grains per ton.

CARIBOO.

From this camp several samples have been treated. The ore in reference contained 48 per cent sulphur, as well as arsenic and iron, and this is the usual ore of that district. The Quesnelle Mining Co.'s ore assayed 2 oz. 17 dwts. 6grs., at a cost of $1.50 per ton. I extracted over 95 per cent of assay value.

I have given these instances and think they will undoubtedly prove that the cyanide process is equally as well adapted to Canadian ores as to those of other countries.

EXAMPLE WHERE PROFIT CAN BE MADE.

Suppose you have property containing an ore with much sulphurets, the average assay being $7 per ton. This you will admit is rather too low grade for successful treatment by the amalgamation process, as only about 70 per cent, if that, of the gold contained could be extracted at a cost of from $4 to $5 per ton for milling plus cost of mining and crushing and 30 per cent waste.

Such an ore could be worked by the cyanide process, as shown below:

Mining and crushing, say.....	$ 1 50	per ton
Cyanide, used 2 lbs. "	80	"
Incidental labor "	30	"
Loss on extracting, supposing we extract 90 per cent basing 100 per cent as $7 per ton....	70	"
Zinc shavings and running bars..	10	"
	$ 3 40	"

This will leave a balance of $3.60 per ton. This same ore, if concentrated 3 to 1, would yield a product which would be of still greater value if treated by this process, in proportion to that of amalgamation, as such concentrates would increase the difficulty of handling by mercury on account of the greater percentage of sulphur, and such metals as coat the gold, which by the way have scarcely any effect if treated by the McArthur-Forrest process.

COST OF PLANT.

A complete plant, exclusive of crushing machinery, capable of treating 25 tons a day would cost approximately $3000, and one man can handle it when the ore is once in the vats. This would include agitators, patent filters, zinc filtering launders, etc., could be manufactured on the spot and so save transportation cost, which would amount to a considerable sum in outlying camps.

PRACTICAL RESULTS.

The experimental work which has been conducted by the writer, has led to good practical results, negotiations are now in progress with several strong companies, who contemplate erecting cyanide works for the treatment of their product. Two of these are in the Okanagan country, with an aggregate capacity of 2500 tons per month. Two in Cariboo, for mines near Barkerville, of a similar capacity. One on Victoria Island of 1500 tons per month, and one on the coast of 750 tons per month. It is also probable that a large plant will be erected at Barkerville, to be used as a custom plant, where ores can be sent for treatment. As was found in Africa, the cyanide process will be the means of opening the mines of this country, and I feel confident in predicting that, within a year from this date, British Columbia will rank as one of the leading gold producing centres of the world.

I have, I think, touched on the leading points and hope they will be of interest. If any further information is required, I shall be happy to send the Cassel Gold Extracting Company's complete pamphlet, which goes into detail with facts and figures. Any samples sent will be reported on with pleasure and negotiations for future business heartily entered into.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of The Advance:

Sir—Referring to my letter in your issue of Janury 17, and your comments upon it, I am not aware of any crooked work being done so far as the blank vouchers are concerned, but what I should like to know is: was the paymaster instructed to take vouchers in that form? and if so, for what reason? It appears to me to be a most unbusinesslike way of doing things. If those were his directions does it not leave room for misgivings on the part of those employed and others. Personally, it does not concern me, as I never signed any such vouchers, but it is a matter that is being continually raked up, and I, with many others, would like to hear a satisfactory explanation.

Yours truly,

Junius Junior.

This is what the Northwest Mining Review has to say about "silver senators": The United States Senate will have several more silver men in it now than ever before. Senator Washburn of Minnesota has been succeeded by Hon. Knute Nelson, who is an out and out silver man, while Senator Washburn was not. Montana has elected two senators, both silver men; last year that state had only one senator. Wyoming has elected a silver man to fill the vacancy caused a year ago when that state failed to elect a senator. Utah will be represented in the next congress by a silver man. Washington is pledged to the silver cause and any man elected to the United States senate from this state will be a free silver advocate. With the above facts before us there will be at least the following gain of silver men in the United States Senate, provided the newly elected senators take their seats immediately: Minnesota, loss of one goldite and gain of one silverite, gain 2; Montana elected two, gain 1; Wyoming, gain 1; Washington, gain 1; total gain, 5. It is almost certain that there will be other gains so that there is sure to be no financial legislation without it is favorable to silver.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1895.

