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DISTRICT NOTES.

There was a considerable lack of seed grain in Kettle river this fall, especially fall wheat.

The purchases made by Mr. W. T. Smith from Mr. Schofield in the Summit camp have been completed.

Only about two and a half miles of grading would be required to make a road connecting Greenwood with the main road across Boundary mountain.

The first real snow storm of the season in Kettle river came last Friday and covered the flats about six inches deep. The country now presents a very wintry appearance.

Messrs. Denzler, T. Johnson, G. Rumberger and one or two others are preparing their winter quarters in Greenwood, so that they can continue development work during the cold season.

The new Presbyterian church, Keiriver, will be opened for the first time for Divine service on Sunday, 25th November, when the Rev. Mr. Reid from the Mission will assist the resident minister, Rev. T. Paton. On the following Tuesday evening a social meeting will be held in the church, at which everybody will be very welcome.

A late assay of ore from the Lake claim owned by Mr. Corlett, made at Midway by Mr. Haas, gave $10 in gold This location lies about two miles above the Helen on the old Skylark trail. It was located last year and has a big capping of magnetic iron. Development consists of a ten-foot shaft and two open cuts. The width of the lead is not known.

A road which would be of great benefit to the Providence and adjoining claims and would also give an additional outlet to the Summit camp, is one which could be made at comparatively small cost—from the main road near the mouth of Copper creek to the mouth of Prior creek. It would be about three miles in length, and not more than $1,500 at the outside would be required to make it, as only in one place would any rock be encountered (for a few yards) the rest being all side-hill grading. The road would keep on the east side of Boundary creek and go through more or less timber all the way, but the grades would all be light.

LOSSES OF GOLD AND SILVER IN THE FIRE ASSAY.

(Abstract of a paper read at the Bridgeport meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers by Howard V. Furman, Denver, Colo.—Engineering and Mining Journal)

The author has called attention to the desirability of uniform methods of assaying for gold and silver. The object of his paper was to point out some of the sources of error in the ordinary fire assays generally in use at the smelters, and to show the importance of more uniform methods of assay, and calls attention to the details of the work.

The sources of error, he pointed out, were improper sampling, losses of the precious metals during fusion, scorification and cupellation, imperfect elimination of the base metals on the cupel, and imperfect extraction of the silver during the parting by nitric acid.

Incidentally Mr. Furman called attention to the difficulties of sampling correctly, and notes that some of the smelters who had difficulties and differences in the results of their assays of samples have obviated these difficulties by crushing to pass a 100-mesh screen where formerly the used an 80-mesh screen, and he thinks a 100-mesh screen should always be employed. In preparing the samples for assay, the ore should be spread out in a thin layer, the sample being taken upon the point of a steel spatula from all parts of the layer.

The losses of precious metals during fusion is the greatest source of error. The three conditions which affect the losses during cupellation are: temperature, amount of lead present and amount of base metals other than lead. Of these, the temperature is the most important point, the losses increasing as the temperature is raised. All cupellation should be carried on at the front of the muffle, and at such a temperature that the cupels will show "feather litherage." The lead button should not be too large, about seven grams being the amount used by the author. The presence of base metals in the lead button of course increases the losses, and where there is much arsenic, antimony or zinc, the fusion should be performed in an open crucible and the charge should not be covered. Zinc is the most objectionable element, for the fumes of zinc oxide have a tendency to carry off both gold and silver.

The cupels should be pushed back in the muffle just before the buttons brighten; otherwise the buttons are liable to solidify before the last traces of base metals are removed. This is especially important where the buttons contain much copper and gold. Errors arising from imperfect extraction of silver during parting are more common than is generally supposed. In a sample from a large smelter which the author examined, he found the gold to contain 1·15 per cent of silver. The assays had been made in the regular manner employed at this establishment, but one acid (dilute) being used in parting.

It is very difficult to remove the last trace of the silver from the gold, and the author adopts the following method: the buttons, which should contain at least five parts of silver to each part of gold, are flattened a steel anvil, are then placed in small porcelain crucibles and dilute nitric acid (Sp. Gg. 1·13) is added. The crucibles are placed on a hot plate and heated until all action of the acid on the button has ceased. The acid should be at a boiling temperature toward the last.

After pouring off the acid, a strong acid (Sp. Gr. 1·27) is added. This is kept at a boiling temperature four minutes. When it is poured off the crucible and contents are washed twice with distilled water, dried, the gold annealed and weighed.

Some smelters insist that all bullion be scorified prior to cupellation, contending that the loss in scorification is less than in cupellation. In bullion containing much zinc, scorification is always preferable, but in other cases the author shows that at heats too high to show feather litharge, the losses from cupellation varied from 1½ to 7 per cent of the silver and from ½ to 12 per cent of the gold.

The author gives a table showing the results of experiments to determine the losses in a crucible assay of ores. The average loss in silver was 2·58 per cent. The loss in gold was quite light. The author thinks that the best practice is that generally adopted now in Colorado of determining the gold by crucible assay and the silver by scorification assay, especially as the crucible assay allows of larger quantities of ore being taken.

