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DISTRICT NOTES.

Flax grows well at Okanagan Mission.

Harvesting is in force throughout the country.

The water in the Kettle river is extremely low.

Chief Tenasket has a hay crop of over 200 tons.

There was a tobacco famine in Boundary creek last week.

Cayuses are cheaper in Kettle river than any other part of the province.

At the cricket match at Vernon the Kelowna club scored an easy victory.

The Penticton trail is reported good travelling, but bush fires all along the route.

Vernon has the prospect of two breweries, Mr. Wehrfritz having decided to locate there.

No doctor evidently wants the appropriation of $300 for a resident physician in the lower country.

Mr. Cecil Mair, son of Mr. C. Mair, of Kelowna, is on a visit to his parents from St. Catherines, Ont.

Mr. Morton is breaking up a large acreage on his pre-emption on the commonage near Vernon. He is a rustler.

A gentleman who travelled last week from Revelstoke to Midway reported bush fires and thick smoke the entire distance.

There is an opening for Rider Haggard to visit this country and write a sensational novel called the "Children of the Smoke."

Col. Forester, of Sicamous, whose fine hotel was burnt down, has fitted up his two small houses and is prepared to receive guests.

A large bush fire has been raging between Meyers creek and Terotee creek on the reservation.

The tobacco crop at Kelowna promises very well. The plants are three feet high and are still growing. Tobacco culture for the provincial market may become one of the leading industries of the Mission.

The provincial estimates for the year 1894-5 include $1,500 for the recorder's office, Osoyoos, and $1,500 for a recorder's office, Kettle river. So far no move has been made towards spending these appropriations.

Some of the Indians on the Colville reservation state that they expect their money to be paid them and the reserve thrown open for prospecting in sixty daps. They give no satisfactory reason, however, for this belief.

The present prohibitive tariff on mining machinery (which has always been enforced in this section of B. C.) is conducive to the erection of reduction works across the line instead of on Canadian territory when the Colville reserve is thrown open.

Mr. A. N. Symonds has purchased Mr. Wallace's half interest in the Jim Crow claim, one of the new locations made this spring. The claim is located in Symonds' camp, and is an extension of the Lead King. With development this may turn out to be a good property.

To give some idea of the necessity of the new Kettle river road, we are assured that parties have offered to the present shippers of ore to Marcus to haul ore from the mines to Penticton for $18 per ton, whereas the freight paid to Marcus is $30 per ton. This saving represents a good living profit to the shipper, as $12 per ton saved is quite an item on a large quantity of ore.

Feathered game, according to the News, is not plentiful in the upper Okanagan this year. We expect to have to report a similar state of affairs in the lower Okanagan in a few seasons, as down south every body shoots in or out of season, and no effort is made to enforce the game laws. The pot hunter, who used to come up from the coast and slaughter prairie fowl near Vernon, and the local professional bird slayer who made a living by supplying the hotels, ought to feel proud of what they have accomplished. They are on a par with the true sportsmen who, two seasons ago, slaughtered a large number of mountain sheep in the Ashnola and left them there to rot.

This being the fishing season, a true fish story may not be out of place. A gentleman who lives above the mouth of Rock creek, on Kettle river, hooked an extra large trout the other day which got away with hook, gut and bait, and broke a small piece off the end of his rod. He returned to the fray next day with another rod and hook and caught the same fish. There was nothing remarkable about that, but the strange part of it was that the fish had, somehow, managed to digest the hook, bait, gut, etc., of the day before and all had passed through its "system" except the piece of broken rod, which had stuck in its mouth, and another fish had been caught by the same bait and was attached to the first one.

The company who own the Spokane mine and mill at Golden, Wash., intend resuming operations shortly.

A petition is in circulation asking the Government to have a survey made of the country between Osoyoos and the mouth of Rock creek, with a view to aiding settlement.

The last clean-up on the Cariboo, Camp McKinney, was the result of nineteen days' run, and realized between nine and ten thousand dollars. The bullion went to Spokane.

Mr. Frank Donald, of Conkle & Donald, has pre-empted three hundred and twenty acres of the flat west of Mr. John McCallum's ranch, about four miles from the mouth of Rock creek. His intention is to bring water on it in a ditch from that creek.

The Loomiston Journal of 9th August contains a notice of seizure on 28th June, by Customs Inspector J. T. McDonald, for non-payment of duty, of the following property of Less Woodworth, late of Fairview: one brown horse branded K, saddle, bridle, etc.

On the south fork of Rock creek those indefatigable gold diggers, Messrs. Copeland & Yonkin, are working hard to reach bed rock. If any one ever reaches deep bed rock on Rock creek they certainly deserve to do so, as their faith in ultimately making a rich strike has never faltered. Messrs. Rankin, Madden and others are also working on the south fork and are reported to be taking out fair pay.