THE petition which was so numerpously signed by residents of the Upper Okanagan, asking that the Government build a road from Cherry creek to Fire valley: should be given the consideration it justly deserves by the Lands and Works Department. The least that should be done would be to connect the thirty-three miles between the end of the present road to Monashe with the upper end of Fire valley by a good sleigh road, which it is calculated can be done at the approximate cost of $6,000. The agricultural returns for this year show that the White Valley district alone—including Blue Springs and Creighton valley—is capable of supplying Kootenay with 800 tons of cultivated hay. Such a road would, however, not only give an outlet to the produce of the eastern portion of the Upper Okanagan,, but also help materially by offering a new mail route to establish trade between the Kootenay and Okanagan districts, which are respectively the greatest mining and farming districts of the Province. That the people of Kootenay are—judging by the observations made by the press of that district—indifferent whether the road be built or not, as Kootenay can obtain its farm produce from either the Northwest or from the across the line, should cut no figure in the matter at all, as it lies in the interest of the Province generally that as much as possible trade should be kept within its borders. A really good through route connecting the two districts would be of infinitely more value, judging from actual experience than a couple of subsidized railways.

IN OUR present issue appears a letter over the signature of Junius Junior. This is the second contributed by the writer on the subject of blank vouchers having been signed by workmen on the Kettle river wagon road. Now, in the matter of the administration of public affairs there should be no room for doubt or uncertainty. Especially is this so with regard to the handling of public money, and if there is any foundation for the uneasiness which seems to exist in some people's minds, as stated by the writer, then it is evidently the duty of this paper to call the attention of the provincial authorities to the matter, so that some enquiry may be made, and the reflection that is being cast upon all those in authority in this lower country may be cleared away, and public confidence once again restored. This is made necessary owing to the fact that Junius Junior has failed to designate by name the particular paymaster referred to, and it is well known more than one party acted in that capacity. For our own part, we trust and believe that an enquiry will elicit a satisfactory explanation. In the meantime, some of those referred to by Junius Junior as seeking a satisfactory explanation might like to shed a little light upon the subject, and if so, we should be pleased to receive any communication that would help either to confirm or dispel the aspersion that has been cast upon some one.

THAT the petition of the Red Mountain Railway Company to have their charter extended was voted down in the Provincial Legislature shows that the majority of the members of that body had either very little knowledge of the question they were dealing with or labor under the narrow-minded delusion that trade can be forced out of its natural channels. If other questions of similar importance are to be treated in the same manner by the legislature for the next three and a half years, the growth of the mining industry in the southern interior of British Columbia will be very seriously retarded. If no more competing lines from the States are to be allowed to come into British Columbia, such immensely rich mineral district as Trail and Boundary creek, which are being kept back for want of transportation facilities, will remain dormant indefinitely, and the loss to the Province will be incalculable.

IN OUR last week's issue an article on "Ores of Copper" and their relation to same of the large bodies of this class of mineral to be found in this district, should have been brought more prominently to the notice of mining men, as the subject is one of great interest. We therefore take this opportunity of requesting our readers who are interested in mining, if they have not done so, to give the subject their consideration. Also the article in this week's issue which sets forth some of the advantages to be derived from the adoption of the cyanide process for the treatment of the class of ore to be found in some of the Boundary creek camps.

Any subscriber having a spare copy of THE ADVANCE of July 5, 1894, would confer a favor by sending it in to this office.

COLVILLE INDIAN RSERVATION.

The throwing open of the Colville Reservation to settlement, is a matter that has engaged the attention of a large number of people for a long time past. It will, therefore, perhaps prove of interest to many to know that at least one step more in this direction is being taken, when it is stated that the Surveyor General has issued notices for bids for the survey of the same, which comprises 500,000 acres of mineral, agricultural, timber and other land. The tenders for the survey will be opened on Feb. 15, and it will be required that the different surveys shall be completed and the returns forwarded to the department before the first of Jan. 1896. It will, therefore, be seen that the settlers, prospectors and others who have for years past entertained covetous feelings toward this territory will be obliged to hold the same in check for another year or so, during which time the notions entertained by many of its extravigant richness in minerals, coal etc., will have expanded and grown to gigantic proportions. They may also learn the lesson that the whole internal policy of the great Republic, moves not, except as a vast political machine, whose ramnifications include the throwing open to settlement, large areas of territory just on the eve of a general election.

WAR CLOUD.

Confederation of Cantral American States Against Mexico.

