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NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the County Court of Yale will be held at Osoyoos on Wednesday, 13th June, 1894, at the hour of 11 o,clock in the forenoon.

By command.

C. A. R. LAMBLY,

Government Office, Osoyoos, R. C. C.

14th April, 1894,

Notice of Licensing Court.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Licensing Court for the Southern portion of the Osoyoos Division of Yale District will be held at the Government Office, Osoyoos, on the 15th June next, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

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DISTRICT NOTES.

Never in the memory of Indian or white man has the water in Trout Creek been so high as it is this spring.

Mr. Gartrell of Trout Creek has made a further improvement to his already extensive orchard by planting out this spring about two hundred more fruit trees of different kinds. It is a pleasure to visit this ranche and notice what well directed energy can do.

The large volume of smoke hanging over the upper end of the Mission valley is due to the clearing of land which is in progress on Mr. Calhouns pre-emption. By clearing, fencing, ploughing and other improvements this gentleman is clearly demonstrating the activity of the new timer.

Of late there have been a good many industries of different kinds started in this land of promise, yet another is contemplated. Mr. F Bouvette declares his intention of putting to work a number of siwash klootchmen to gather spruce and pine gum for shipment to eastern firms for the manufacture of chewing gum etc. He is confident that at the prices offered money can be made out of it.

Mr, J. Schubert has employed Harry Rose to go to Penticton, to make the necessary arrangements for the crossing of freight and passengers, until such time as a permanent structure can be put up to connect the present bridge with the east side of the Okanagan River.

To those compelled to labour almost incessantly from one years end to the other, some opportunity should be given whereby they might enjoy occaionally, in the summer time, a little rest and recreation. With this end in view some pressure should be brought to bear on the C. P. R. to induce them to institute bi-monthly excursions from Vernon and other points to Kelowna and Penticton. This would furnish a chance for penple to become acquainted with the country,to appreciate the splendid accommodation furnished by the steamboat, and to enjoy the magnificent scenery of Lake Okanagan. These excursions if established would be a source of pleasure to the people and profit to the company.

Long Lake Notes.

(From our own correspondent.)

The settlers are talking of getting a school and post office established here next spring.

Mr. Bouvette has in 30 acres of wheat, and a fine garden with everything in it up and looking well, and this on land which for years was by many considered useless.

Mrs. Coryell is here living on her pre-emption. She has a choice piece of land beautifully located on Long Lake.

Fishing on Long Lake is now good many fine trout being caught last week.

Mr. F. Bouvette has rented his place on shares and two hundred acres will be put in crop this fall, and five acres of hops. The whole of the land will be fenced and broken up right away.

People come here every day looking for land. Before six months the whole of the commonage will be taken up.

Mr. Latimer intends putting in five acres of fruit on his ranche here, and forty acres of timothy and clover.

RAILROADER.

Boundary Creek Notes.

(From our own correspondent.)

BOUNDARY CREEK, May 30.—The high water is the general topic of conversation, and the old timer says it is the highest for 20 years. Heroic efforts were made to save the bridges at Ingram's and McLaren's, but were unavailing, and travel will be seriously impeded for a month.

Mackey Ingram built a scow for the purpose of transferring teams and freight, so that travel from the Okanagan need not be delayed. Several fields along the river are under water. The water has fallen two and one-half feet at Power's saw mill, and will probably continue to subside. The family of Mr. Charles Melville has arrived at Midway to remain permanently. Mr. Melville has charge of the work on the new hotel.

Mr. Wm. Powers is putting up a new cottage, and as he is now at the Mission, he may bring back a housekeeper.

The townsite company are cutting a new trail to White's camp that will be four miles shorter than the present trail over the mountain to Grand Prairie. The grades are much easier than on the old trail, or even on the Government waggon road survey.

Mr. Dave Bennet returned to Loomiston to-day to move in another family who have decided to locate here.

Mr. Thos. McAuley will celebrate Dominion Day by a grand ball in his new hotel. Owing to the first falling on Sunday, the ball will be given Monday night. On the Fourth of July there will be a grand ball at Grand Prairie.

A purse is being raised at Midway for horse races July 2nd, and a lively time is anticipated.

Mr. Robert Harland will have his arrastar in running order the last of this week, and will then be ready to take out the shining metal.

Peter Helstab has taken the contract for the new store building at Midway.

John Stevens, of Fairview, has gone into camp at Greenwood, and will do some development work on the Ironsides and Knob Hill properties.

Prospector.

Grand Prairie Prattle.

(From our own correspondent.)

KETTLE RIVER, May 29.—Calamities have fallen thick and fast on the Kettle River. First the bridge above Ingram's went out, and then the one above Spraggett's followed suit. The latter bridge was a sudden and effectual smash; a tremendous fir, butt end on, struck the middle of the centre span and walked right through the bridge, as if nothin unusual was in its way. Boats have been placed on the river at the bridge, or where that structure stood, and at the lower crossing, so that people need not be inconvenienced, that is not any more than to the tune of footing ferrying and conveyance between the two points. The bridge on the north fork of Kettle River sustained a heavy jam the other day, but, fortunately, through the indefatigable labor of some of the settlers, was, for the time being, rescued from destruction. This bridge is merely an anomoly at the present time, as all approach to it is completely cut off, except through the aid of boats, and after the water has subsided the road on the east side of the bridge will, in all probability, be impassable for a month or more.

Since the collapse of the other bridges the one on the north fork can truly be called the bridge of "Size," and around it may be seen "New Venice," or, Venice as she is on Kettle River. Had not the heat abated and cooler weather with rain set in last Saturday, we surely, down here, had thought the second deluge was under construction; even as it is the river does not make make up its mind one way or the other, but vacillates between a rise and fall. The amount of drift wood that has descended the river since high water would, if collected at some available point, have made a fair fortune for any one man. How all this accumulation gets into the river in one year baffles conception and imagination.