There being no dentist in this part of the world, a well-known miner, who was suffering tortures from toothache solicited the aid of a worthy rancher who is the proud possessor of one of those relics of barbarism, a key, and had the offending molar "extracted." He was afterwards obliged to consult a doctor as to whether his right shoulder blade or hip bones had been pulled up with the tooth, and the medicine man has been puzzling over the problem ever since.

An exceptionally dry season such as the present year, although its immediate effect be injurious, may be indirectly of immense benefit to the Okanagan country at large, if the lesson pointed out by nature is made use of and the plentiful irrigation resources which exist in every section be put in future to fuller use. It must be admitted by anyone acquainted with the country from Vernon to the Boundary line and from the east of Grand Prairie to Kereneos, that not only could double as much more land be placed under cultivation than at present in the same area, but also good crops could be made a certainty if the various streams of water now going to waste were converted into irrigation systems. The water in Long lake could be made to irrigate the whole of the town of Vernon, and a large portion of the lower bench land from that town to Okanagan lake. The amount of water in Mission creek is sufficient to keep the whole of the Mission valley under irrigation, and Short Cut valley could also be well watered, according to an engineer's report, for slightly less than $5 per acre. The possibility of placing almost the whole of the S. Okanagan valley under irrigation from the Okanagan river, and large tracts of good bench lands in the Keremeos valley by taking water from the Similkameen river, are well known. Then there are several first-class irrigation propositions in the Kettle river district, the principal being to irrigate the valley from Ingram creek to Rock creek from the latter stream; Boundary flat from Boundary creek and the Grand Prairie valley from the north fork of Kettle river. Outside of these there are hundreds of minor irrigation propositions from one end of the country to the other, and if this part of the province is to go ahead that end will not be accomplished by allowing water to go to waste year after year which could be converted into a source of immense wealth. It has hitherto been the practice to regard dry lands as utterly useless, but many of these tracts are of a sedimentary nature and of great depth, the surface sand being merely accidental, as near Osoyoos. It now remains for the people of this district to work out plans whereby the natural water supplies at their command can be utilized, whether by individual enterprise or by co-operation. It will require both money and brains to accomplish any of these undertakings and also a spirit of progressiveness, but without these nothing of importance can ever be successfully carried through. Next to the development of its mineral resources, the growth and prosperity of this portion of the interior is likely to depend in the future on the utilization of water for the conversion of arid wastes into fruitful valleys, and uninhabited sections of country into prosperous communities.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1894.

It is gratifying to learn that steps are being taken in Vernon to entertain the Hon. Wilfred Laurier, should the leader of the Canadian opposition be able to take in that town during his tour in this province. Apart entirely from party politics Mr. Laurier is entitled to a hearty welcome in any section of British Columbia, not only as the most brilliant orator in the Dominion but also as a sincere patriot and a man of unblemished private and public character, who has never been associated in any way with the boodling and kindred scandals which have been a disgrace to Canadian politics. It would be well, however, for those who have the real interests of the West at heart not to lose any political opportunity afforded by Mr. Laurier's visit, and not to render the receptions given him mere social gatherings. It is painfully evident that the Conservative party at Ottawa are still entirely under the thumb of the eastern manufacturers, who subscribe to the party funds. The mining and agricultural interests of this province have long enough been kept back to suit the interests of these eastern party hacks, and we sincerely hope that the people of this section of British Columbia, at least who are alive to their own interests and have an opportunity of meeting the honored Liberal leader at Vernon will make a point of pointing out to him how the mining industry, especially of the southern portion of this district, has been kept back by the imposition of a tax on mining machinery coming in from the States. If there is any province in the Dominion which would be benefitted by free trade it is our own, and we sincerely hope that those who hold this view in British Columbia will do what they can to demonstrate the fact that the whole population of the western slope are not hopelessly bigotted believers in the so-called "National Policy."

FAIRVIEW NOTES.

(From our own correspondent.)

FAIRVIEW, Aug. 23.—Mr. E. Morris met with a very serious accident last week. He was thrown from his horse, which became frightened by a snake, and got a severe shaking up, but he is now improving and is able to be up, though still very week.

The Stratheyre Mining Co., under the management of Mr. Wm. H. Merritt, have let two contracts on the Brown Bear, and intend running the ore through at once.

Mr. Thos. Elliott has just received the sad news of the death of his eldest daughter. The deceased young lady was about eighteen years of age, and intended to visit her father soon. Much sympathy is felt by everybody for Mr. Elliott in his sad bereavement.

Mr. Attwood left on Monday for the East.

Mr. E. B. Lefevre, one of the owners in the Morning Star mine, has just returned from Montreal, and seems much improved in health. He will visit Boundary creek and McKinney soon, where he is also interested.