The trouble between Mexica and Guatamala grows more serious day by day, and it seems that hardly any recourse is left but for the former country to declare war. How alarmingly serious affairs have grown may be inferred from the fact that three other of the Central American states—Nicaragua, Salvador, and Costa Rica have formed a confederation with Guatemala against Mexico. Should, therefore, no understanding be arrived at and that quickly, for the adjustment of the dispute between the two countries, very soon the world will witness a fierce and bloody struggle between these states. Both sides are massing troops and great preparations are being made for war.

THE FATE OF WEI-HAI-WEI.

The Japanese Gain Another Signal Victory.

Latest advices contain news to the effect that this, the last point of strategic importance held by the Chinese, has, after a few days' bombardment, fallen into the hands of the victorious Japanese. This leaves the Empire open to the invasion of Japanese troops as far as the seaports are concerned, and will no doubt hasten peace negotiations. The Japanese forces on land were assisted by their fleet, which kept up a severe bombardment.

Terrible Disaster at Sea.

Advices of January 31st chronicle a terrible disaster in which some 334 or more lives were lost at sea. The North German Lloyd steamer Elbe, bound from Bremen to New York, was ran into and literally cut in two by the British steamship Crathia. Owing to the fact that the Elbe remained afloat only a few minutes after being struck, very few lives were saved. Most of the passengers were asleep at the time of the collision, and were, owing to the rush of water into the ship, unable to reach the deck, which lent an additional horror to their death.

Arizona Train Robbers at Work.

The Southern Pacific westbound train was held up near Wilcox, Arizona, on January 31. The robbers, after compelling the train hands to detach the express car from the train and move ahead to a convenient point on the line, literally blew the express car and company's safe to pieces with dynamite, and secured a booty consisting of some $10,000 in Mexican money, besides a lot of other coin. The robbers are supposed to be none other than the noted desperadoes Joe George, Jim Yates, Grant Wheeler and John Woods.

Wilson Chosen.

Congressman John L. Wilson, by receiving 44 votes in the Republican caucus, was declared the nominee of the party for United States Senator from the state of Washington. The fight for the position was the most bitterly contested one ever known in the history of the country.

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Cameron, D. J.	Crown		Pre-emption 870, being East half Sec. 4, Tp. 23	320	1893	8 34
Goldie, Robert	Drake & Jackson	Real and Personal	Lot 19, Group 1	320	1893	32 66
Hachey, Isaac		Real and Personal	Lot 359, Group 1	359	1893	8 17
Mason, H. S		Wild land	Lot 307, Group 1	137	1893	15 00
Lawes & Smyth		Real	Lot 238, Group 1	640	1893	10 66
Patten, L. W		Real	North-west ¼ Sec. 17, and North-east ¼ Sec. 17 Tp. 35	320	1893	6 00
Rashdall, G. H		Real property tax	South-west ¼ Sec. 19, Township 9		1893	13 34
TOWN OF ENDERBY.						
Byers, George		Real Property Tax.	Lot 8, Block 11, First Addition, Enderby			2 00
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LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

The snow is off all the foothills in the Okanagan.

Mr. Quin Faulkner is we regret to hear very ill at Victoria.

Quite a few little buildings have been put up recently at Okanagan Landing by employees on the S. & O.

Mr. Boss came down from Douglas camp on Saturday last and since then has been spending a few days in town.

Mr. McClung is getting ready to build a residence on his pre-emption just across the line, which borders on the Midway townsite property.

The correct thing to smoke in the Mission valley is the Kelowna cigarette made of "Old Judge" tobacco wrapped up in Kelowna home grown leaf.

The samples of Fairview water sent by the Government to Ottawa to be analized, were pronounced to be exceptionally good. Six samples in all were sent.

Mr. King, junr., of Camp McKinney, passed through Midway Tuesday, bound for Spokane on business connected with the Cariboo company's affairs.

Mr. H. White came down from camp on Saturday last and remained Midway's guest for a few days, leaving on Tuesday for Fairview in company with Mr. H. P. Palmerston.

It is understood that Mr. McIntyre, who paid this district a visit lately in company with Mr. Suydam, has suffered the loss of a brother in the awful calamity in Butte, Montana.

Colonel Thompson arrived on Friday's stage from Spokane. This gentleman is operating in the interests of eastern capitalists and is quite a welcome visitor among the boys. Developments to follow.

Several sample sacks of ore were sent out this week to Penticton for shipment to Vancouver to be treated by the cyanide process. The miners are indebted to Mr. S. Martin for free freight to Penticton on these samples.

The second of the series of bi-monthly dances was held in Palmerston's hall on Saturday night last. Quite a large number of ladies and gentlemen graced the occasion by their presence, and all seemed thoroughly to enjoy and appreciate the opportunity offered to indulge in the fascinating pastime.

