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THE NEW WESTMINSTER FIRE.

The city of New Westminster from 11:15 on Saturday night until 5 o'clock on Sunday morning was a mass of roaring flames and the town is a ruin.

The business section of the town is wiped out from the Queens Hotel on the east to the electric light power house on the west and the Central school building on the north. Chinatown in the east end and the "swamp" in the west end have been thoroughly renovated.

The fire started in a pile of hay on Brackman & Ker's wharf. Before water could be turned on the entire building was ablaze and the fire was communicated to the steamer Edgar, which, burning adrift, in turn set fire to the steamers Gladys and Bon Accord and all three drifted down stream carrying destruction in their path. Wherever the vessels touched a new fire started, and in a very few minutes the entire water front from Lytton square to Eighth street was ablaze.

The fire having obtained a mastery of Front street, which runs next to and parallel with the river, soon spread to Columbia street aided by a southeast gale. The next streets in order to Columbia are Clarkson, Carnarvon, Victoria, Agnes, Cunningham and Royal avenue.

Columbia street was the principal business thoroughfare of the town and both sides of the street were lined with imposing brick and stone buildings. All along this street the flames speedily devoured everything and chased up the hill on Church, Mary, McKenzie, Lorne, Begbie, Alexander and Eighth streets.

The work of the firemen appeared to be of no avail, and in answer to a call for help the Vancouver brigade responded. Together they at last succeeded in checking the flames at the Burr block, at the east end and north side of Columbia street, and at the Telegraph Hotel on Front street. At the west end the fire was stopped at the electric light power house and the C.P.R. freight sheds. Meanwhile the flames worked their way up the hill into the heart of the residence portion. By hard fighting the fire was checked at Agnes street east of Mary and at Cunningham street between Mary and McKenzie. West of McKenzie it could not be stopped short of Royal avenue.

The water supply was insufficient and it is much owing to this fact that the fire covered the large area it did. Had the firemen had all the water they required a large portion of the burned district would have been saved in spite of the high wind.

There were no fatalities among the brave fire laddies, and but two were injured. Newt Brown had one of his eyes badly scorched, and it is feared he will lose the sight of it. Tom Campbell fell from a burning building and was seriously injured.

Several narrow escapes are recorded. The McGonegal family, who lived on Front street, were all asleep when the fire broke out. Mrs. McGonegal was awakened by a crackling noise on the window pane, and looking over she saw the flames. She aroused her husband and children, and all started for the front door, the only means of exit, but were stopped by the flames. Only a dash through the flames could save them, and they took the chance. All were more or less seriously burned, but were thankful to escape with their lives.

Two sick women are reported to have died from the shock during their removal to a more safe part of the city. Five white men and a Chinaman are said to have lost their lives in a burning shack, but the report lacks confirmation.

Only two churches remain standing, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian, the Central Methodist, Baptist, Reformed Episcopal and Church of England having been destroyed. But three hotels remain, Telegraph, Cleveland and Queens (the latter hs not been in use for several years). Both newspapers, Columbian and Sun, lose their entire plants. The two fire halls, city hall, public library, court house, post office, banks, and other public and private buildings are among the list of those entirely consumed. One general store, H. Harvey, just east of the Telegraph Hotel, is all that remains.

As soon as it was known in Victoria that the calamity had fallen upon the unfortunate city, steps were taken to relieve the distressed. Premier Semlin authorized Simon Leiser to get together all the blankets and tents procurable. James Dunsmuir provided a special train over the E. & N. to Nanaimo and the relief supplies were soon on the way to the hundreds of homeless and destitute citizens of the Royal City. At Nanaimo the steamer Joan was in readiness and she made a record-breaking trip to Vancouver, where all was quickly transferred to Westminster.

Subscription lists were started in all of the cities and town on the coast, Ashcroft not being behindhand, as may be seen by the list in another column. Many city councils of eastern cities responded handsomely as soon as the news of the disaster reached them.

Many concerts and other means of raising subscriptions are being held in the various coast cities. The opera houses and halls are free to companies who wish the use of them to add to the relief fund.

The total loss is between $2,500,000 and $3,500,000, and the total insurance amounts to a little over $1,000,000. It was rumored that the Sun Life Insurance Company had lost $500,000, but is now learned that in every case where they held a mortgage the building was insured sufficiently to cover it.

The work of rebuilding commenced as soon as the debris could be removed. Tents have peen put up on the city hall square and as many as have the means are doing business. The Burr block and Queens Hotel are full of men who are renewing their avocations and trades. As soon as the burnt area on Columbia street is cleared a temporary wooden structure is begun. About 40 or 50 of these are now in course of construction.