Irrigation on the lower flats alongside the river is below par this year; the holders of such lands have no cause to grumble either, for, as rule they are, or these lands are, the recipients of what is "current" in this country.

Many people in this lower country will be glad to see that some one has at last taken up arms against the "road blocker," as putting roads and bridges onto hill sides and the roughest kind of places, and leaving the public to travel them as best they can, has long been a practice of unscrupulous persons. This is not the only nuisance practised in this rapidly settling country; there is another that is just as bad, or even worse, and that is bluff fencing. This system of fencing very often cuts off from the use of the public large tracts of grazing land, and although the bluff-fencer does not actually fence in government land, he practically closes all access to the land by outsiders, and wolfishly enjoys the use of it alone. These old time B. C. tricks are beginning to make themselves felt now that grazing lands are getting scarce.

NEMO.

Boundary Falls Talk.

(From our own correspondent.)

BOUNDARY FALLS, May 28.—Now that there are no more bridges to be taken away by the unusual high water, public attention has again reverted to our proposed Boundary Mountain waggon road. We think bridges are useful, but waggon roads a necessity. The snow is entirely gone from the different passes over the mountain, and a survey of the same should be made at once.

Quite a number of prospectors are now in the hills and several new strikes have been made.

Quite a number of claim owners are in the Copper camp doing assessment work, and also in Deadwood, Greenwood and the Summit camps.

As yet there is no work going on outside of assments, and there can be none expected until some of our properties change hands.

A party from Seattle, coming in the interests of a Montana company, has recently made an examination of the Deadwood properties, with a view of purchasing the entire group.

Mr. E. P. Snydan, from Colorado, has been looking through our camps, and expresses himself as being much pleased with what there is in sight.

It would be a great convenience to nine-tenths of the miners of this division were the recorder's office located on Boundary Creek instead of Rock Creek. It now takes one whole day to ride from any one of our principal camps to the office, and then with no positive assurance that the recorder will be found, which is liable to cause serious trouble, as in case of recording assessment work, &c. OCCASIONAL.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1894.

As to keep deadheads on the mailing list is equivalent to a loss of money, this paper will not, after the end of June, be sent to any other than paid up subscribers.

MR. VERNON'S ADDRESS.

The Policy of the Government Fully Explained.

The Hon. F. G. Vernon addressed a meeting of electors at The Blue House, Fairview, on Monday evening, fifty persons being present. His speech was concise and to the point, and as it is practically the same as has been and will be delivered at others during the campaign we give a full account which will be continued in our next issue.

On motion of Mr. Shatford seconded by Mr. Clarke, Mr. F. D. Reynolds, J.P., took the chair, and it was further moved and seconded that Mr. A. K. Stuart be appointed secretary.

After a few preliminary remarks from the Chairman, the Chief Commissioner commenced his speech by stating that it afforded him much pleasure to address the first political meeting ever held in Fairview and was flattered by the numerous attendance. Politics was a dry subject and he would endeavour to treat every point in his address as concisely as possible, with the view of removing the many incorrect statements circulated by the Opposition press in the remote portions of the province. He then pointed out how many people were in the habit of mixing up Dominion and Provincial issues and remarked that in this Province the two had no connection whatever. Conservative and Liberals could be found on both the government and opposition benches in Victoria. The electors had therefore simply to consider Provincial matters. As far as the present campaign was concerned the difference between the two contesting parties was, that while the government had a well defined policy, the opposition had none at all. At least he had never been able to find out what it was, beyond wishing to upset the government. The Opposition throughout the Province was composed of a number of conflicting elements. The cry of "no proper system of taxation," i.e. single tax, might appeal to people of the cities, but he considered it would cut little weight in the rural districts. In some sections also the Opposition had proposed the chimerical scheme of different representation for rural, city and suburban districts. Voters were entitled to know the policy of the Opposition, before they could decide that by placing them in power, they would effect a change for the better. As regards his present opponent, Mr. Donald Graham, he could only say that he had always known him to be a much-respected man, and until quite recently a supporter of the Government. What had caused him to change his views he was at a loss to understand, as he had not yet heard Mr. Graham express his opinions on matters political. That gentleman was probably awaiting the arrival of Mr. Cotton and others from the coast, who were better versed in such matters. He hoped to meet Mr. Graham on the same platform later on, and would, therefore, not mention him further at the present meeting.

(Continued next week.)

Spallumcheen Notes.

(From our own correspondent.)

SPALLUMCHEEN, June 2.—Mr. Robert Wood has bought T. H. Williamson's residence in Armstrong and is now living in it.

Wherever one goes nothing is talked about but the coming election for the local legislature. Of course the valley is the stronghold of Mr. Donald Graham, the opposition candidate, but Mr. Vernon will poll more votes here than his opponents think.

Mr. Geo. Lorimer, the C.P.R. agent at Armstrong, is the father of a booming baby boy. Tho' the smallest man in his community he says he is the biggest.

There will be sports at Armstrong on the first of July. A $25 challenge cup will be competed for by gun clubs between Sicamous and the boundary.

Mr. Thos. Fletcher has the contract for the erection of buildings upon the Stepney ranch.

Mr. Vernon was here last Friday.

Mr. Rabbitt returned from the coast during the week, bringing with him some thoroughbred Jersey cattle.

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As the incidence of the recent nomination for Vernon, I will be a candidate in the interests of the Opposition Party, for the representation of the electors in the East Riding of Yale District at the approaching general election.