The last day of Messrs. McAuley and Grant's lease of the Victoria hotel, Vernon, was celebrated in grand style by a dance in that well known hostelry, which was very largely attended. The lease of the Victoria has been transferred to Messrs. W. Murphy and Quin Faulkner.

The assay obtained by the cyanide process on ore from the Stemwinder, Greenwood camp, gave in gold $54.60 per ton. When it is known that the ore was taken from one of the large ledges (30 feet wide) that abound in the Greenwood camp, the satisfactory result of this assay will be apparent.

Foolscap and legal cap paper is in great demand in Midway and Boundary Falls at present. The fact that this commodity is in request is rather significant and means business. "The mills of the Gods grind slowly, but the rate at which the crusher will grind the ores in this vicinity in the near future, none dare prophesy.

We are in receipt of information from the secretary of the Montreal Exposition Co, to the effect that a Provincial Exhibition will be held in Montreal from the 12th to the 21st of September, and would suggest that the opportunity should not be lost sight of to make adisplay in that city of the ores of the Boundary creek and other camps.

Workmen will be set to work next week to lengthen the steamer Fairview twenty feet, and to add two feet to the diameter of her wheel. Another effort will then be made by her owners to successfully navigate the Okanagan river between Penticton and Dog lake, whether the Dominion Government will give an appropriation to clean out the river or not.

Mr. Luc Girouard, the Okanagan old timer, whose death was so universally regretted by everyone who knew him, may well be said to have lived like a Christian and to have been buried like a Siwash. Religious bigotry appears to have found its way into the Province which always boasted that it was freer from narrow minded intolerance than any other in the Dominion.

Dr. Jakes is at present attending a patient on the reserve who, about a a month ago, having a difference with an Indian, had occasion to make use of his biceps. One of the patient's hands coming into contact with the Indian's teeth, received a cut, and the result was blood poisoning, and so serious is the case, owing to the patient's own negligence, that it is feared it will be necessary to remove one or more fingers, if not the whole hand.

Mr. Thomet has resumed operations on the Elkhorn claim, near the mouth of Prior creek. It is his intention to tunnel on the ledge, which tunnel, by being run about 200 feet, will prove the vein to a depth of about 120 feet, after which it is quite likely a chamber will be blown out in the end of the tunnel so as to give room for a hoist, for the purpose of sinking a shaft. This claim carries a vein of very fine ore, rich in silver and gold, and is expected under the work of development to turn out a very valuable property.

Two new arrivals, in the persons of Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Casselman, came in on last week's stage from Penticton. These ladies are the parents of Mr. and Mrs. Kerr of Boundary creek, with whom they are staying for the present.

Mr. Spraggett of Grand Prairie was a visitor in town on Friday last. In conversation he intimated a growing desire among the residents of Grand Prairie for the formation of the valley into a district municipality. Whatever might be their lot under local self government, it could not be much worse than at present, for except at stated intervals of four years they were apparently so far distant from the seat of government that they were virtually forgotton.

Messsr. Conkle & Donald have leased for one year their livery stable business here to Messrs. B. Ingram and KcKay Ingram, and will retire to their ranch up Kettle river, where they intend making many improvements, the first of which will be the bringing of water upon their land out of Rock creek, which will necessitate the building of a ditch some three miles in length. This work will engage their attention as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring. Other improvements will consist of building, fencing, etc.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The following shows the rank and number of merit marks obtained during the month of January, by pupils of the Midway public school:

Third class—maximum marks, 870—Jessie Murray, 777; Alma Hopper, 740; Eddie Melville, 732: Willie Melville, 688.

Second class—maximum marks 870—Fred East, 649.

Second primer, sr.—maximum marks, 670—Willie Murray, 522

Second primer—maximum marks, 670—Walter Melville, 630; Walter Murray, 603; Harry Palmerston, 570.

First primer—maximum marks, 670—Johnnie Thornton, 577; George Murray, 530.

GRAND PRAIRIE.

(From our own correspondent.)

An informal meeting of those interested in the renovation of the bridge (which was partly destroyed by floods last spring) over Kettle river at McLaren's, was held in Spraggett's hall on Wednesday the 27th ult. Since the partial destruction of the bridge the settlers have rested on the conviction that the Government would come to their assistance and repair the damages done by flood to this much needed structure, and by communication from the outside it was understood that an appropriation had been made by the legislature for that purpose. It was, therefore, rather a surprise to many to learn that Road Foreman McInnes had received instructions to build the bridge at Ingram's and allow the one at McLaren's to go by default. This did not meet the views of the settlers here, and so, after some discussion, and with feelings of soreness at the treatment received, they decided to once again take matters into their own hands, and to push the work with vigor, as it was feared that by delay the chances of making use of the ice in the river would be lost. Some fifteen men with teams will therefore be upon the scene of operations on Monday the 4th to build a monument to the energy of the Prairie settlers and the disgrace of the Government.