There are several theories as to the origin of the fire. One is that it was caused by a man while lighting his pipe; another by sparks from the steamer Edgar; and the last story is that the fire was of incendiary origin. A man, in the latter case, acknowledged to the editor of the Columbian that he had committed the deed. He was arrested and had a preliminary hearing on Wednesday. He pleaded not guilty and said he could prove an alibi. He was remanded for eight days, in order that he might substantiate his statements.

While it was thought for a time that the conflagration would prevent the great Westminster fair being held, we are glad to be able to record the fact that it will be held just the same as if the fire had never occurred. That it will be a success goes without saying. Hundreds of people who would not have otherwise gone have expressed their determination to attend the exhibition. Queens Park and the exhibition buildings upon it, together with the residences in the vicinity, have not been injured, they being some distance from the centre of the city.

A meeting of the property owners was held to discuss the fire limits question, and as to whether they should be abolished. It was unanimously decided not to repeal the bylaw, whereupon many of those present who had lost their buildings in the fire declared their intention of replacing them, which would not have been done had the bylaw been repealed.

This is the second fire which has destroyed the Columbian newspaper office, and our hope is it may be the last. The Columbian and the Sun, as also the entire city of New Westminster, have our sympathy.

Another Old Pioneer Has Crossed the Great Divide.

Frank Guy, of Beaver lake, after a few days illness passed to the great majority, to the great and most sincere regret of his host of friends. Frank came overland from California in 1859 and took up the following of packer and trader to the different camps in Cariboo. In 1867 he located himself at Quesnelle Forks, Cedar and Keithly creeks, trading in cattle. Afterwards he purchased the Beaver lake ranch, where he has lived until last spring Becoming imbued with the feeling of wanting a change he disposed of his place at Beaver lake to Wm. Eagle, of the firm of Eagle & Paxton, and since then has made his home with his old friends, Messrs. Vieth & Borland, of the 150 Mile House, when his death occurred last Saturday morning, the 10th of September.

Frank was of French descent and was indeed one of nature's noblemen. None can speak of him in other terms than of greatest respect and warm feelings of respect for one who never went back on his fellow man, but to strike Frank Guy's ranch meant to the traveler a warm welcome and the best in the house. We have had no death among us that has called forth such a universal feeling of regret and warm wishes to show to his remains what they in their hearts have ever felt towards him in the flesh.

The funeral took place on Monday morning and after a celebration of the solumn requiem mass by the Fathers of St. Joseph's Mission, followed by a very feeling prayer by Rev. Father De Frendt, the remains were interred in the cemetery at the Mission, followed by the largest number of people ever witnessed here, and so an old timer, true friend, and to many present one who had taken his share with them in the vicissitudes of gold mining, was laid to rest.

To his friends or relatives we can give the assurance that all and every thing that could in any way alleviate his last sufferings was done and done willingly and kindly, for all feel nothing but regret at the blank caused by the demise of kind, genial old Frank Guy.

The courtesy of the firm of Vieth & Borland, who placed some eight or ten double teams at the disposal of the funeral committee, and who closed all their various business, thus allowing all in their employ to attend, to them and to the many others who by their kind acts so materially assisted in having the funeral carried out with the greatest respect, we hereby tender our most heartfelt thanks, and trust that they with us will ever keep the memory green of Frank Guy.

150 Mile House, Sept. 14th, 1898.

THE MIOCENE STRIKE.

A private letter from Senator R. H. Campbell conveys the information that on the Miocene mine at Horsefly, rich gravel was struck at the 400-foot level, but they have not yet reached the bottom of the channel. This is certainly one of the most ancient channels ever discovered in British Columbia.

J. L. Harkins, who came direct from Horsefly, reached here by Tuesday's stage. He states that the shaft is down over 400 feet and they expect to reach the bottom in about 40 more feet, the pitch being 4 in 5. Three pans of dirt only were taken out and $1 was the result. With 40 miles of a river bed 40 feet deep it will be seen that Cariboo and the Miocene are all right.

Terrible Alaskan Wreck.

The last vestige of hope for the unfortunate prospectors who started up the Kuskokwim river on the unfortunate steamer Jessie and barge Minerva was removed on the 13th, when a letter was received from Bethel, Alaska, telling of the finding of the steamer, bottom up, with the machinery dropped out.

The bodies of Captain J. F. Murphy, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and of missionary R. Webber were also found on the beach. The bodies had been robbed by the natives, but enough was left in the pockets to afford identification. Agent Lind of the Alaska Commercial Company is the man who finally settles the question of the Jessie's fate, which hitherto has been doubted on account of the story being told by Indians.