Meetings will be held throughout the district, of which due notice will be given.

DONALD GRAHAM.

Armstrong, B. C., 31st May, 1894.

NOTICE.

To the Electors of the East Riding of Yale District.

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby inform you that I am a candidate to represent this riding in the Local Legislature at the approaching general election, and beg respectfully to solicit your vote and support.

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EAST RIDING Yale Electoral District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the "Legislative Electoral and Election Act, 1894," I shall hold a

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At Kelowna ..... June 5th, "
At Vernon ..... June 8th, "
At Lumby ..... June 9th, "
At Armstrong ..... June 8th, "

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MINERAL ACT, 1893.

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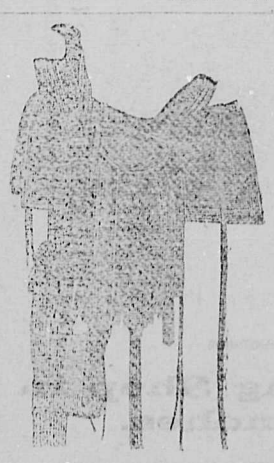

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS are called for the construction of a Truss Bridge across the Okanagan River at Okanagan Falls up to 12th June, 1898. Plans and specifications may be seen at Penticton Hotel, Government Office, Osoyoos, and ADVANCE Office, Fairview.

J. A. SCHUBERT,
SUPERINTENDENT ROADS.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. F. Park of Vernon spent a day in the camp last week.

Mr. Webster left on Friday for Kamloops in charge of Gong, the chinese housebreaker.

Mr. A. Palmer o. the Wannicut Mining Company passed through the camp en route to New Westminster on Monday.

Two men are at work gravelling the approach to the bridge over the Okanagan river, a job very badly needed as it is next to impossible.

Owing to fact of his having tried to perform a surgical operation with an axe upon his foot, we are sorry to say Mr. Carmichael is confined to his house.

Last Sunday a thunder storm, followed by a perfect deluge of water and high wind passed over the camp. A large number of trees were uprooted in all directions.

Hon. F. G. Vernon arrived in Fairview on Sunday evening and put up at the Blue House, the guest of Mr. E. D. Reynolds. On Monday morning and afternoon he made the acquaintance of his local constituents and held a political meeting in the evening, reported elsewhere.

DISTRICT NOTES.

The legislature will be dissolved this week.

There will be a polling place at Fairview.

The water raised 15 inches at Oro on Tuesday.

Two miles of the Benvoulin road are under water.

Mr. Schoonover killed a large bear on Canyon creek this week.

Mr. Schubert has gone to Boundary Creek to commence work.

Mr. Cochrane left on Monday for Kelowna to hold a court of revision.

There are very numerous bands of wild horses on the ranges between Inkameep and Camp McKinney.

Much sympathy is felt by the staff of the ADVANCE, for our brother journalist, Mr. Thompson, of the Okanagan Outlook, in the misfortune which has overtaken him, his entire business being swept away by the flood at Coldstream.

Two small coyote pups were captured by hand last week by some of the Camp McKinney road men.

Hon. F. G. Vernon left Fairview on Tuesday to hold a meeting at Keremeos—accompanied by Mr. Schubert.

The brewery and one other building in Ruby were washed away by the severe storm which destroyed Coldstream.

A child of one of the immigrants to Alberta who are camped at Penticton was drowned last week in Penticton creek.

A severe thunder storm passed over the road camp on Saturday night. The wind blew down several large trees close to the tents.

Sawmill Creek has made itself another new channel north of the bridge built by Hyatt and Riley, which is kept in position by chains.

Three government survey parties will work this year—Mr. Goyette in Kettle River, Mr. Palmer on the islands in the north of the gulf of Georgia and Mr. Drury in S. W. Kootenay.

Messrs. Hyslop and Garden have secured a very prettily located ranch on Vaseaux Lake. Pieces of land of this description, formerly not considered worth the taking are being eagerly located everywhere.

"Michigan Bob," the hardy hunter of the Camp McKinney road gang, had a narrow escape last week of meeting with a sad but heroic ending. While away from the camp to get some water he saw two bear cubs and tried to capture them. The mother, however, appeared suddenly on the scene and gave chase to the destroyer of her domestic happiness, who escaped after a long and exciting race. Michigan will bear this adventure in mind for some time to come.

At the court of revision held last Friday at Osoyoos the following alterations were made in the voters' list: Struck off—J. M. Black, dead; R. Dailey, do; S. Lambert, left the country, J. Meehan, do; P. McCallum, on twice; T. Newby, do, W. F. Smith, do; John Huff, left the country. Put on—Duncan Cameron, Dougall Cameron, W. S. Jones, Donald McDonald, Donald Rankin, J. Sutherland, John Thornton, J. G. Wilson, Silas P. Wood, Lloyd Wood, Geo. Taylor, Alex. Wallace, Geo. S. Young, M. Sullivan, John Buchan and Ole Johnson.

One of the interesting sights of the lower country is the old flume of McIntyre's sawmill, about one mile south of Vaseaux Lake. It was the first sawmill in the southern country, was running till four years ago, and sawed the lumber for most of the pioneer buildings in the district. Enough water-power could be obtained out of Sawmill Creek to run ten mills of the same size and capacity, and considering the fact that the mill at Okanagan Falls is not working, it seems strange that this proposition is not taken hold of by some practical millman.