Where a wind furnace is available, he prefers the practice of using large charges of 2.1 A. T., especially in the case of low grade ores.

In Colorado the fusion is usually performed in the muffle furnace with crucible charges of half an assay ton each for gold, silver being added to the charge unless the ore is known to contain sufficient to insure parting. Three or more scorification charges of 1-10 A. T., are run for silver. In the case of very high-grade ores the amount taken for the silver assay is 1-20 A. T. In the case of some low-grade oxidized silver ores, the author prefers the crucible method for both gold and silver.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE ADVANCE:

SIR—An item in your last issue caused me great anxiety. I refer to where you predict the extinction of the Kettle River Kicker. The fact that you left no saving health for that "highly interesting animal," as you term our boosiful gyrator, is of consequence to all wellwishers of the country. Knowing the value of the animal and the great blank that would be left in the social area of the country should your prediction be allowed a fulfillment, and at the same time espying a chance of being a benefactor to my fellow beings, I made my way to the principal hotel here, being imbued with a presentment that I might there get a sight of the propheied "loss to zoology," or, that perhaps somebody there might instruct me as to where this pending loss was to be found, nor was I mistaken, as the sequel will prove. I know you will naturally say what the dickens was he going to do with him when he did find him? Well, I wil tell you. My idea was to interview our time-honored wielder of the hoof and sound him on the subject, and, possibly, hint at the desirability of this district sending a specimen of the genus kicker to Professor Huxley, and so gloriously and indefinitely postpone extinction. Arrived at the hotel I found a goodly number of burly fellows scattered around, some talking mines, others politics, and not a few both. Having singled out an acquaintance and talked learnedly with him about what I did not understand, I casually asked him if he knew the Kettle River Kicker? "Oh yes, right there he is; come over, I'll introduce you to him." So over I went, and after the customary salutations I quickly dropped into small talk with him, the while eying him from head to foot. My conclusion was that he was no slouch and as he wore a number nineteen boot Professor Huxley and the specimen genus kicker entirely slipped my memory. On my way home it occurred to me that I had better leave his salvation to the editor of the ADVANCE.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1894.

OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

An Act to be Brought In for Raising a Fresh Loan.

The first session of the Seventh Parliament of British Columbia was formally opened at 3 o'clock on November 12th, by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, who delivered the following "speech from the throne:"

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is with pleasure I welcome you to the first session of a new House, and I hope that, in the performance of your duties you will make the seventh Parliament memorable for the wisdom and progressive character of its legislation.

The year which is now drawing to a close has been one of great financial depression throughout the world, and, consequently, in common with other countries, the revenue has not come up to expectations.

The floods of the present year, although happily unattended with loss of life were productive of much damage to property, and expenditures became necessary in excess of the sums voted by the Legislature, for the purpose of restoring means of communication and extending temporary relief to those in need.

The moneys required were raised, with the advice of my ministers, by special warrant, and you are called together at an earlier date than is usual in order that you may ratify these and other expenditures demanded in the service, and also to consider an act for raising a loan to meet and be devoted to works of public utility.

In extending relief to sufferers of the flood, I caused seed to be supplied to farmers who had lost their crops, with the highly gratifying result that the produce has not been seriously diminished, and, in some instances, is equal to and greater than in former years. Absurdly exaggerated reports of loss of life and property incident to the floods were published broadcast, at a time when the extent of damage was unknown. My ministers, however, took prompt measures to remove an impression created thereby, which, if permitted to remain, must have seriously affected the welfare of the Province.

Coal mining, which, during the early part of the year was, for lack of profitable foreign demand, restricted in its operations, exhibits signs of renewed activity, and the output promises large increase.

The commencement is evident of a healthy reaction in the timber industry, and the exports of lumber have been larger than in preceding years.

Quartz mining in Kootanay, and the inauguration on a large scale in Cariboo and elsewhere in the Province of placer mining by improved hydraulic methods, have been most encouraging, and betoken an era of great mining development in British Columbia.

The season's operations in salmon canning have been large. The sealing industry has experienced a successful year, the fleet returning with an unprecedented catch, and it is gratifying to observe that attention has been directed to deep sea fishing, and that a regular trade has now been established with eastern markets.

I am happy to state that the Nakusp & Slocan railway is completed, and already large bodies of ore are being shipped over it. The bonds authorized by the act of last session have been negotiated in London, bearing interest at 4 per cent per annum, and have been sold at a premium of 6 per cent.

My Attorney-General recently proceeded to Ottawa, and discussed with the members of the Dominion Cabinet terms of settlement of the long pending dispute with reference to the lands in the railway belt. As a result, I expect to be able to lay particulars of a settlement before you during the present session. During his visit to Ottawa, an arrangement was also concluded for the issuance of a joint departmental commission having for its object a report by expert engineers on the feasibility of a comprehensive scheme for the protection of the Fraser river valley. Papers on this subject will be laid before you.

The Department of Immigration has effected the location of a Norwegian colony of well-to-do settlers in Bella Coola Valley. The success of this effort will doubtless secure the establishment of future colonies of a similar character.