The first news of disaster that reached Agent Lind was when the barge Minerva washed ashore right side up and heavily loaded. One of the Indian guides that had joined the party at Good News Bay came ashore on the barge. He reported the wreck to Lind, claiming that all the others were drowned. He came over to the coast from Bethel and found the hull of the steamer on the beach, bottom side up. The boiler and machinery had dropped out. The Indians had stripped the wreck of everything of value.

A little later the natives showed him two bodies that had been washed ashore. They proved to be those of Captain Murphy, of Bowling Green, Ky., whose first command was the unfortunate Jessie, and the Moravian missionary, Rev. Mr. Weber, whose wife and family were lost in the wreck. One of the Indians was wearing the missionary's watch. The bodies were buried on the beach and the personal effects recovered will be sent to Seattle.

The Indians have been sent to bury the other bodies that drifted ashore on the other side of the bay. It is probable that these are all that will be recovered.

The men in charge of the Jessie were inexperienced, but it is doubtful if she could have stood the storm even had she been in the hands of experienced men. The sea ran very high on the bar and doubtless engulfed her. The barge was cut loose before the Jessie went down and drifted ashore all right.

A number of men on board were from Seattle.—Times.

Big Arctic Whale Catch.

The spring catch of the Arctic whaling fleet this year has been much better than usual, as if to make up for the hard treatment the fleet received last season. All of the vessels have caught whales this spring. For several years spring whaling in the Arctic has been very poor.

From one of the whaling captains who arrived on the Bear the following information about the whales and their catch was obtained:

The Pacific Steam Whaling Company's vessels in Lady Franklin Bay, which went in July a year ago, have done very well. Reports have not been received from their spring catch as the boats do not get out until late in July and had not reached any of the southern stations up to the time the Bear left. The Mary D. Hume was the only vessel of the five that had no whales. The catch of the others follows: Grampus, 1 whale; Norwal, 2; Bulega, 2; Baelena, 5.

The fleet that left San Francisco in March this year have done very well in Behring Sea and the Arctic. The Jeannette had 2 whales; William Davis, 5 and Karluk 5. The steam whaler Alexander and the Norwegian whaler Bowhead were clean. Twenty-two whales had been captured at the Cape Smythe station. The company employed thirteen Indian canoes during the spring.—Times.

C. P. Railway Notes.

Hamilton Abbott, of Victoria, has left for Portland to enter on his duties as agent there. Mr. Greer will go to Victoria from Portland, and G. L. Courtney, late agent at Victoria, has entered the service of the E. & N.

It is understood the C.P.R. has taken an interest in the Greenwood townsite. The company is to make Greenwood the headquarters for the district.

L. A. Hamilton, C.P.R. land commissioner, H. T. Wilgress, right of way agent, and L. M. Rice, C.E., reached Greenwood on Thursday of last week from Grand Forks. They followed the line of railway up the North Fork, crossing over to Boundary creek. Mr. Hamilton was then making his last visit to Greenwood City in connection with the right of way. He is making final arrangements with the owners of the property.

In Grand Forks he and Mr. Wilgress met the council and issued their ultimatum, which is practically Mr. Wilgress' first offer to the council. If the railway is to go through lower Grand Forks it must be on a trestle, as it is impossible to leave a steep bluff and run on a level with the lower town. The station will be on the bench midway between the upper and lower towns.

In Greenwood the C.P.R. officials had no difficulty. The arrangements made with the townsite people are satisfactory to all parties concerned. The railway will run along the bench across the creek and will therefore not interfere with any private property.—News-Advertiser.

Forty Thousand Homeless.

London, Sept. 14.—Advices were received here late tonight saying that a terrible hurricane has swept over Barbadoes, in the Windward group of the Lesser Antilles. Two hundred persons have been wounded and 40,000 have been rendered homeless.

Plenty of Food.

Port Townsend, Wn., Sept. 15.—The steamer Discovery arrived here last night from Skagway, Alaska, bringing advises from Dawson up to August 27. It is stated that the Canadian police have completed a thorough investigation of the food supplies for the coming winter. They report that the amount on hand is more than sufficient to carry the camp through the winter.

Dismissals From Office.

Victoria, Sept. 15.—Hon. Forbes George Vernon, agent-general for British Columbia, in London, has been dismissed by the new government, which may abolish the office. Dr. Furrer, physician of the provincial gaol at Kamloops, also has been dismissed. The intimation reached him in the Jubilee hospital here, where he has been a patient for the last six weeks. His partner in Kamloops in the meanwhile is attending the gaol.

Vacant Judgeship.

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—British Columbia lawyers don't seem to be very anxious for the bench. E. P. Davis, Vancouver, threw up the position of chief justice because he would not go to Victoria to reside. Justice McColl was also very near refusing it because he would not leave New Westminster, and now Archer Martin hesitates about the puisne judgeship because he does not want to go to New Westminster. This is the first time that the Dominion government has had such matters as these to contend with. It shows that British Columbia lawyers are doing a big business and are loathe to go on the bench. Such is not the case on this side of the Rockies.