As a large number of letters have of late reached this office, many of which have not been published, complaining of the slow progress being made with the Camp McKinney and Kettle River roads, the editor of this paper thought fit to visit the camps last week to see what was really being done. The first road he reached was the rock bluffs on Vaseaux Lake, where Mr. Kehoe's gang of fifteen men were found hard at work blasting out rock to fill up the lake. This piece of work has taken longer than was expected, but when finished will be a good job. No blame can in our opinion be attached to the road superintendent for the length of time that has been taken over it, as he was in no way responsible for the location of the route. The work can only be completed when a deep portion of the lake has been filled up. On the other portion of the road substantial progress has been made, when it is considered that almost the entire route from Inkameep to Camp McKinney has had to be relocated. The camp now is within four or five miles of McKinney and a wide and good road has been made. Twenty-four men in all are being employed under the foremanship of Mr. H. McGillivray, Mr. D. Withrow being timekeeper and general overseer. If the rest of the road is made equally well as the portion west of Camp McKinney it will be one of the best in the province. We are certainly of the opinion that the most urgent and pressing portion of the entire route was the Boundary Mountain section, and we are glad to be able to state that one of the three located routes will be decided on at once, and tenders called for the construction of certain portions without any further delay.

White Valley Notes.

(From our own correspondent.)

Hot weather, with intermittent showers, has blessed this valley for the past two weeks and this seasons hay crop bids to be the most bountiful of years.

We are pleased to note the rapid recovery of Mrs. Gilbert Couvrette of Blue Springs, from a severe illness.

Mr. C. Quesnel shot a four hundred pound black bear on his ranch near Blue Springs last week. Bears are very plentiful this spring, several having been shot among the sunswab.

The high water has caused the collapsing of the bridge over Vance creek and travellers to and from Caledonia valley must now take the old road. A change in the course of the creek washed away quite a piece of the Berle ranche and with it a large portion of fence.

We take pleasure in welcoming to our midst the family of Mr. McIvene, our enterprising merchant, who arrived from the prairie provinces on Thursday.

Mr. Peter Biletto has rebuilt and straightened the fence around his meadow, and thus greatly improved the appearance of that fine property.

Over one hundred ranchers gathered at the Man's Best Hotel on Monday evening to hear the Hon. F. G. Vernon discuss provincial policies. Mr. Pratt was elected chairman and called the meeting to order about eight o'clock.

Mr. Vernon was introduced and for two hours held the undivided attention of all present. His speech was eloquent and concise. The Government policy, past and future, was clearly defined—a policy of progress and development; and many rebuffs of false impression concerning the Parliament buildings and Nakusp and Slocan Railway were swept from the minds of his hearers.

He spoke lengthily on the increase in the provincial debt and showed clearly that the benefit derived by the Province from the government's policy of borrowing money to carry on public works, largely outweighed the responsibilities incurred; the success of this policy being shown by the increased revenue and the rising price of provincial bonds on the London market. Mr. Vernon then went on to deal with the expenditure of public money, the alteration in the land laws, and numerous points of vital local interest to the electors of this riding. Upon taking his seat he was loudly applauded, and shortly after a vote of confidence in Mr. Vernon passed without a sign of dissent. A vote of thanks to the chairman, and three cheers for the government closed this the first, but we trust not the last of our political meetings.

It is seldom that the residents of White Valley have the opportunity of listening to a speaker of Mr. Vernon's ability, and the business-like way in which he handled the points of his address will, beyond doubt, have a great influence with the voters of this district in favour of himself and the government in the coming political campaign.

Kelowna Notes.

(From our own correspondent.)

KELOWNA, June 1. Since the new arrangement of the mail service to this point, the Mission People are agitating the question of having the same service for them. At present the mail here arrives and departs daily, while the Mission has only a tri-weekly mail, and letters have been already written to the powers that be, asking for a stage to carry their mail over from the S.S. Aberdeen, on the alternate days, thus giving them a daily service. It is no more than fair, as the additional expense need be very slight. Mr. Pelcher will be properly interviewed on his arrival here, which is expected soon.

It is understood that the first boat load of lumber for the Okanagan Falls boat will go down in a day or two, and work will begin shortly and be prosecuted with vigor.

The Hon. Forbes G. Vernon was in town last week, and made a speech of some two hours' duration, to a very orderly and attentive meeting. He spoke at length of the actions of the Government in the past, and outlined their future policy in a very able manner relative to the development of British Columbia. After the meeting another informal meeting was held in the parlor of the hotel, when the honorable gentleman's attention was called to the roads in and along Kelowna and Benvoulin, which he promised to improve in the near future. The matter of deepening Penticton River, to enable more of the surplus water to be carried through to Dog Lake was also mentioned to him, and he was urged to give the matter his attention. The expense of this need be very slight compared with the benefit the settlers would derive from it, as it would reclaim many acres of land which are now practically useless.

The lake is unusually high this year, and some of the roads are impassable. The high water is not only due to the heavy snows of last winter, but the jam at Okanagan Falls has a great deal to do with it. This jam could easily be broken, and would be the means of lowering both Dog Lake and Okanagan Lake from one to three feet.

A meeting was held in Lambrine Hall, on Saturday evening, to discuss the question of sports and athletic exercises on the first of July. A committee consisting of Messrs. Smith, Hobson, McDonald, Main, Boneld, Bailey, with Mr. Crowley as secretary, was selected to take subscriptions for the purpose. It is proposed to make boat racing the feature of the day, both for sail and row boats, and it is believed an excursion will be organized to come down on the steamship Aberdeen from all points on the S.A.V. railway. A concert will be held in the evening, together with a first-class industrial performance. Another meeting will be held shortly, when more perfect arrangements will be arrived at.

Mr. E. H. Thompson, the energetic mail carrier, was unfortunate enough to lose a valuable horse on Saturday evening. The animal dropped dead in the stable immediately on the arrival of the stage from Vernon.