The Province has been favored with a visit from His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada and his amiable consort the Countess of Aberdeen, and it is highly satisfactory to know that on every hand their Excellencies have met with enthusiastic expressions of welcome, and that they will take their departure with a warm and generous appreciation of the loyalty of Her Majesty's subjects in this portion of the Dominion.

Amongst measures to be submitted for your consideration will be an Act to amend the Assessment Act, a Consolidated Lien Act, a Small Debts Recovery Act, an Act giving to cities the option of government by commissioners, and an Act authorizing the revision of the statutes.

The subject of further railway extension for the development of the resources of the Province will receive consideration and, should any practical proposal be forthcoming, it will be laid before you in due course.

The estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing year, to be shortly laid before you, will be found to be framed with strict regard to economy and the requirements of the public service.

I now leave you to your further deliberations in the confidence that your labors will be pursued with earnestness and zeal, and that they will redound to your own honor and the advantage of this favored Province. May the Supreme Ruler assist your efforts.

The last touches were given to the Boundary mountain portion of the new road on Saturday. Mr. McGinnis is now making the sleigh road up the north fork.

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A COURT OF REVISION AND APPEAL under the "Assessment Act, 1888," and amendments, will be held at the Government office, Osoyoos, on Wednesday, the 5th day of December, 1894, and at Palmerston's Hall, Midway, on Friday, the 7th day of December, 1894, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon at each place.

(Signed) FRANK McGOWAN, Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

Government Office, Osoyoos, 15th November, 1894. td

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 day of December next, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

C. A. R. LAMBLY.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE, Osoyoos, 1st November, 1894.

Official Administrator's Notice.

In the Matter of ROBERT SCOTT, Deceased:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order made in the County Court of Yale, holden at Kamloops, dated the 31st day of October, 1894, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of the above-named Robert Scott, late of Keremeos, deceased. All persons indebted to the deceased are requested to pay the amount of such indebtedness forthwith to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against the said deceased are requested to forward same to the undersigned on or before the first day of January, 1895.

FRED'K. J. FULTON, Official Administrator.

Kamloops, B. C., 1st November, 1894.

GOLD COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

Osoyoos Division of Yale District.

All placer claims and lease holds in this district legally held may be laid over from the 1st of November, 1894, to the 1st of June, 1895.

C. A. R. LAMBLY, Gold Commissioner.

Osoyoos, B. C., 27th October, 1894.

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Licensing Act and Amending Acts and in the Matter of the Application of Thomas Elliott to Transfer His License to George J. Sheehan,

TAKE NOTICE that I, Thomas Elliot, of Fairview, in the District of Yale, B. C., intend to apply to the Board of License Commissioners sitting at Osoyoos on the 15th day of December next for permission to transfer to George J. Sheehan a license to sell beer, wine, and other intoxicating and fermented liquors now held by me for premises situated near the "Brown Bear" mine, and that I have caused notice of my application to be deposited with R. G. Sidley, Esq., and C. A. R. Lambly, Esq., two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said district.

(Signed) THOMAS ELLIOT.

November 3rd, 1894.

COURTS OF ASSIZE.

Table Showing the Dates and Places of Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery for the year 1894.

FALL ASSIZES.

Clinton	Thursday, 20th September
Richfield	Monday, 24th September
Kamloops	Monday, 1st October
Vernon	Monday, 8th October
Lytton	Friday, 12th October
New Westminster	Tuesday, 6th November
Vancouver	Monday, 12th November
Victoria	Tuesday, 2 th November
Nanaimo	Tuesday, 27th November

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(Signed) F. R. KLINE.

November 3rd, 1894.

NOTICE.

In the Goods of JAMES M. BLACK, Deceased.

All persons having any claim against the above estate must send the same in to the undersigned within one month from the date of this notice.

(Signed) FRANK H. BLACK, Executor.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. Conkle returned home from Kelowna on Friday.

Mr. N. Hardy of Christina lake paid Midway a visit on Sunday.

Mr. Melville is erecting a barn 18x22 feet for Mr. W. Powers.

Mr. Melville and family moved into their new residence on Saturday.

Mr. Jas. Grant passed through on his way back to the Okanagan on Tuesday.

Messrs. Baldwin and Walters of Concomully passed through Midway on Monday on their way home from an extended prospecting tour in the Slocan, Trail, and Pend d'Orielle districts. They reported that Trail was by far the liveliest camp in Kootenay. They will prospect next spring on Boundary mountain.

The tunnel on the Texas is now in thirty-two feet, the last five feet being in ore similar to the specimens lately brought to town. The striking of this ledge at this distance was very unexpected, as it was not considered likely that any ore body would be struck until the tunnel had been run at least 150 feet into the hill. The ore shows considerable native copper and is similar in appearance to that of the small leads on the top of the hill, which assay high in silver with some gold. Development will be continued on the Texas during the whole winter. On the Paymaster (north-west extension of the Texas) some recent development work, also done Mr. Miner for Mr. E. S. Graham has opened up a good lead of copper ore on the surface. A small shipment of ore from these claims will in all probability be made this winter to the Anaconda smelter to test its value.