Mr. W. H. Bullock-Webster left yesterday for Sicamous to meet his mother and sisters, who are coming out from England on a visit.

Word has just been received that all the men have been discharged from the Camp McKinney wagon road. Mr. Norris has just been down and states that the appropriation has been expended, but that the road will be completed to connect with the Sidley road, and thus give a sort of an outlet to the camp.

The Indians had a couple of days of racing at Keremeos this week, and wound up in the usual way—cards and whiskey.

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FRANK GOME.

MINERAL ACT, 1891.

Certificate of Improvements.

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TAKE NOTICE that I, John Douglas, free miner's certificate No. 47189, 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.

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

Dated this second day July, 1894.

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SPRAGGETT—On Monday, August 20, the wife of E. Spraggett, Grand Prairie, Kettle River, of a daughter.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. Chas. Melville's new residence is going up quickly.

Mr. Atwood is, we regret to hear, laid up with a bad attack of rheumatism.

Mr. Smith, of the Caribou Mining Company, and Mr. Cronin, superintendent of the mine, passed through to Camp McKinney on Sunday.

Mr. J. Lynch has placed a neat railing round the burial place of Mr. Geo. Nelson, who met his death last fall by falling off a wagon near town.

Mr. Walters has moved the Skylark force down to the American Boy, and is busy blasting out ore. It runs high in gold and silver, and will be shipped via Marcus to Tacoma.

Last Friday a fire was started in some mysterious manner in a drift pile on Boundary creek close to Mr. Palmerston's house. Chiefly through the exertions of Mr. T. McAuley it was put out before any damage was done.

Mr. W. H. Norris, the agricultural editor of this paper, who was in the Grand Prairie valley, instructing the farmers how to fatten calves on peanuts and seeing what could be done towards sending an exhibit from that section to the Vernon show, is now taking in the mining camps to get mineral exhibits.

Mr. E. B. Lefevre, part owner of the Morning Star, Fairview, the Amelia, Camp McKinney, and the Number Seven, Atwood's camp, Boundary mountain, passed through Midway last Saturday on his way to the latter claim. He stated that it was proposed by the Cariboo Mining Company to stock the Cariboo for $500,000 and the Amelia for $300,000. A late offer of $20,000 for the Morning Star had, he said, been refused.

Captain R. C. Adams returned to Midway on Friday from an extensive tour through Washington, the B. C. coast towns and the Kootenay district. He reports mining and business generally to be looking up in Kootenay, especially in Slocan, and mentioned, amongst other things, that the Kaslo Times has moved its plant and business to New Denver, much to the discomfiture of the Prospector and Ledge, that the town of Silverton was going ahead, that the Chinese war is expected to raise the price of silver, and that there was considerable talk of American mining capitalists who are tired of strikes, moving their plants to this side of the line from the Cœur d'Alene and other districts. The Nakusp & Slocan railway, he stated, has reached the townsite of Roseberry; the Pilot Bay smelter is being rapidly completed and will be in a position within a month to work, the company already purchasing Slocan ore to mix with that of the Bluebell mine. Captain Adams has as last secured crown grants for the Brittimart and Chamblet mines in the Mount Adams group, which he intends to work next summer. For two years he has been prevented working these properties, and the Bon Ton, by claim jumpers. Capt. Adams was greatly suprised at the non-completion of the through road from Okanagan to Grand Prairie, having been assured personally that it would be put through this year. He stated that the post office inspector in Victoria had promised to advertise for tenders for the long delayed through mail route from Penticton to Marcus as soon as the road was completed. He left this morning for Toronto via Osoyoos and Vernon, having to deliver a public lecture in the Queen City next week.

KELOWNA NOTES.

(From our own correspondent.)

KELOWNA, Aug. 21.—"Awfully hot!" "Beastly hot!" are only a few of the expressions we hear lately as the thermometer has been frisking around 100 in the shade.

The harvesting operations are nearly over for this season. Threshing commences this week. The crops are not so good as usual, but the root crop is as good as usual.

Building operations are brisk. Leon Lequime is erecting a residence, and the Gusachan ranch a large hop drying kiln 50x50, two stories high. Mr. Thos. Milne, of Vernon, contractor. Mr. B. Lequime has also placed a staff of workmen repairing and enlarging his dwelling at the Mission. Mr. Jas. Crozier has completed a fine new stable.

Capt. and Mrs. Thos. Riley have taken up their residence permanently here I understand.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Davis have the sympathy of the entire community in their great bereavement, the loss of their eldest son, a little fellow some three years of age. Although Dr. Boyce was called in he could do nothing to help the poor little sufferer. The funeral services were conducted on Thursday evening at 5 o'clock by Rev. Thos. Green of Penticton.