The irrigation ditch of Messrs. Kelly and Brown is in good working order and will be entirely completed next week. Mr. Chris Thompson had charge of the work, and it reflects great credit on his ability.

A heavy wind storm prevailed on Sunday night last, and several vessels, including the steamer Penticton and yacht Rose, broke from their moorings, but none of the shipping sustained any serious damage.

Vernon Notes.

(From our own correspondent.)

Not since 32 has this province experienced such high water everywhere from Westminster to the east slope of Rockies. Damage is reported to property by the rapid waters. The C.P.R. is protecting at the mouth of the Kicking Horse River. The last train arrived on Wednesday and no one knows when we may expect another, and that one was coming from Westminster to Donald by boat. The case belongs on the Pacific at Mission City is gone, shutting off communication with the Lower Country. The last passengers to arrive here from the east were five days in the mountains.

The damage to crops here and throughout is under the average, I think.

The loss to the settlers along the Fraser will be very great.

Some bodies were found in the Fraser at Westminster, floating of the flood.

As the telegraph line is not in working order we are virtually cut off from the outside world.

We have been fortunate here so far as no damage has been done from Enderby to White Valley. The main ditch by Mr. Crowley on Mission Creek has to be cleaned the ter, but the large volume of water has overflowed the banks and filled the old channel.

Messrs. Earl and Palmer, the gentlemen employed by the Provincial Government in the interests of horticulture, have inspected the orchards of the valleys of Spallumcheen, Okanagan and the Mission, and report very little pests on the fruit trees. They lectured to those fat rested in fruit culture here on Saturday. Mr. Earle is a very successful orchardist in Ontario, and gave some very valuable advice to fruit growers. He referred to the mistakes he made, the chief one being of planting so many varieties, which he considered an error. He then followed, and described the habits and condition of the different pests to found here, and the manner of destroying them. He spoke very favorably of the part of the province for fruit culture and the raising of hops, and appeared to think the varieties of apples adapted to our climate would be of superior quality as keepers, and the flavor would equal those grown on the coast. His choice for winter apples would be the Spy, Baldwin and the Davis, but preferred the latter, as the two former did not do so well in some localities, being a little too tender. He spoke highly of the Mission Valley for small fruit everywhere, and for apples and plums where there was a cool subsoil. He referred to irrigation and said, except where there was gravel, very little irrigation would be required. He particularly warned immigrants against irrigating too late. After the lecture a discussion arose as to the best means of destroying codlin moths, without any practical results, as some contended they could be destroyed by water, and others were firmly convinced, from practical experience, that this could not be done. He advocated the formation of a horticultural society, and the appointment of a local agent to inspect fruit trees arriving from the nurseries.

The directors of the Agricultural Society met on Saturday in Cameron's hall, and decided to hold the annual fall show on the 8th, 9th and 10th of October. The question of buildings was gone into, and a committee appointed to procure estimates for buildings and fencing.

The fire of Saturday, the 2nd inst., has created a feeling of uneasiness in our town, and I am glad to hear that a public meeting will be held in Cameron's hall on Monday evening to discuss the question of fire protection.

All arrangements have been completed with Mr. Ellis for the construction of the flour mill, and we hope to see it in operation by October 1.

In politics matters have been quiet the past week. Mr. Graham will make a personal canvass of the riding, and will be accompanied by Mr. Wood, of Armstrong. The high water may prevent Mr. Cotton from coming here as soon as expected, but as soon as trains are running we expect to perfect our arrangements for the campaign.

The following gentlemen were added to the committee to secure the election of Donald Graham, Esq.: Mayor Martin, E. Driscoll, A. McDonald, R. C. Smith, C. E. Costerton, Angus Campbell, Thos. Milne, John Bond, G. S. Mayhew, J. A. Mohr, E. A. Meyer, R. Harding, R. A. Streatfield, J. J. Hall, W. T. Shatford, A. D. Morgan, Thos. Gelly, William Cryderman, James Pearey, James T. McCoy, D. J. Buchanan, H. McGregor, C. H. Archibald, A. J. McMillan, William McIsaac, Harry Chapman, E. S. Mayhew, R. Carswell, Chas. Mohr, E. Goodenmurphy.

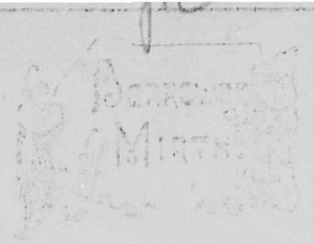
MISSION MEDITATIONS.

(By a Meandering Hind).

The horrors of the election campaign is upon us at last, and even the idyllic calm of the Okanagan Mission is to be disturbed by the jar of the contending parties. The Hon. F. G. Vernon addressed about 100 of his constituents on Friday evening in the schoolhouse, Kelowna. The chair was taken by Mr. Mair, with Mr. Hobson as secretary. Mr. Vernon, in a speech which lasted for nearly two hours, gave a trenchant and exhaustive review of the financial and general policy of the Government, and by means of indisputable facts and figures effectually removed from the eyes of his audience a large measure of the dust with which the Opposition press has been so diligently flinging them. He showed that the Government has been pursuing a sound and business like financial policy by which the country has been steadily developed, while the debt has been kept well under control, and the credit of the province has been so well established that its securities stand second in the list of colonial securities. He pointed out that this riding has been particularly favored in the expenditure of public moneys, having received amounts far in excess of its contributions to the revenue. Mr. Vernon made great capital out of the unfortunate failure of the Opposition to bring home its groundless charges in the matter of the Nakusp & Slocan Railroad. The only rift in the lute was the notorious Government buildings. The dilapidated state of the present edifice is perhaps a good argument for replacing them, but why such an extravagant outlay as $200,000 should be necessary passes the understanding of the frugal minded Missionary.