Yesterday at a quarter to ten in the morning fire broke out in Mr. H. P. Palmerston's house, and for a time threatened to destroy the whole building. It was first noticed by the Chinaman in the dining room, which was full of smoke, which was caused by defective jointing of the pipes of the heating apparatus, the flames breaking out between the ceiling of the dining room and the flooring of the room above. Luckily at the time it was first noticed Mr. S. Martin was driving by with a team, and without any delay he drove as fast as possible to the other end of the town and brought up every available person to assist in extinguishing it. After three-quarters of an hour's hard work by almost every resident of the place, the fire was thoroughly put out. No very great amount of damage was done, as the room principally affected was empty, and taking everything into consideration the building had a very lucky escape. Mr. and Mrs. Palmerston were away at the time at Vancouver.

DISTRICT NOTES.

The Penticton bridge has been completed.

The saw mill is again running in Grand Prairie.

Christina lake lies some 200 feet ower than Grand Prairie.

Very few range cattle have been rounded up down south so far.

Mr. R. Taylor lately caught a fifteen pound trout in Christina lake.

Mr. H. Colbeck is building himself a snug little cottage at Okanagan Landing.

Mr. J. E. Boss left for Spokane on Sunday and is expected back next week.

Mr. B. Shaw has moved to his ranch, Sheep creek. where he will put in the winter.

Mr. W. T. Smith is now in Chicago and is expected back shortly to Boundary creek.

Messrs. Sullivan and Baker are trapping along the headwaters of Christina creek.

More ploughing was done this fall in Grand Prairie than in any other previous year.

Mr. C. de B. Green, C. E., has completed his exploration of the upper Kettle river.

Courts of Revision for the south end of Osoyoos district will be held at Osoyoos on Dec. 5th, and Midway on Dec. 5th.

Mr. J. Edwards is changing his ferry at the east end of Grand Prairie some 300 yards further down stream, so as to make it serviceable all winter.

The rock bluff on Vasseau lake is now at last passable. It makes one weep to think how much it has cost the Government to make the road round this point.

The new trail from the Summit camp down Fisherman creek to the north fork has been cut out and is a first class trail. The cabins on the Emma are also completed.

A big hunting party from Spokane is expected in shortly. Mr. Scott McCrae will act as their guide to the cariboo grounds up the north fork of Kettle river or the north of Christina lake.

Mr. George A. Guess, M. A., whose professional card appears in another column, has been two months at Fairview assisting Mr. Merritt, manager for the Strathyre Mining Company who leaves shortly for Montreal. Mr. Guess is a medalist in mineralogy of Queen's University, Kingston, and an exceptionally proficient analytical chemist and assayer. The district generally, and Camp Fairview in particular is a gainer by his having taken up his residence in this portion of the Province.

Messrs. Brown & Schubert have sold their livery stable business at Penticton to Mr. E. H. Walker.

Mr. J. Frenoy, who was working in the Summit camp, has returned to his home in the Mathow, where he will pass the winter.

Mr. J. Morrisey of Grand Prairie is, we are glad to report, sufficiently recovered from his late illness to be able to get out again.

Mr. D. D. Hardy, who has been staying in Grand Prairie, leaves shortly for Chicago. He expects to return to Kettle river in the spring.

Mr. C. C. Sands returned from Spokane on Wednesday last and laid off the men on the St. Lawrence. A deal is being made for this claim.

Mr. Clement Vachey of White's camp left yesterday for Penticton. He has coralled all the water rights in the camp and a working interest in the City of London and Jack of Spades claims and will have a small stamp mill running by April.

It is to be hoped that if the Mission valley becomes incorporated into a municipality that no time will be lost in endeavoring to have extended to the Mission the telephone system that has been established and furnished to the City of Vernon by the Vernon & Nelson Telephone Co.

Notices have been posted in conspicuous places throughout the lower Okanagan offering $150 reward for private or public information which will lead to the conviction of any party killing or stealing cattle, either on the British or American side, belonging to T. Ellis, R. L Cawston, J. H. Coulthard, T. Daly, M. Barcello and Frank Richter.

A large number of trees are on their way into the Similkameen Valley for setting out next spring. This shows that the settlers in the valley now fully recognize its adaptability for the raising of all kinds of fruit. We believe the Similkameen valley to be the best all round section for fruit in the Province. It is badly situated at present, however, as regards shipping facilities.

Mr. George Cooke's claim, the Last Chance, about one mile north of the Skylark, is looking better than ever. The vein, four feet wide, has been lately opened up in two more places, and has two high grade pay streaks, ten inches on the hanging wall and five inches in the centre. Mr. Cook will work for the Skylark people this winter and continue development on the Last Chance next spring.

The first snow covered the flats on Kettle river this year on November 16, two days sooner than last season, but it then stayed on the ground, whereas this year it appears liable to melt off shortly in the valleys. Last winter there came a chinook in the middle of January. An ordinary winter, according to old time residenters in Kettle river, does not begin till the middle of December—sooner than in the lower Okanagan, but about the same time as north of Okanagan lake.