Is there any law which provides for the quarantine of beef cattle imported into the Dominion, and if so why is it not carried out in B. C.

In the light of recent events would it not be well for the local constables to be on the alert to see that the Provincial Act for the slaughtering of cattle is being observed in the different parts of the district.

The mildness of the winter has been conducive to a large amount of work being done in the matter of getting out rails and other material for ranch improvements to be executed the coming summer, and all seem confident of a better season than the last. NERO.

BOUNDARY FALLS NOTES.

(From our own correspondent.)

Colonel Thompson is here doing business among the boys, some of whom have not worn such expansive smiles upon their countenances for some time past. This augurs well for the country.

The impromptu dance gotten up by our residents and held in Hardy's hall last Wednesday night passed off with great eclat. Visitors were in attendance from Midway and also from Grand Prairie. Everyone expressed themselves as having had a very good time.

So far have the "advanced" pupils advanced under the instructions given by our local dancing master (who, by the way, has been accustomed to taking useful articles in trade for services rendered) that the fantastic steps executed by some of our prominent citizens, provides on occasion amusement to those who witness the same. One gentleman more enthusiastic than the rest was heard to declare he would master that "Royt lef" "Royt lef" waltz step, or sacre, he would trade the only animal left on the ranch.

N.B.—The only animal left on the premises is a q'wilful porcupine, which the dancing master declines. Please bracket this joke to give it some support, so that it will not descend with too much force upon the intellects of those "q'wilful" enough to laugh at it.

ARMSTRONG HAPPENINGS.

(From our own correspondent.)

At a meeting of the Spallumcheen Council, held on the last Saturday in January, after disposing of other business, an audit committee was appointed composed af Messrs. Hamill, Schubert and Cumming, with power to make a thorough examination of matters connected with the municipal council since its inception. The committeee have got through their labor and will report at the next meeting.

Mr. H. Seydel has sent in his resignation as clerk to the municipality, and intends living at Okanagan Mission in future, having sold his ranch here.

Mr. W. d'Eath is busy putting up a new residence to replace the one destroyed by fire recently.

Our worthy citizen Mr. R. Daniels returned a few days ago from Manitoba, in which province he spent his Christmas holidays, and judging from the prize drawn they must have bonny Christmas trees in that country. Best wishes to the happy couple.

A breach of promise case will occupy the attention of the court in the near future, two prominent citizens of Enderby figuring in the same. Society is all agog with excitement.

Mr. R. Bailey has purchased from Mr. D. McIntyre his house and lot at Enderby (not horse, as erroneously stated in a former issue).

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Success in business is paved by the typesetter and made smooth by the printing press.

Brevity is the soul of defeat in some advertising. Grain won't grow to fruitfulness the day it is planted.

The advice of a bishop to a young preacher applies equally well to an advertiser: "Have something to say. Say it. Stop."

The men who fail and go down in oblivion belong to the class who never advertise, advertise occasionally or only as they think their trade will warrant.

There may be a double meaning in the misspelled sign in South Brooklyn: "For Sale—A sloop yacht of forty five tons. Apply to owner, Third avenue, Bay Ridge."

An advertisement should tell the whole story in the least number of words, carefully selected and easily comprehended. The display should be adapted to the medium used.

To catch the eye is the first requisite in an advertisement; what follows should be so well put together as to excite the reader's interest and claim his attention to the end.—Printer's Ink.

PROGRESSIVE WOMEN.

Queen Victoria greatly dislikes a visitor who is shy and colors or looks agitated when addressed. At the finish of the interview the queen generally bows slightly or offers her hand, and then turns a little to one side to save the very trying necessity of an entirely backward exit from her presence.

The empress of Austria has her hair shampooed once a month. It is still beautiful, luxuriant and perfectly black, and when let down touches the ground as she stands, and she is tall. It is said the hair wash requires forty eggs, and the other ingredients are obtained from no less than twenty mysterious bottles.

More Butter Wanted.

In common with the rest of the products of the farm, butter has participated in the general decline, bearing especially heavy on the producer of a few pounds of "dairy roll" which reaches the markets of the world through the ordinary country store.