The meeting ended with a vote of confidence in our representative and of thanks to the chairman. We are now anxiously waiting the advent of the Opposition men, and the latter piece of the outcome of Mr. Vernon's visit is that we are now assured that our highways are to be put in decent state of repair, and that many vexed road questions are to be duly laid at rest.

G.S.T.



"Yes, he's very fine this morning." (Spoil) "I not sober, but I was drinking for last night."—Boston Transcript.

"Bill is in an awful fix. He proposed to one woman last night, got busted, and now a complaint has been filed against him."—Life.

"Don't worry about the complaint, Bill. Just tell the judge you were carried away by his wife's dressing gown."—Philadelphia Record.

Grumpy—I'm very sorry I can't come to your dinner-party, but—

Jolly—Not a word more, old man. I understand perfectly.—New York Journal.

"The best thing to take when you're off your feed is to fast," remarked a horse to a mule, "but unfortunately I can't do it because I'm always 'oats'."—Philadelphia Record.

Billings, who is not expert with the pool table, says the pool table is like a woman—it is hard hard to find the pocket.—Boston Transcript.

"How does Miss Screechland pronounce her name?" "The same as a dove's moan?" "No." "Oh, silly, silly."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Willie Wilkins can know—"Mr. Peter, I'm sorry I couldn't—" Miss Peter—"Oh, sorry enough, I'm sure."—Boston Transcript.

Wife—Angelo, what is meant by "the religious screen," in Colorado? Angelo—When they all talkin' to wimmen—Cincinnati Tribune.

"Bee-dies for toothache, my lad," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "will be found a sovereign relief in every case in 10 years."—Chicago Tribune.

Tramp—You are very kind in your manner, sir. Citizen—Never mind, my poor man. I don't want any return.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The man who lacks the courage necessary to respond to unfavorable letter or adverse forces and leads a cowed existence.—Washington Star.

Aunt Mary—I have heard, Jack, you tell your landlord, old Jones, to go to Jersey' so, sonny. I wouldn't know where to begin.—Boston Transcript.

He—Laura—Miss Laura, I cannot live any longer for love of you. Say—Laura, I have been waiting for you for an hour. Is anything the matter? She—Oh, the opera was unusually long.—Life.

"How did Spooner get along with his Opera-glass?" "Not at all. I don't think so much while he was with it."—Boston Transcript.

She—He says it's one of his ancestors who was killed in the battle of Hastings. What do you think of that? He—Well, that comes of marrying before rejecting them.—Detroit Free Press.

"Well," said the operator to the man who had been "worked," "how do you feel?" "Guilty," replied the man. "Also," said the operator, "you look more than I can look."—Indianapolis Journal.

Mrs. Newem Riche—I want to give an entertainment. What would be appropriate? Mrs. Wealthy-Wise—Well, I can suggest nothing better than a green tea.—Boston Gazette.

Mort—Why don't you give your Sawyer some encouragement if you are fond of him? Sis—Because he ought to be able to express his own suit. He's a tailor.—Chicago Record.

"So you have named the baby Charlie? Why didn't you call him 'Ty' and be done with it?" "Because he's a boy, and he can't help being a Charlie's horse, you know."—Boston Transcript.

Elderly Maiden—This is so unexpected. Mr. Wildbeau, that—that you must go now. Gallery, Love—Time. Mr. Wildbeau—Do you think there is any space?—Chicago Tribune.

Mamma—We are to have company to-day, and I want you to be good little Johnny.—And must I say, like pa, "Where in the—" when I make the greatest or most famous touch?"—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Dakane—The newspaper says an article which says that it has appeared in a newspaper. Mr. Dakane—Well, there is good deal of currency about nowadays in circulation, too.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

"I am not aware that I have injured my companion seriously," said the editor. "What's up now?" "Well, I wrote, 'He the earliest late square,' and it reads 'to the gallon jug tank.'"—Atlanta Constitution.

O'Rourke—Teddy, me boy, O'w'at is it ye propose to Norah Shaughnessy, but O'—Teddy—I don't know how, exactly. I'm afraid I'd better ask her mother.—Harper's Bazar.

He—The conversational powers of Miss Jerrion are simply wonderful. She—Why, I didn't know you were acquainted with her. He—I am not. She sat behind me at the opera the other night.—Yonkers Statesman.

Tailor-shop—And so you belong to a society called the Promethean Club? Sweet girl—We play prometheus bound.—Cloak Room.

IRRESISTIBLE.

He makes him at her "happy little wife,"
But in spite of that he does take his knife to her
For, when he sees her lay down her pipe
The "pipe-stem" is never in his way.

—Kitty Kaple.

Pat (just landed, as Chinaman passes)—Well, by me sowl, an' it's a great country. Sh'ure an' it's a hay-car wid yelly haver, sego!

The Boy Was Present.

Mrs. Gaddy (to her son) You didn't see a lady in a blue dress and a white hat? Son—Yes, mamma, I saw her. Mrs. Gaddy—Did you notice what she wore? Son—Yes, mamma. Don't you think she looked pretty? Mrs. Gaddy—Yes, dear, but what did she wear? Son—Why, mamma, don't you know? Mrs. Gaddy—No, dear, what was it? Son—Why, mamma, she wore the hat I told you I liked so much.—Harper's Bazar.