A bridge is required over Christina creek, about half a mile below Mr. N, Hardy's ranch, for the benefit of parties travelling by the old Dewdney trail from Grand Prairie to the Sheep creek and Trail creek mines. The stream at this point is abrut 100 feet wide, with good level banks for a bridge site. During high water it is very difficult fording. As there is a good deal of travel now to and fro between Trail and Grand Prairie, with promise of much more next year, this bridge is much more required than formerly.

It understood that arrangements are being made, or have been completed, for the purchase of three acres of ground in a central portion of the Mission valley for the purpose of laying out a cemetery. Seeing that whether a community be alive or dead, this is a very necessary institution, the people of the valley are to be commended for the action they are taking in this matter, and it is to be hoped that, the ground being provided, they will not stop at this, but rather that a neat fence shall enclose it, and that some steps be taken to lay out the grounds in a fitting and becoming manner, and not allow them to become, for the want of a little attention, as they are in other portions of the district, a disgrace to the community to which they belong, for surely no more crucial test as to the character of a community can be applied than the appearance of its cemetary.

A fine barn is being erected at Armstrong by the enterprising firm of Cargill & Co., the size of which is 100 feet by 40 feet wide. This is to be used for the purpose of stall feeding cattle for the spring market and will accommodate 60 head of steers. Twenty feet in the centre of the building and running its entire length is reserved for the storage of hay and roots. The stalls or rather loose boxes (for the cattle will not be tied up) are arranged in two rows on each side of the feed, the cattle when feeding facing toward the centre. The only thing wanting to make this a complete feeding barn will be the introduction of water to obviate the necessity of the animal leaving the barn in cold weather. This can be applied if found necessary. Parties having any idea of entering into the business of stable feeding might do well to take a pattern from this structure, adopting all its useful qualities and remedying all or any defects.

Float ice began coming down the Kettle river last week, and now here and there, where there is still water, the stream is almost frozen over.

Mr. N. Hardy has purchased his old ranch on Christin lake which he sold to Kerr Bros., and has taken up a preemption of 160 acres adjoining it to the east. He intends to put up a new dwelling this winter.

At the head of Christina lake there is a valley about half a mile wide and about ten miles in length. It is pretty heavily timbered with good white pine and cedar, but the soil is good. There is little doubt that this land will be taken up some day.

One hundred tons of mangolds from three acres of ground which sold at $5 per ton, thereby returning to the producer $500 at the rate of $150 per acre, with the assurance thrown in that the cultivation of this 100 tons of roots did not cost the pronucer more than $50. This is one of the proofs of what can be done on some of the small holdings in the country, and sooner or later these same proofs will carry conviction to the large holders of land that mixed farming is the only thing that will dispel the cloud of depression and lift the mortgage burden off the shoulders of those who at the present time have to bear it. Root crops return from $50 to $150 per acre, cereals from $10 to $25 per acre, and yet the plough seeks the stubble and the farmer seeks the money lender, and misery is the result.

FIRE AT LUMBY.

The Ram's Horn Hotel Completely Destroyed.

How many of the best hotels in the district are we lose? This is the thought that suggests itself when it is remembered that only a short time ago the fine building owned by Colonel Forester at Sicamous was destroyed by fire. Now the equally commodious one that graced the little town of Lumby in White Valley and was owned by Mr. Morand has been wiped out on the night of the 12th by the same element. The cause of the fire, it is stated, was a detective flue in the kitchen part of the house, and so much headway had the fire gained before its discovery that the herculean efforts of the many residents who gathered on the first sound of alarm were without avail to put it out. A considerable portion of the furniture, however, was saved. The loss is stated to be in the neighborhood of $7,000, $3,000 only of which is carried by insurance. Each and every individual acquaintance will readily sympathise with Mr. Morand in the great misfortune which has overtaken him.

VERNON NOTES.

(From our own correspondent.)

A large consignment of fruit trees of different kinds arrived last week for parties in this neighborhood, and for the Mission and Similkameen valleys.

Our fellow citizen Jacques may now be found doing business in his brand new establishment on Barnard avenue, an establishment which cannot for elegance be surpassed by any in the Province, and one that reflects credit upon himself and the city.

Mr. Palmerston's appearance last week was the signal for a boom in Midway real estate. Quite a number of lots were placed among the business men here and others interested in the welfare of the lower country.

It is with sorrow we relate the fact that Mr. Meakin of the Kalemalka hotel lies in a very critical condition. It is hardly thought possible he can recover.

Times are hard; so says everyone, and yet there are improvements being carried on and new buildings in course of erection which would tend to show that some of our citizens at least have confidence in the future of our city.

Is there a law or not against the killing of ewe mountain sheep and the sale of the same? If so, the authorities should be a little more attentive to those who are given to disregarding it. Otherwise this noble animal will very soon become extinct.