The Fairview made her trial trip down Penticton river last Monday, calling here on Saturday to let Kelownaites have a chance of inspecting the noble ship. It has been decided by the owners, owing to the dullness in traffic, to lay the boat up for a time.

Since the election we hear a certain amount of talk about the incorporation of this district into a municipality by those who were previously against it. That's all right and proper, gentlemen. You will get the municipality or the signs fail.

Mr. A. Berard has sold his pre-emption to Mr. Healy of California. We understand Mr. Healy intends to plant out a large orchard at once, being encouraged by the healthy and vigorous appearance of the young orchards already planted.

Leon Lequime has the contract of building a large addition to the wharf. It will be finished this week.

BOUNDARY FALLS TALK.

(From our own correspondent.)

BOUNDARY FALLS, Aug. 27.—Mr. Vedder's pack train is busy moving the Spokane & Great Northern outfit to the American Boy mine, three-fourths of a mile from the Falls. They claim to have discovered a new three-foot vein of 280 oz. silver rock. Eight men are at work at present.

The ranchers and miners of Copper creek are building a road down Copper creek to connect with our election road, or the "Vernon trunk road." They expect to have it completed in one week's time. One thousand dollars will then complete a road to the Copper camp, as from Deadwood to Copper is only about four miles.

Messrs. McRae, Swan and Myers are busy improving their several ranches. They all have very good locations.

The latest comes from Grand Forks, styled "Me and my little dorg." We take possession of the pantry, pies and cakes galore, and the fair ones become indisposed. Yae, big guns and little fish.

Mr. Cornhusk of Spokane passed through one day last week to report on his copper property in Deadwood. It is whispered around that he and his trusty steed dissolved partnership, as the equine objected to travelling in a lane along with the Irish. T.J.H.

VERNON NOTES.

(From our own correspondent.)

VERNON, Aug. 20.—The intense heat still continues. The air is full of smoke with fires on the mountain sides, and no appearance of rain. "Such weather," is the exclamation from every one you meet. However, it has been favorable weather for haying and harvesting so far, and if it continues fine for another ten days all the wheat will be cut and the greater part of it shocked.

The old fire extinguisher arrived on Monday and is a fine looking old curio. I hope it is workable, as anything in the shape of fire protection is a boon.

The city fathers are still fooling with Long lake water. I wonder how many tests it will take to find out how utterly rotten it is and how much it will cost the city. I would advise the corporation as a body to go out and smell it some evening after tea.

I regret to hear that the Fairview, the steamer built to navigate the Okanagan river, is a failure, although the fact was established beyond a doubt that the river is navigable, as the little steamer made two trips from Okanagan lake to Dog lake. The hull, it appears, is not strong enough for the machinery. I understand the company will build another hull and use the machinery now in the Fairview.

The fencing on the fair grounds and race track is being pushed forward rapidly. The agricultural hall will be pushed rapidly this week. The racing committee have their programme completed. There will be nine events, and $1,500 will be given in purses. The prize list of the O. & S. Agricultural Society is in the hands of the printer, and will be distributed in a few days, so we may expect a busy time fair week.

The building for the flour mill is about ready for the machinery, which is on the way out, and, although opposed to bonuses in general, I trust the investment will be a success financially for the town, instead of a loss, as most bonussed industries have proved to be.

The people of Vernon were very much surprised on Monday to learn that E. J. Tronson, on behalf of F. G. Vernon, claimed for the defeated candidate the seat for the East Riding of Yale. The claim, I believe, is the fraudulent or illegal voting of a number of voters for Donald Graham. These votes Mr. Vernon asks the courts to count out, and I suppose if there are enough to count out Graham's majority he will have to step down and out. I think the matter will end in smoke, as it is a game two can play at.

Surprise was expressed on every hand that, after such a fair contest on the part of the Opposition, any one could be found to append his signature to a protest against the choice of the people. It smells of Davie, but I think when the trial is over it will be found on whose side there was the greatest amount of illegal voting. It will probably be made known to the province how the present government handle the elections and the means they take to get there. Theo, Davie, I understand, puts up the deposit in this case, and in Lillooet as well, and I venture to say it is the first case in the history of Canadian politics where the premier of a province came forward with the collateral to protest an election for a colleague or even a supporter of his party.

It is pretty evident what is in the wind. There are several aspirants to Mr. Vernon's position, and the Government want time to smooth things over. E.

DISTRICT NOTES.

Mrs. and Miss King and Mrs. McKinney are residing at the mouth of Rock creek.

The fire extinguisher which is the pride and glory of the good people of Vernon has the date 1850 on it, and bears the very appropriate number, I.

There is considerable placer mining being done on the lower Similkameen, just across the line, at present, Diver Anderson being amongst the number.