Little Willie Nixon—Yes, sir, mamma gave me a cent to put into the church collection, but I didn't put it in. I bought a stick of candy with it. Mr. Nixon—Why, Willie, what do you mean by such conduct? Little Willie—Well, I thought it would be better to give the money to the heathen than to let them have it.—Chicago Tribune.

ABOUT MUCH.

The Interesting and Profitable Experience of the Farmer.

As seasons are nearly full of water it is not strange to the one the truck as if it were dry. But in one to 1 months it is river that I know other season of the year, when there is no time to work, I have taken out hundreds of tons of muck for my garden stages as fitter as a fertilizer, and for mature composts, and in a few years the manure thus made, with that from the cows and horses, with some pigs to do the turning of it, made a poor sandy farm a rich dairy farm, that gave over one hundred bushels of corn, and 40 bushels of wheat to the acre. The drained land became a verdant meadow, the ditches were filled with water cress, that sold in the winter, when grown of by sashes. A peck basket was filled from a single square foot, and among the water cresses thousands of brook trout fed on the insects that lived on the cress.

At first it required some planning to dry out this muck when the swamp was one foot deep above the clay bottom, but the difficulty was overcome. A few bushels were taken through the muck and then fine clay, and supported by a board fence, some 30 stakes on the surface, for this a drain was made. That the muck was in such a state it could be dug out, and the muck was taken out and thrown on the bank. The water was pumped out by the grain power used for the dairying, and the man, with a pair of mules, horses, and a scraper, made the ditch, and the muck was completely dried. The land was made solid, and a covering of clay was put on the surface, and the land was made ready for the grass seed

CORRESPONDENCE.

C. P. R. FREIGHT RATES.

To the editor of THE ADVANCE:

SIR—In regard to the many paragraphs which have appeared in your paper anent C.P.R rates, I am requested by Mr. Brown to send you the enclosed special rate circulars, in order that your readers may see that the company are doing all they possibly can to help the farmers in the Okanagan settlements. And so far as the merchants are concerned, the following reduction in freight rates between Vancouver, Westminster and Penticton wil prove that their interests are being looked after also, viz.: on 1st class, $5.80 per ton; 2nd class, $4.80 per ton; 3rd, class, $3.80; 4th class, $3.20; 5th class, $3.00; 6th class, $2.40; 7th class, $2.20. The rate for ore from Penticton to Tacoma is $10.50 per ton car lots, instead of $11, as stated in one of your isues. The local rates for all classes between Okanagan and Kelowna is 25 cents per 100 lbs.. and between Okanagan and Penticton 50 cents per 100 lbs., and as the weights in the majority of shipments do not exceed that number of pounds, it would be unreasonable to expect the company to make the minimum rate less. Yours truly, H. S. SCADDING, Agent.

Following are the circulars from Mr. Brown:

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.,
WESTERN AND PACIFIC DIVISIONS.
VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 8th, 1894.

Special rate No. 9-41, superceding special rate No. 9-8, dated January 1st, 1893. The following rates will apply on grain, feed, flour and mill stuffs, in straight or mixed carloads, minimum weights, as per general freight agent's circular, No. F692, dated March 27th, 1893: To Vancouver and New Westminster from Sicamous Junction, Mara, Enderby, Armstrong, Larkin, Vernon and Okanagah Landing, at rate of 25 cents per 100 lbs. When the steamer Aberdeen resumes her service on Okanagan Lake, a rate of 28 cents per 100 lbs. will be put in effect on packed grain, in carloads, from Kelowna to Vancouver and New Westminster. Please acknowledge receipt. WM. BROWN,
Assist. Gen. Freight Agent.

N. P. D. 26—Special fruit and vegetable tariff—Effective May 1st, 1894: From any station on Shuswap & Okanagan branch to Vancouver and New Westminster, on straight or mixed carloads of beets, cabbage, corrots, onions, parsnips, potatoes, pumpkins and turnips, at owner's risk, minimum weight 24,000 lbs., at rate of 35 cents per 100 lbs. On straight or mixed carloads of fresh fruit, and the following vegetables, viz: asparagus, beans, celery, corn, cucumbers, melons, parsley, peas, rhubarb, shalots, spinach and tomatoes, at owner's risk, minimum weight 20,000 lbs., at rate of 75 cents per 100 lbs.

Charges on all shipments must be pre-paid or guaranteed.

ROBT, KERR,
General Freight Agent,
Winnipeg, Man.. WM. BROWN,
Asst. Gen. Freight Agent,
Vancouver, B. C.

Issued in Vancouver, B. C., April 26th, 1894.

THE BRIDGE AT FAIRVIEW.

To the editor of THE ADVANCE:

SIR—I wish to draw your attention to the fact that a year ago the Government called for tenders for building a bridge over the Okanagan River near Fairview. A few remarks from one who saw the plans and specifications might not, under present circumstances, be out of place.

Having occasion nearly a year ago to go over the grovnd now occupied by the road, I found it necessary to use a raft over part of the distance from the high ground on the west side to the bank of the river, a distance of about 300 feet, and the balance of the way to wade through water knee deep.

The plans and specifications called for this part of the road to be covered, in the first place, with the brush cut down for the right of way, which was to be piled in the centre of the road, and on the top of that with two feet of solid dirt with ditches on each side. Two culverts would have been required for the carrying away of the water, which would back up against such road. At present it is almost entirely covered with water, in most places two feet deep, and as the river has not reached its height, there is a great likelihood of its shortly being impassable.