So far, only about 600 tons of wheat has been shipped to Enderby from here this year. What I would like to call attention to is the fact that formerly the crop represented about 2,000 tons or some $40,000, whereas this year about $10,000 would cover the same. Thirty thousand dollars withdrawn from circulation may well be felt in a small community like our own, and one is tempted to ask how long will our farmers bow down and worship this at present unprofitable cereal.

On one night last week citizens in a certain portion of the city had occasion to ask each other what were the constables being paid for—was it to do their duty or not, and if so how is it that some of the worst element of the town are not now occupying lodgings free gratis in the lock-up, and boarding at the expense of the respectable portion of the community?

At the meeting of the city council held on Monday last the ordinary business having been transacted, a letter was read from Mr. Ellis, stating that the flour mill had been running for the past month, and he would therefore ask that the third portion of the bonus due should now be paid to him. This matter was referred to the finance committee. The matter of the electric lighting of the city was then discussed, and Mr. Ellis being called upon, stated that now that he had the power, the flour mill being running, he was prepared to furnish the electric light, and would at once take steps to do so. He would canvas the city to see what amount of support he might expect and the plant that would be required.

The action of the city council in the matter of the mill bonus will be awaited with interest by the taxpayers.

Truly our old typical interior of B. C. weather has once more returned to us, and as a consequence the old timer is again an agreeable and joyful prophet.

FUN ON THE SIDE.

Stalate—Well, I must be going; it's getting late. Ethel—Better late than never. —N. Y. Herald.

It is all right to wait till the clouds roll by if you are spending the time earning money to buy an umbrella.—Atchison Globe.

"A very remarkable thing has come out concerning Ellie's engagement." "What's that?" "Her betrothed is going to marry her."—Chicago News.

"Simon! Simon! There are burglars in the house!" "That's all right, Mary. I made an assignment of everthing to-day for the benefits of the creditors."

Obliging Country Butcher—Let me cut it into cutlets for you, ma'am, leaving just enough bone for you to hold 'm by, while you're eating 'em!—Drake's Magazine.

"Have you any choice as to where your picture shall be hung?" "No," replied the artist, "only that I'd feel on the safe side if you'd put it in a room with low ceilings."—Washington Star.

Muller—I wonder why Jones wasn't appointed on the jury? Muller—He was rejected on the ground that he couldn't hear both sides. "How so?" "Why he is deaf in one ear."—Tid Bits.

FASHIONS IN JEWELRY.

The standards for soap of narrow raised work bars are very pretty.

The new candlesticks for tapers are as pretty as baby toys and look like them.

Transparent colored stones are sleeve buttons with no more gold showing than necessary.

New bottles for salts have silver covers with square box-like tops for their easy manipulation.

Artistic leaf spoons grow in numbers every day. A specimen is a lily leaf for the bowl and two twisted tendrils with buds for the handle.

There are decided novelties in silver fruit dishes. One is a low, round bowl with raised and perforated work. The ornamentation is very rich. The same designs have low standards, and round knob-like feet.

Single sleeve buttons are larger than ever. They are worn chiefly by men, and women who affect masculine dress. They prevail in dead gold. The more elaborate have a section in repousse work.—Jewelers' Circular.

IN PARLOR AND KITCHEN.

Vegetables should always be put in cold water half an hour before using them; it will freshen them up wonderfully.

Biting off silk thread, if long continued, causes lead poisoning. To increase its weight, silk thread is soaked in a solution of acetate of lead.

A chemist advises that canned fruit be opened an hour or two before it is used. It is far richer after the oxygen of the air has been restored to it.

Simple and very pretty bedroom curtains are made of plain cream art muslin trimmed with ruffles of the same and tied back with self color ribbons.

A Pompeian lamp in old silver, bronze or brass is a highly esteemed addition to one's store of bric-a-brac and does duty in the hall, or in some "corner effect" in the parlor.

A cool room above ground is better for milk than a cellar, and it should always be remembered that milk should not stand near vegetables, fish or meat of any kind, as it invariably absorbs the flavor of what is near it.

A MUSICIAN'S CORNER.

The snare drum was brought into Europe by the Saracens about 703 A. D.

Two thousand pounds was the fancy price paid for a Stradivarius violin in excellent preservation recently at Stuttgart.

It is asserted that all of the $1,200,000 royalty on Moody and Sankey's Gospel Hymns has been devoted to charitable purposes.

The late Prince Albert was an accomplished musician, and composed much music. A collection of this will shortly be published by Queen Victoria.

Gilmore, the bandmaster, besides being a wonderfully swift music penman, had the largest stock of orchestral scores in the world. The cash value of his musical library is estimated at over $50,000.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Berlin is having its doors numbered with luminous figures visible at night.

The Swedish mile is 11,660 yards long and the Vienna post mile is 8,296 yards.

French-speaking Canadians embrace 29.4 per cent. of the population of Canada.

Only citizens who are able to read and write have the power to vote in Bolivia and several other South American republics.

At the castle of Simonetta, in Italy, there is claimed to be an angle in the building which re-echoes a pistol shot sixty-one times.

MISCELLANEOUS PARAGRAPHS.

The Greek pike was twenty-four feet long.