It looks more and more as though the farmer must produce larger quantities, possibly of fewer things; trying to have enough of some thing to make it possible and worth his while te give the subject of marketing more attention. Quantity is almost as essential as quality when one undertakes to sell produce with the assistance of few middlemen. Of course quality must not be lost sight of, but the point that I am making is that quantity will help one to markets which otherwise would be closed. And then, there is the important saving in the way of expressage and freight.—C. G. Williams, in Country Gentleman.

Dairy Pointers.

Keep the cows clean. Keep every utensil scrupulously clean. Avoid shallow pans and dash churn. With the former it is difficult to discover when to cream, and in meantime the cream may be injured by unsuspected unfavorable atmospheric conditions, while the latter are hard to keep clean. There may be as good, but I doubt if there is a better churn than the swing. You must have appliances for making butter of uniform quality.

Some Requisites.

Unless butter making is properly attended from "start to finish" there can be no success. First, the cows must be properly kept and given clean and comfortable quarters. Third, the milking must be carefully done. Fourth, the milk and cream must be kept in a clean, cool place and the "head" of the family must provide nearly all of these conditions so that the fault generally found with poor butter is placed on the "wo-man folk" quite [illegible]

FARMING IN FOREIGN LANDS.

The government of South Africa is importing English hackney stallions for breeding purposes.

Vanilla culture is increasing on the island of Reunion, in the Indian ocean, the export of product being nearly 100 tons yearly.

The despised rabbit of Australia is being anxiously inquired for by the British army contractor, who sees a possible supply of cheap and wholesome food for the army in that direction.

The grape and wine industry in Hungary is suffering greatly from phylloxera and black rot. The vintage has steadily decreased, year by year, that of last year being only three-eights of the annual average of fifteen years ago.

The experiments of flax-growing for seed and fiber in south Australia has proved eminently satisfactory, far exceeding expectations. It is expected that a much larger area will be devoted to flax culture, and possibly other fiber plants.

The director of the government farm at Nariad, India, reports officially that cotton from American seed has proved a failure in India, after long and repeated trials. He recommends, therefore, that the cultivation should stop, and indigenous varieties be cultivated instead.

LITTLE CURIOUS THINGS.

The first oil well in America was discovered on a small mountain farm in Wayne county, Ky., in the year 1829.

In the year 1261 a tithe was laid upon all Wales' tongues brought into Bayonne, they being at that time highly esteemed as food.

Indian corn, or maize, never has an uneven number of rows of grains, because it has opposite radicals of growth from the cob centre.

Delplaine gives figures to prove that the planet earth has supported 66,627,842,237,075,266 human inhabitants since the beginning of time.

According to M. Flammarion, the great astronomer, the mean temperature of Paris for the past six years has been two degrees below the normal.

Stonemasons will probably get a better idea of the immense size of the Great Pyramid when then they learn that it consists of 89,028,000 cubic feet.

In Persia the women of fashion paint black circles around each eye and ornament the cheeks with figures of various small animals, bugs, etc.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Mr. Labouchere carries his radicalism so far as to refrain from giving the readers of his paper any information of the birth of an heir to the throne.

Since he won the derby, Lord Rosebery has also bagged first and second prizes for shorthorn cows, four first and one second for sheep and a first and second prize for pigs.

Sir Edward Burne-Jones confesses that the only one of his paintings which wearied him was his most famous "The Golden Stairs." He declares that he got "so tired of those girls."

The number of reindeer owned by a Laplander in Sweden varies to a considerable degree. The poor may have from three hundred to seven hundred, and the rich Laplander will keep one thousand, and even five thousand.

A collection of eighty thousand stuffed birds will be one of the attractions of a museum now in course of erection at Leyden, Holland. The building will, in size, outrank anything of the kind in the world, except the British museum.

THE FASHIONS.

White satin and white chiffon is the ideal combination for a bridal petticoat.

Chinese muslin is a pretty new material, and it comes both plain and figured a la pompadour.

The autumn bell skirt will be fuller and wider than the original model, but exactly like it in other respects.

Braiding will be a very favorable garniture in rich dresses next season, as well as on tailor gowns and utility costumes.

The new poplin coats take the place of the dress waists. Some are Vandyked on the sides in deep points, but are shorter than any of the coats worn a year ago.

JUDGMENTS.

The unexpected never happens twice.

The next century will take up women's wrongs.

Comparisons are odious, except those in your favor.

He who lives in the fear of death is already half dead.

Women lie about their ages, men about their weight.

It is impossible to count on what a jury or a girl will do.