Mr. Louis Christian and five men are completing the road into Camp McKinney in an economic manner. The route chosen presents almost no difficulties compared with that originally selected.

Messrs. Ord, Donahue and Madden are working close to the old White's bar on the north fork of Rock creek and are said to be doing well. They have a discovery hill claim called the Vernon.

The Enderby mill has started up again, and is now working on the new grain, which is proving to be of excellent quality, and the sample of flour now being turned out is superior to anything ever produced before, which is saying a good deal.

Mr. B. Wehrfritz, whose brewery at Ruby was washed out by the flood in the early summer, is about to start up again in Vernon, on the premises of Mr. W. D. Pitcairn. Mr. Wehrfritz is an old hand at the trade, and has the reputation of turning out a good article.

Mr. C. L. Thomet has made a new strike on the Elkhorn, near the Providence trail, which was once bonded to the Spokane & Great Northern Mining Company. The ledge is eighteen inches wide, and while tunneling on it a body of rich native silver ore was exposed last Monday.

There is no lack of bush fires in this region at the present time; they are reported to be raging more or less fiercely in the following localities: far up the north fork of Kettle river, in various places on Boundary mountain, between the Copper and Deadwood camps, both east and west of Camp McKinney, up the main Kettle river towards Monashee, on Dog Lake mountain, in various parts of the Mission mountain, and on Trepanner creek. The long-awaited rain has not come as we go to press.

Mr. Leonard Norris, Government Agent for this district, when twice down south to take in the country and see to the road work made some of the fastest trips on record. The Government and the public of this district are both to be congratulated in owning an official of his stamp, who can do good work in the office and saddle alike. It is generally regretted that Mr. Norris was unable to take in the lower section of his district before, owing to press of work during election time. It is the generally expressed belief that if he had done so the road between Okanagan and Grand Prairie would have been pushed through this season.

Mr. J. C. Haas, S. B., E. M., graduate of the School of Mines, Michigan, who has been in the Boundary creek camps for some months, has located a north extension of the Helen, called the Mystic. The ledge is supposed to be the same as on the former claim. He also owns, together with R. Mack and Dittmer Bros., the Crescent in the Skylark camp. More than a dozen assays of ore from this claim made by Professor Lanius, of Spokane, give a result of 111 to 160 oz. of silver and $22 to $26 in gold to the ton. The vein has been traced 150 feet and a fourteen foot shaft has been sunk on it. Mr. Haas has made a collection of ores from almost every claim in the Boundary creek district.

We are glad to be able to state that the assays received from the Divide claim on Kruger mountain, owned by Capt. Adams, of Midway, which were made by Mr. E. Burlingham of Denver, gave very satisfactory returns. The average of a number of samples sent of ore taken across the ledge was $26 in free gold. Single samples ran as high as $214. An experienced mining man is at present examining the claim, and should his report confirm previous opinion, a small stamp mill will be put up to work the ore without delay, Capt. Adams having made arrangements for that purpose. Development is now being done on the claim by Mr. R. Cordick, who located it. It has two ledges, each averaging five feet in width. On one of these a shaft twenty-five feet deep has been sunk, besides considerable surface cross-cutting. There are about 40 ton of ore at present on the dump. This location, together with others owned by Capt. Adams (the Diana and the Black Horse group) lies on the north slope of the mountain.

CITY OBSERVATIONS.

"Somehow," said a stroller, "no little thing impresses me more with a sense of our growing luxury than the sight of steamer chairs for children displayed in the stores in which such goods are sold.

The boys, like older people, learn something by experience. Many of them nowadays when they play ball in the street use a tennis or some other light ball, thereby saving many windows and avoiding much trouble.

"It is not usual to see pleasure carriages drawn by spike teams," said a citizen, "but I saw the other day for the first time a pleasure vehicle; it was a break, drawn by three fine horses driven abreast. It was a strikingly handsome turnout."

Some of the cabmen of the New York Cab Company wear in stormy weather waterproof high hats made of paper, imported from Paris. They are black and of the same style as an ordinary silk hat, but very much lighter. A silk hat with a rubber cover weighs wet about five pounds; a paper hat about one pound.

A family with a record of twenty-five cooks in two and a half years finds comfort in the assurance of a purveyor of servants that three months is to be regarded as a long stay for a cook. Nurses and housemaids are less subject to change perhaps, because their work is more agreeable.

Among the sightseers on the Brooklyn bridge one can almost always find Chinamen. They appear to be greatly interested in the mechanical construction of the bridge, pointing out to each other the cables, the trusses, struts, and each of its other parts, and seemingly discussing the whole with great attention.—N. Y. Sun.

SOME FAMOUS WIDOWS.