It is said that a nugget of gold worth $15 was picked up the other day in the diggings at Byron, Me.

Fisher Crouzer, of Montgomery county, Tenn., is 75 years old and voted but twice in his life.

A single glass eye can rarely be worn more than a year without being polished, for the surface becomes roughened by the action of the tears, etc., and irritates the lids as they rub over it.

A LESSON IN HISTORY.

Mohammed began the Koran at thirty-five.

The folding envelope was first used in the year 1839.

English books were first printed by Caxton in the year 1474.

Diamond cutting by machinery was first done in Holland in 1489.

Apples were worth from one shilling to two shillings each in the reign of Henry VI

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TAKE NOTICE that I, William McLean, free miner's certificate No. 55208, intend, 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.

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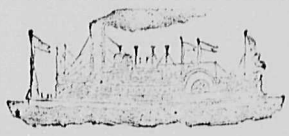

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Commencing May 2, passengers for Trail Creek, Nakusp, New Denver, Revelstoke and all points on the Canadian Pacific railway, will leave Spokane on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7 a.m., connecting at Northport with steamer Columbia (same day) at 1 p.m.

Passengers by steamer from above points arrive in Spokane same evening.

Passengers for Kettle River and Boundary Creek connect at Marcus with stage on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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County Court Notice.

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At Osoyoos on Wednesday, 10th April, 1895;

At Midway on Saturday, 13th April, 1895,

at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

By Command

C. A. R. LAMBLY, R. C. C.

GOVERNMENT OFFICE, OSOYOOS, 23rd April 1894.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

(From the Nelson Tribune of Nov. 3rd.)

I have discussed in the columns of your paper during the past few weeks various phrases of the propaganda for the free coinage of silver, or for international bimetalism, and will in this paper come to some important facts bearing on the relation of the Orient to this subject, to show that the relatively lessening use of silver in India as compared with its commerce is due to increased facilities of communication. But first, another anent the neo-bimetalists.

I find myself at variance with the views of the new school of bimetalists of this country, one of whom, for example, in the Congress of Economics and politics held in San Francisco last spring, indulged in extravagant assertions regarding what he deemed the world-wide calamitous results of excluding silver from unlimited free coinage. In short, I do not believe that the discontinuing the free and unlimited coinage of free silve had or is having a dominating effect either in reducing the prices of commodities throughout the world, nor that it was the primary cause of the crisis of last year, and of continuing the stagnation of the present. Moreover, within fifty years wages in the United States have doubled on a gold basis. The coinage of silver and the use of silver coins within the period treated of, 1847 to 1893, has been far greater than for a like number of years previous to 1847. And if the crisis of 1891 and 1892 in Argentina and Australia, and the resultant consequences in Great Britain, and the crisis of 1833 in the United States, were due to a lack of currency circulation, why does not the redundancy of money to-day, which is an admitted condition in all the great financial centres of the world, relieve the stagnation?

As pertinent to this I submit the following table, from compilations on the subject by Charles P. Jackson of Boston. *In the Government banks of* England, France, and Germany were:

	Gold held distinct.	Silver held distinct.	Gold and silver held together.
January, 1852	$ 161,000,000	$ 93,000,000	$ 15,000,000
January, 1862	122,000,000	18,000,000	63,000,000
January, 1872	228,000,000	16,000,000	127,000,000
January, 1880	377,000,000	29,000,000	128,000,000
January, 1887	323,000,000	225,000,000	155,000,000
January, 1891	452,000,000	245,000,000	144,000,000

The per capita of circulation in the United States of America has risen from $13.85 in 1860 to $24.85 in $1891, the highest ever attained. In fact, the per capita of money the world over is greater to-day than it has ever been, but the money standard is not. The primary cause either of the crisis or of the subsequent stagnation, except in so far as security holders sold or may sell or investors may hesitate for fear of possible ultimate payment in silver. The causes have been extravagance, wastefulness, artificial stimulation of business, reckless speculation, and the inexcusable expansion of credits in all sorts of unjustifiable schemes of inflation or ill-judged business ventures, conceived in the hope of making something out of nothing, or very near nothing. These are, in general, the primary reasons of the panics and subsequent stagnations, and not necessarily the kind of money nor the amount in circulation; and the public ought to reckon with its own folly and cupidity, and the hidden and abhorrent forces in protective politics, in considering the subject. In the long run the decline of prices of commodities has been and will be essentially beneficial to the people at large, because, as already stated, wages have in the aggregate largely increased—doubled since 1840.

Now as to the relation of the Orient to silver: There is a very general misapprehension as to the former exceptional demands for silver; that is to say, the phenominal demand for it by India during the sixties.