It aggravates us more to hear our enemies praised than to hear our friends maligned.—Madeline Orvis, in Judge.

FOR YOUNG HOUSEKEEPERS.

When ironing starched clothes have a bit of beeswax tied in a piece of muslin to rub the sadirons.

Hang in the kitchen in a convenient place for reference, a slate, with tape, pencil and sponge attached.

When the contents of a pot or pan boil over, throw salt immediately on the stove to prevent the disagreeable odor.

Scour the butter bowl and paddle once a week with coarse barrel salt, and use sal soda instead of soap to clean dairy utensils.

NOTES FOR THE CURIOUS.

Europeans pay $3,350,000,000 taxes per annum.

There are less than 300 pure-blooded Greenlanders.

A Russian is not legally of age till he is 26 years old.

Our annual interest account with England is $125,000,000.

One half of the wealth of England is in the possession of 1,000 individuals.

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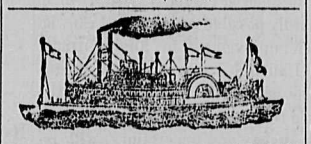

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MINERAL ACT, 1891.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

THE EMPIRE MINERAL CLAIM,

Situated in Camp Fairview, in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Francis R. Kline, Free Miner's certificate 52,435, intend by my agent, Thomas Elliot, of Camp Fairview, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice, that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1895.

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,
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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.

TAX NOTICE.

Rock Creek Division of Yale District.

NOTICE is hereby given that assessed and Provincial revenue taxes for 1895 are now due and payable at my office, Osoyoos, at the following rates:—

If paid on or before the 30th June—

One-half of one per cent on the assessed value of real estate:

One-third of one per cent on the assessed value of personal property;

One-half of one per cent on the income of every person of fifteen hundred dollars and over;

Two per cent on the assessed value of Wild Land.

If paid on or after the 1st July—

Two-thirds of one per cent on the assessed value of real estate;

One-half of one per cent on the assessed value of personal property;

Three-quarters of one per cent on the income of every person of fifteen hundred dollars and over;

Two and one-half per cent on the assessed value of Wild Land.

All persons whose taxes are in arrears up to the 31st December, 1894, are requested to pay the same forthwith, or costs will be incurred at an early date.

C. A. R. LAMBLY,
Assessor and Collector for the Rock Creek Division of Yale District.

Government Office,
Osoyoos, 5th January, 1895. td

THE PILOT BAY SMELTER.

The Concentrator and Roasters in Operation, and the Smelter Soon Will Be.

Although six months have scarcely elapsed since the partially completed smelter buildings at Pilot Bay were surrounded by the wreckage of the high water of last June, a 200-ton concentrator is is in operation, four roasters have been built and two of them put in use, an 80-ton stack is almost ready to be blown in, machinery is being placed in position for sampling works, and every barge on Kootenay lake is being used to transport either ore or fuel. To do this required both grit and money. A Connecticut Yankee had both, and the day is not far distant when British Columbia will have a smelter in actual operation.

The concentrator was first started up about two weeks ago, and with few alterations has worked smoothly and satisfactorily. It has a nominal capacity of 150 tons in 24 hours, but 200 tons can readily be run through in that time. Last Monday night 90 tons were run through in 12 hours. The roasters have a capacity of 10 tons each in 24 hours. The stack, which is nearly completed, will have a capacity of 80 tons daily. Ore and fluxes and fuel are already accumulating in the bins, and by the time the smelter is ready there will be ore enough on hand and in sight to keep it running, not for a day or two, but for months. The "wet" ore and fluxes come from the Blue Bell mine; the Number One mine at Ainsworth will furnish the bulk of the "dry" ore; the coke comes from Wilkinson, Washington, and the charcoal is made on the ground.

The concentrator has a rock breaker, three sets of rollers, twelve jigs, two double-deck slime tables and two vanners. The ore and concentrates are handled automatically from the time the ore leaves the barge until the concentrates are shoveled into the roaster. The roasters are of the ordinary kind, in which the charges are moved by hand. The smelting furnace is a water jacket. The water needed is pumped from the lake with a pump having a nominal capacity of 800 gallons per minute. Power is furnished by three engines, the largest of which is 110 horse-power. All the buildings of the company are lighted by electricity. The machinery is the best that is made, and the appliances appear to be for work and wear, not for show.

Ore is transported from the Blue Bell mine to Pilot Bay on barges, but at present the barge capacity is hardly equal to the capacity of the concentrator. The tug Kaslo has been chartered for towing.