I have been informed that the inspector had orders, when examing the bridge and road to receive it, although it might not have been built according to contract, as the contractor had not made any money on the job. If such is the case, I resepectfully ask, should the contractor have special favors shown him and not do work according to specifications? I have also been informed that the Government had a man working on the road between Vaseaux Lake and Fairview shortly after it was turned over to the officials, doing work which was left undone before by the contractor. Perhaps our Chief Commisssioner of Lands and Works will go down and see for himself how the work was done, and compare it with what was called for, and let us know the result. Yours truly,
EQUAL RIGHTS!

May 29, 1894.

To the editor of THE ADVANCE:

MR. KERR'S REPLY.

SIR—In reply to H. P. Palmerston's letter of May 16 th, I wish to state that when I changed the road crossing my property I interviewed Mr. Schubert, Road Superintendant, in regard to same. His instructions were to build a temporary road to do until he could get along with the main road. My mistake though seems to be that I did not get some aspiring or officious individual in the district to issue directions. Now as regards to its being impossible to haul a load of freight over the road the facts of the case refute the statement. A four horse load of freight (beside loads taken by single teams) has already been drawn over it by Mackie Ingram and no complaint made. As regards consulting the interests of others, some peoples words and actions differ considerably. It has been noticed here by miners and others that whenever "Prospector" writes to the Vernon News it is about nothing but "White's Camp" and "Boundary Flat". As to fencing and living on $5.00 land, I consider it poor policy for a man with a "White Elephant" on his hands to make any remarks about land. In conclusion I would say that I do not wish to court notoriety by writing to newspapers about petty grievences and matters of no interest to the reading public; but to those who do, I would say some one should give them a small press to play with.
Yours truly, R. D. KERR.

OKANAGAN MUNICIPALITY QUESTION.

To the editor of THE ADVANCE:

SIR—As the ADVANCE is widely read in White Valley, and as the notes and letters which have recently appeared in its columns regarding the above question might lead people here and elsewhere to believe that there is no feeling in the district in favor of the movement, you will permit me to make a few remarks showing that, notwithstanding the letter of "Anti," in your issue of the 17th inst., and the one sidedness of the notes of your correspondent, there is a strong and growing feeling in favor of incorporation.

At the meeting held at Lumby to consider the question, the opposition to the movement was not based (as "Anti" vainly endeavors to prove) on the merits or demerits of the question. One or two individuals prejudiced the minds of the people by constantly asserting that the matter was mooted by a few of the "'big bugs' down at Vernon" and that if a municipality was formed they (the bugs) would control matters and raise the taxes on the poorer ranchers and reduce them on their ranches. I appeal to the chairman of the meeting if the above was not a strong factor in the rendering of the decision. Then there was the political demagog present, who, in fiery declamation denounced the movement. Mr. Price Ellison was quoted as saying (and he is reported in the News to have said so) in regard to a similar case, "if you return, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works it is no inducement for you to seek incorporation." In the light of election day, the mending of such a sentence is evident, and an endeavor to make capital out of it here was made. "Anti" truly represents a number of those present when he writes "It cannot be proven to us that it would be a benefit, &c." That's just it. You can't prove anything to a man who won't accept proof. Letters were read at the meeting which demonstrated that a municipality is an improvement to a district. The letter from Reeve Graham was a frank and candid opinion on the subject, and the man is above being suspected to deceive or lead astray. With the trunk roads still under government control, a municipality could far better tell where and what roads, bridges, &c., to do, and would admittedly be able to do them much cheaper than a concern from Victoria, working through a number of individuals. There might be better satisfaction given than now, when, no sooner a road is made by the Government, than all the settlers are dissatisfied with it, and when roads are changed at the caprice of one or two individuals to the discomfort of one or two dozen. With such direct oversight, such saving in work, such direct control over the work, taxes, and affairs generally, it is evident to anyone free from prejudice and bigotry, that a municipality is a distinct step forward in the march of progress. Of course "Anti" should not forget that this is election year when he speaks of appropriations; it might explain some things. But I am persuaded that a municipality could do as much work and to more advantage with the amount of taxes raised here, as the Government is doing on the average year. Let "Anti" prove otherwise. I do not think there is anything calling for sarcasm or reproach in the borrowing of $500 by the Spallumcheen Council. Does "Anti" know that the Government borrowed $1,000,000 lately and used $216,000 of it for carrying on the work of the country, and the loan won't be paid in three months either? I apologise for taking up so much of your space. Yours, &c.,
C.

A TALE WITH A MORAL.

To the editor of THE ADVANCE:

SIR—The siege of Paris furnished the foundation for many a strange story, but none more singular than the manner in which a Frenchman and his dog pulled through the last few days of the siege. Having devoured everything in sight, nothing remained but to kill and eat the dog. This it seemed cruel to do for the man loved his dog very much.

After hesitating therefor for some time, an inspiration came to him whereby both himself and his dog might be saved. And to this end each day saw the dog minus one joint of its tail, off which the man ate the meat giving the bone to the dog. Now Sir, it seems to me that a moral can be pointed from this story to the two contesting parties in the provincial election now taking place in this riding. The government party by organizing large and influential committies are cutting off joint after joint of the opposition tail, eating the meat and leaving the bone to the dog. This is generous on the part of the government party as the bone obviously belongs to the opposition, the opposition being the party having the bone to pick, and hereon hangs no tail, for if the opposition party do not become more alive, at the tail end of the contest they will find their influence greatly cur-tailed.
Yours truly, TAILINGS.

Fairview, B. C. June 1, 1894.

[A man who makes jokes of this kind should be hounded out of the camp.—ED.]

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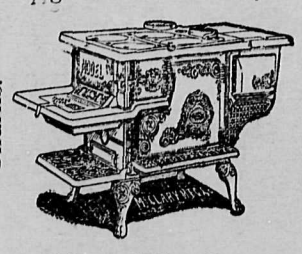

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