There is a Hebrew tradition that Eve survived Adam, and was, therefore, the first widow.

The list of sovereigns record the names of three hundred and twenty-six widows who either reigned in their own names or as regents.

The mother of Gracci remained a widow that she might give her whole time to the education of her sons.

Mrs. Aphra Behn was a widow when she wrote the dramas and poetry which excite the disgust of every present-day reader.

Empress Dowager Augusta was, in early life, a musician of marked ability, and composed many marches for the Prussian army.

Boadicea was a widow when she led the great revolt which nearly ended the Roman power in England. She committed suicide after the defeat of her army.

Ex-Empress Eugenie, of France, lives in retirement in England, with occasional visits to the continent. She and Victoria are warm personal friends.

Andromanche, the widow of Hector, was tall, blonde and blue eyed. After the capture of Troy she was married to Pyrrhus, surviving him to take a third husband.

LITERARY LITTER.

The writer of John Wanamaker's advertisements has a salary of $10,000 a year for that work.

In literature a man can do nothing until he has killed his vanity, said Carlyle. How was it with himself?

To read into a story sentiments that the author did not place there is not an uncommon proceeding and may be very unjust.

The national library has a copy of the first printed edition of Plato's works. It was published in Latin, at Venice, 1491.

Tens of thousands of boys and girls will lament the lasting silence of R. M. Ballentyne, who has been writing lively stories for lads and lassies almost half a century.

A newspaper paragraph says that Emerson on an ocean trip committed Milton's "Lycidas" to memory. Can anyone tell what, if anything, was remarkable in Emerson's so doing?

PROVERBS.

Don't look a gift gun in the muzzle.

The cannon is the vulture's favorite perch.

Rhyming dictionaries are not edited by poets.

The wild oat crop is ground at the devil's mill.

The blackmailer poses as drum-major in virtue's parade.

Almost as many orators as raw recruits shoot too high.

The man who acknowledges a favor generally pays his other debts.

If I could only write good prose I would not envy W. Shakespeare.

The katydid illustrates that a pretty name does not always have a sweet voice.

Many bad business smash-ups result from running too many trains on a single track.

The most timid curate is brave enough to seek the bubble reputation, even in the cannon's mouth.—Chicago Herald.

ENTERTAINING CLIPPINGS.

A third set of teeth is now coming through the gums of Wesley Free, of Pawling, Pa. He is forty years old.

The young of several species of serpents retreat down the throat of the mother when pressed by sudden danger.

About the thinnest thing in the world is the film of a soap bubble, of which it would take fifty million to measure an inch.

The rice paper tree, a native of China, now flourishes in Florida, where it was introduced as an experiment some years ago.

There are insects which pass several years in preparatory states of existence, and, finally, when perfect, live but a few hours.

Workmen boring an artesian well in Louisiana struck a maple log in a sound state of preservation five hundred and forty feet below the surface.

CUPID'S FAILURES.

An Indian woman aged 22 is suing for a divorce from her 92-year-old husband.

Mrs. Mary C. Davis and John Davis, an elderly couple of Emporia, Kan., were lately divorced from each other for the fifth time.

Mr. Ague of Allegheny, has eloped with the wife of William Stager. The bereaved husband finds consolation in the thought that Ague is likely to shake her before long.

Here is an advertisement from the Australasian: "If Hubert Lynott, my husband, does not return and support me within three months from this date, I intend to remarry. Florence Emilie Lynott."

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that H. P. Palmerston has filed with me the necessary papers and made application for a Crown Grant for the "Last Chance" Mineral Claim, situated at Fairview, in the District of Yale.

Adverse claimants (if any) must file their claims with me within sixty (60) days of the date of this notice.

LEONARD NORRIS,
Government Agent.

Vernon, B. C., 30th June, 1894.

County Court Notice.

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

At Osoyoos on Wednesday, 17th October, 1894;
At Midway on Saturday, 20th October, 1894,
at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

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

GOVERNMENT OFFICE, Osoyoos,
19th July, 1894.

County Court Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that a sitting of the County Court of Yale will be held at Osoyoos on Wednesday, 12th September, 1894, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

By command,
C. A. R. LAMBLY,
Government Office, Osoyoos, R. C. C.
20th June, 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, 20th November
Nanaimo	Tuesday, 27th November

NOTICE.

THE SPRING COURT OF ASSIZE at Vernon which was postponed to the 10th of September, has been further adjourned till Monday, the 8th day of October, at 11 o'clock a.m., on which date all jurors and witnesses are notified to attend.

By Order,
LEONARD NORRIS,
DEP. DIST. REGISTRAR SUPREME COURT.

Road, Okanagan to Boundary Creek.

ALL PERSONS having claims against the Government for work done on this road are hereby requested to present such claims to the undersigned for payment at once.