The particular reason which rendered the amount of India's demand extraordinary—to-wit, a total, between 1853 and 1866 inclusive, of about $1,000,000,000—is not, I assume, generally understood in the understood in the United States. There were four great causes for exceptional requirements at that time—the previous building of canals and railways, the Sepoy rebellion, about 1857, and subsequent famines. The maturity of obligations for the building of canals, railways and other internal improvements required *about $850,000,000 of* silver; famines and rebellions, 150,000,000. The exact amount required because of the Sepoy mutiny I do not remember, but it was also large. Now to the satisfaction of *the extraordinary demands* were added other causes, more recent, for the decline of demands, viz.: In 1866 the cables were successfully laid across the Atlantic ocean; in 1869 the Suez canal was completed, *and subsequently* cable laid along the Mediterranean, Red Sea and Indian ocean; in 1869 the first transcontinental railway across America was completed, and regular steamship service established between San Francisco, Japan, China and India; since then various transcontinental lines, and the Canadian Pacific steamship line from British Columbia to Japan and China.

Ocean navigation has been almost revolutionized in this period by the use of iron, the propellor, triple-expansion engines, etc. The result, commercially, of all these great changes has been, of course, simply marvelous. *For example, the commerce of India* with the chief commercial nations of the world, which had previously been hampered with a delay of months required for sailing vessels to round the *Cape of Good Hope, with advices by* letter and drafts, which had often to be accompanied by shipments of silver, was from this time on susceptible of instant advisement by cable or by *steamship mail, which latter even* reduced the time of transit by more than fourfifths, and in consequence a system of cross exchange grew up and promptly adjusted itself in the com*merce of the world. As illustrative of* this fact, I will mention that in a given period, 1830 to 1834 inclusive, the commercial business of India, Great Britain, France and the United States *amounted to $18,300,000,000, and it* required the movement of a certain volume of specie, say $3,100,000,000, or 17 per cent of the merchandise moved to adjust the same. In a like period of *years, say from 1843 to 1849 inclusive,* the commerce of the same countries was $23,000,000,000, or more than double that of the preceding period; yet the amount of specie actually required to *adjust balances was less than* $2,000,000,000, or 7 per cent of the merchandise moved, being 10 per cent less specie required than during the previous given period on a total of busi*ness but one-half the latter amount.* Mulhall shows that in 1880 only 5 per cent of specie or bullion was required in handling all ocean commerce as compared with 9 per *cent used in the decade ending* 1870. The money used in the entire financial transactions of Great Britain is only 3 per cent of the volume of business transacted. In the *midst of these two periods of business* mentioned in connection with Indian commerce including the intervening years, comprising a total of 27 years, the actual annual product of silver of *the world almost quadrupled—it in*creased from about $55,000,000 in 1867 to $207,000,000 in 1893.

And here I will mention what appears to have been the great battering-*ram that natural causes propelled* against silver. From 1856 to 1866 (10 years) the world's product of silver was, say, $420,000,000. The Orient took $640,000,000, thus drawing $220,000,000 *from* the world's old stock. From 1866 to 1875 the world's product was, say, $688,000,000, of which the Orient took only $243,000,000, leaving $155,000,000 of the new stock to be ab*sorbed by western nations. From 1876* to 1885 the world's product of silver was $1,053,000,000; the Orient took $133,000,000, leaving a fresh surplus of $920,000,000 to be absorbed by western *nations. (During the same period* Germany also sold $150,000,000 of old stock.) From 1886 to 1893, eight years, the world's product was $1,310,000,000. The Orient took approximately $340,000,000, *leaving $970,000,000* more to be absorbed by western nations, or a total aggregate of $1,085,000,000, of new silver to be utilized by he western nations. Such an influx *of the metal inevitably impaired* its utility, and therefore its exchangeable value.

The average of the world's product of silver for 1872 and 1893 was more than six times as great as the yearly average from 1831 to 1850. While India's commerce has doubled since 1870, the average yearly demand for silver in the Orient for the last twenty years *has been less than $50,000,000* per year, while the world's product of silver has risen from $56,000,000 thirty years ago to $207,000,000 in 1893. The result of this enormous increase is, as already *stated, that in thirty years there has* been added to the silver stock of Western nations approximately $2,000,000,000. And it is this tremendous fact and further probabilities in the same direction that cloud with doubt the ability even of an international agreement as to unity of ratio to rehabilitate silver under unrestricted free coinage at the present ratio. The utter and inexcusable folly of any one government with a gold standard currency attempting it is too palpable to require further argument.

Now, in view of the fact that during this same period there have been six international monetary congresses—Paris in 1867, 1878, 1881, and 1889; Brussels in 1892, and Berlin 1894—and that all these congresses decided against international bimetalism, or failed to assent to it, and a large majority of the states comprising them *had also decided against* state or national bimetalism, we naturally infer that the general exclusion of silver *from unlimited free coinage had some* effect on its value as compared with gold, to say nothing of increased production; but with this exclusion, the relative decline in the demands of India, and the enormously increased product, the decline in value of silver was so inevitable that nothing whatever that the United States government could possibly do would have prevented or appreciably lessened that decline, and the foreign governments acted prudently, in their own interests, in restricting or discontinuing coinage, as the United States government has recently done.

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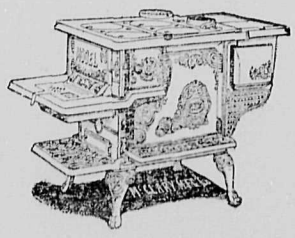

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