About 150 men altogether are employed at Pilot Bay and at the Blue Bell mine.—Tribune.

THE ANACONDA MINES.

The largest copper smelting property in the world is at Anaconda, Montana. During the past eleven years the magnitude of the plant and its results have been steadily increasing, till now the employees are numbered by the thousand, and the business aggregates over a million dollars a month. About 4,000 tons of ore, the Scientific American states, are daily treated at the smelters, whcih are in continuous operation. The works constitute a little town in themselves, comprising a large number of different divisions, each subdivided into details corresponding with the requirements of the process of taking the ore from the car and turning it out merchantable copper. The concentrator alone is of vast proportions; the smelter and furnaces cover acres of ground; the eighty tank houses, store rooms, offices, etc., occupy a large area, and, in connection with this, is the proposed greater converting plant, to cost over a million dollars, and intended to be the largest and most complete institution in the country. The company's thousands of men are also employed in the Anaconda mine, near Butte, and adjacent mines, in their coal mines, fire brick, coke, etc., the pay-roll exceeding that of any other mine in the United States.

From 1885 to 1894 inclusive the Anaconda Mining Company has extracted 450,000,000 pounds of copper. Everything is on a gigantic scale and constitutes an important factor in the great industrial interests of the state.

An agreement is reported concluded between the Anaconda and Calumet and Hecla Companies, under the terms of which the former company undertakes to reduce their production to the level of the latter company—say to about 5,500,000 pounds per month. As in the month of October the Anaconda Company produced 9,300,000 pounds, this reduction represents about 1,500 tons per month. The production of the other three leading Montana companies in October was 6,100,000 pounds, and that of the other leading Lake Superior company—the Tamarack—900,000 pounds, these figures about representing the extent of their present capacity. It is believed that the Rio Tinto Company have agreed not to increase their production. Copper shipments to Europe continue on a reduced scale, being about 4,000 tons for November, making the total for eleven months of the year about 69,552 tons, against 70,993 tons in the same period last year. As 22,000 tons less have been shipped in the five months from July to November this year than last, it is evident that the private stocks of American copper held on the continent must now be less than at this date in 1893, the public stocks in England and France showing an increase of 6,068 tons. Consumption both in this country and in Europe must have been much larger this year than last, and seems likely to improve.

THE CYANIDE CONTEST.

The Mercur Mining Company was served late on Saturday night with the papers in the cyanide infringement suit. Through their regular attorney, Mr. Frank Pierce, and through other able co-operative counsel to be hereafter employed, they intend to make a very strong and vigorous defense, the result of the English suits encouraging them to the belief that the contentions of the cyanide people cannot hold against them. Without giving away the ground of defense entirely, Mr. Pierce said yesterday that but two main points wonld be raised and held at issue. They are the two points involved in what is known as the cyanide process. The Mercur Company will hold them to be incapable of patent, and as having been in use many years. Briefly stated, they are: first, the separation of the gold from the base metal by the use of cyanide of potassium; secondly, the precipitation, when in solution, by the use of zinc shavings.

The first use of this process, it is generally known, failed to operate upon the Mercur ores, and extensive and radical changes have since been made by the Mercur Company. Foolishly enough, as they themselves say, the Mercur Company did for a brief time pay a royalty to the owners of the cyanide patent, but no contract was ever made binding them to a continuance of it.—Salt Lake Tribune.

In a careful review of the business prospects of the new year the London "Statist" says: "The depressing influence exercised by the United States is accentuated by the banking cricis in Australasia, by the currency experiment in India, by the war between China and Japan, and by the fears of a crash in Italy and Spain. The revival in business will continue, because credit is improving, not only here at home, but upon the Continent, and because the augmented production of gold is attracting capital from Europe, and is preparing for a very considerable development in South Africa. But whether the revival be quick or slow in the present year will depend largely upon the policy pursued in the United States. If the gold withdrawls continue, if there are large shipments and large hoards, if credit continues paralized, and if, in consequence, the fear grows that there will be another currency crisis, then it is hardly possible that there can be much improvement in foreign trade. The United States is so great a factor in the international business of the world that while it continues as at present anxiety and uncertainty will remain. On the other hand, if Congress wisely sets about a proper currency reform, confidence will revive, there will be an advance in the prices of commodities, and the trade revival will be satisfactorily rapid."

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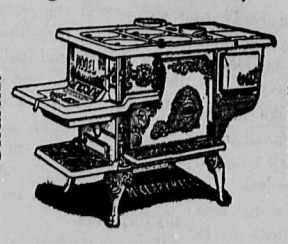

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