LEONARD NORRIS,
GOVERNMENT AGENT.

Vernon, B. C., August 25st, 1894.

GOVERNMENT ASSAY OFFICE, VICTORIA.

Official Charges for Assays and Analyses.

Gold and Silver	$ 1 50
Lead	3 00
Copper	5 00
Iron	3 00
Mercury	5 00
Tin	5 00
Antimony	5 00
Zinc	5 00
Nickel, qualitative assay	5 00
Nickel, quantitative assay	10 00
Cobalt, qualitative assay	5 00
Cobalt, quantitative assay	10 00
Chromium, qualitative assay	5 00
Chromium, quantitative assay	10 00
ANALYSES.	
Qualitative analysis of ores	10 00
Quantitative analysis of ores	$25 00 to 50 00
Sanitary analysis of water	10 00
Qualitative analysis of mineral water	25 00
Quantitative analysis of mineral water	100 00
Analysis of coal	10 00
Analysis of coke	10 00
Examination of bread, milk and such products	$10 00 to 20 00
Examination of the human viscera for poison	100 00
Analysis of drugs	$25 00 to 50 00

All charges payable in advance.

NOTICE.

BROKE into the premises of the undersigned: a dark bay work horse, branded ✕ on left shoulder. This horse was formerly the property of Dan Borst. Owner can have him by paying damages and expenses; otherwise the horse will be sold ten days from date.

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GOING WEST

Leaves Grand Prairie (North Fork, via McLaren's) on Wednesday morning, arriving Osoyoos Thursday evening.

GOING EAST

Leaves Osoyoos Friday morning, arriving Grand Prairie Saturday evening.

HOME RULE FOR KETTLE RIVER

(By a Local Bard.)

Come, let us up and rally
In the Kettle River Valley,
And the bugle call o'er Boundary Mount-
For, tho' mid election strife, [ain sound,
Broken promises are rife, [ground.
We'll have our own man soon upon the

For the tenor of my song
Is the road that's promised long
From Kettle River through to Inka-
Yet we seem to be no nearer [meep.
To the end we all hold dearer [cheap.
Than the pledges that our rulers hold so

If we but stand together,
In a bond that none can sever,
Our civil guardians then we will appoint.
To whom we'll pay our taxes,
And we'll take our picks and axes,
And the road will then be open from
[point to point.

For the governments in power
From time to time of our
Moneys have had reason to be glad;
Yet for all the cash that's gone
Pray, tell me what's been done? [we had
For no roads or public buildings have

Now, this fair land of ours,
Full of gold and grain and flowers,
Has been favored by kind Nature's just
Then ought we take our loads [decree;
Over other people's roads [countree?
And help support the Yankees' rich

Then shall we yet be true
To the Government, or do [and me?
Ourselves what they should do for you
If the latter, then I think
Let us stand around and drink
To our future municipality.

ARGUS.

New Strike in Camp McKinney.

A new strike has recently been made by Frank O'Malley and Charles Warren. The claim is situated to the north of the Cariboo, and is believed to be an extension of one of the veins leading out of this claim. The ore specimens exhibited are extremely rich in free gold. The discoverers have gone to Spokane to see what can be done in the way of raising capital.

Death of an Old Pioneer.

Mr. Ronald McDonald, who, for the past two months has been visiting his niece, Mrs. Nelson, on the Colville reservation, near Midway, died suddenly on Friday morning last. The deceased gentleman was seventy-two years old and had been a great traveller, having lived many years in China and Japan, and was a relative of the former Hudson's Bay factor for this district. He was a bachelor and Free Mason. For some weeks he had been attended by the reservation doctor, but no medical man was present when he expired.

A book of the life and travels of the deceased, containing his experiences as a missionary in Asia, is now being printed in Spokane.

Curious Wills.

In an article on testamentary curiosities we have read, amongst other strange freaks of dying cranks, that Solomon Sanborn, of New York, directed his executors to deliver his body to two surgeons, who were to dissect it and to place the "parts" after they had been properly preserved in the museum of Harvard College. Such parts of him as could not be used as anatomical specimens were to be "composted" and utilized as a fertilizer for an elm, which was to be planted in one of the open places of Schenectady, so that, in after times, the weary tramp might repose himself beneath the shade of the tree whose youth had been fed upon his—the testator's remains. Of his skin he ordered that two drumheads should be made, upon one of which was to be inscribed Pope's universal prayer, and on the other the Declaration of Independence. The drum was then to be given to his friend, the distinguished patriot, Warren Simpson, drummer of New York City, on condition that, at sunrise on the 17th of June of every year, he went to the monument at the foot of Bunkers Hill, and beat upon each head of the drum the national air of Yankee Doodle. We have also heard of a worthy resident of Vernon once writing his will upon the back of a frying once when lost in the mountains, in the hope of its being afterwards discovered, and leaving all his worldly possessions (including the pan) to his fond relatives. A much more touching, and at the same time practical bequest was lately made by a South Okanagan man to one of his old tillicums, namely, his false teeth. Apparently the latter party has been looking forward to becoming the proud possessor of such a luxury, for he journeyed some distance not long since to obtain them on hearing that their present owner was dangerously ill.

Some Recent Locations.

Near the Greenwood a claim was located last June by Olie Johnson. The ledge matter is sulphuret ore carrying free gold, and samples from $10 to $15 in gold. The vein is about four feet wide the whole length of the claim. This is a large and promising body of ore.

The Climax is another new location made on 9th August by J. Atwood, in the Skylark camp, and situated about ½ mile south of the Skylark camp. The ledge is about eight feet wide between walls, with a pay streak of about eight inches, three assays of which give, first, 48½ oz. in silver and $5 in gold; second, 100 oz. in silver and $5 in gold, and third, 127 oz. in silver and $15 in gold. This is a very promising prospect, and the pay streak has a very appearance of widening out.

The Silver King was located May 30th by Thos. Wake. It lies one-half mile west of the Skylark, and has a showing of ore of about six inches in width, uncovered or traced for 500 feet. The ore carries gold and silver, assaying from 20 to 400 oz. in silver, and an average of three-fourths of an ounce in gold. This claim has a shaft of about ten or twelve feet, and is bonded to C. Walters, who is now working the same, and is expected to prove valuable property on development.

KETTLE RIVER NOTES.

(From our own correspondent.)

There should be no difficulty in making home cured bacon in the valley at present, as all the rancher has to do is salt it and then put it out of doors, and the smoke from forest fires which hangs over the valley will do the rest.

Mr. Symonds and Mr. Wallace are here awaiting the arrival of Mr. Suydam, who is expected in to take up the purchase of their property. If this gentleman, to whom the option of thirty days was given on their claim the Helen, does not arrive on time, they will at once commence taking out ore for shipment.

Another little girl stranger arrived in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Spraggett on Monday, 20th.

Mr. Morrissey had the misfortune to be thrown from his horse last Saturday, sustaining a slight fracture of the shin bone, and was also kicked in the side, which necessitated the attendance of Dr. Easton. It is gratifying to know that he is fast recovering from his injuries.

Mr. Covert sends to Marcus to-morrow four four-horse teams of ore from the Skylark mine. Five hundred sacks of ore are awaiting transportation at the same mine.

Teams are on their way out to fetch in the goods for the Midway store.

Great trouble is experienced by parties coming into the country, by having their goods seized by customs officers on the other side.

If people were not compelled to travel through the States, nothing of this kind would occur. But some day we will have a road of our own, and this kind of thing will be done away with.

The crops are nearly all gathered in, and they are excellent and saved in good condition.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE ADVANCE:

SIR—Having read "Mainlander's" article on "Mainland and Island," I quite agree with his almost closing sentence—"The subject demands more space, &c.," because, although he certainly advocates separation, I fail to see that he has made any point worthy of "careful consideration." In the first place, why should the Mainlander now throw up his interest in a portion of the province that he has helped to bring to its present state of influence? Are the interests of Mainland and Island grown so conflicting, or, I regret to ask it, are the petty jealousies of party spirit the fulcrom the cry? We surely cannot look to the rivalry of commercial enterprise as the spouse of separation, for has not that enterprise always had a healthy record? As to separation weakening the province, that would be to be determined. If there are are geographical barriers between Vancouver Island and British Columbia proper, as Mainlander puts it, there are also geographical barriers between British Columbia and Canada proper: and if unity was strength in the country's earlier days, how much more so shall it be now, when she is emerging from that infantile epoch. Separation, I think, would not bother the Dominion any more than two boys quarreling would bother the old man, and precedent would interest the average mainlander considerably less. Mr. Editor, please don't let anything in this influence your, or any of your readers' convictions, but go ahead, chuck up your vested rights in one of God's most favored pieces of creation, knock off the yoke that binds you to one of the strongholds of the Empire, and sink the buoy that indicates your privilege to one of its most glorious harbors; yet don't stop at this; keep the ball rolling whilst you are in the vein; fight the great fight of the capital; then fleece the worsted, interject another period of Israelites in bondage, and, when a costly enough pile has arisen to ensure the prestige of government, then mount that pile and—behold—slaves. NEMO.

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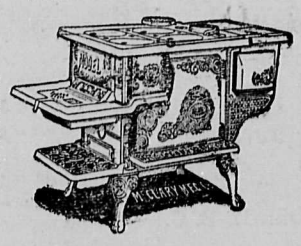
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