American Creek Gold.

The Cottage City, arriving on the 14th, brings most favorable reports from American Creek, one of the best gold streams on the American side of the line. The best part of it is that the news goes into detail as regards a number of claims. This is a very satisfactory relief from the general terms regarding a district to the effect that the claims are good and that the yield is above the average.

Frank Carroll is the man who brings out the latest information from American Creek. He brought it as far as Dawson, arriving there shortly before the Cottage City's Klondikers left. He has been engaged in developing No. 7 above discovery for himself and the firm of Finsmore, Spencer & McFee. The principal work done has been the uncovering of a strip of ground 800 feet long and 20 feet wide. The gravel has been taken off to bedrock and the golden sand is ready for shoveling. Carroll says that it will average $100 to the shovel. He only had to go through six feet of muck to reach bedrock.

Jack Devine, well known here, is another lucky American creek miner. He has four men shoveling into sluice boxes on No. 6 above discovery. He was getting about $100 to the shovel.

A man named Roberts, who owns 3, 4 and 5 in the canyon on American creek has found some fairly large nuggets recently. He picked $187 in nuggets from rock crevices in less than an hour. One crevice yielded $64. Two men shoveled on one of Roberts' claims for two days and cleaned up $1,000.

Two claims are being opened up on Discovery Fork which yield on an average $72 to the shovel. Joe Cooper is another man who is rapidly getting rich from the gold taken out of two claims.

The great trouble is lack of lumber to build sluice boxes. Lumber has to be packed from Eagle City, and is very scarce there. The formation is slate and the claims are easily worked. Carroll says this winter's development will make American creek one of the best paying on the American side.—Times.

CLINTON.

Mr. T. Derby, of Crow's Bar, who has been on a prospecting trip up Bridge river and Cadwallader creek, returned the fore part of this week. The samples of rock brought were something worth having, gold can be seen in all parts of the rock. Tom says he will not take $25,000 for his ledge. He reports Bridge river the richest country he has seen, and claims a great future for that section.

F. Boyle, of Empire Valley, arrived by Sunday's stage from Dog Creek. He accidently shot one of his fingers with a 45-60 rifle. Dr. Sanson dressed the wound and the lad feels much better.

J. Davis, of the Mountain House, returned from Lillooet after a couple of days visit.

J. E. Smith and family were at Echo lake fishing and a big catch was made, in fact the ladies were anglers hard to beat.

The excitement in mining still keeps up and no doubt in the near future a mining boom will dawn that will eclipse all former booms.

The New Navy.

The London morning papers comment upon the proposed immense increase in the American navy.

The Standard says: "Such a fleet operating from Manila as a base would be able to exercise considerable influence upon the progress of events in Chinese waters, and added to the English China squadron and the Japanese navy, would make a mighty armament indeed."

The Daily Mail says: "The new programme is startling in its immensity. The American navy jumps to fourth place among the world's fleets. It will not long remain fourth nor will it be long before they have a policy in China."

Capital Interested.

Mr. Wm. Thompson, M. E., of London, who is in the city, has been spending a few days looking over the Mount Sicker mines and also a property at Goldstream. He was not prepared yesterday to give an extended interview on the impressions he had gained but said that from what he had seen Vancouver Island had great possibilities ahead as a mining country.

Before coming to Victoria Mr. Thompson visited the Slough creek mine in Cariboo, recently acquired by a London syndicate and he made arrangements for working the property. "It is the intention of the company," he said, "to get to the bottom of it."—Colonist.

A Fortunate Mariner.

Captain Edwin Bright, one of the oldest navigators on this coast, returned from the interior of the northern gold fields by the Cottage City last night, and is today holding quite a levee at the Victoria hotel.

The captain was formerly master of the ill-fated Eliza Anderson, and has been engaged in many shipping enterprises on the Sound and in British Columbia, but has now temporarily abandoned his seafaring life for that of a miner for the precious yellow metal. And as a miner Captain Bright has been as successful as he was a mariner. He visits Victoria for the purpose of purchasing a large supply of provisions and material and in conversation with the times said that he found Victoria to be the best point at which to obtain goods for the northern fields. His purchases will include a large quantity of material for the construction of a steamer which he will build to operate on Lake Tagish, to afford communication with the new mining district, which the captain says is the biggest thing that has ever been known. In proof of his assertion that the diggings near Lake Tagish are beyond dispute rich, he displays a large quantity of gold and nuggets brought from there, and he has deposited with one of the prominent financial institutions in the city a sum in the neighborhood of $85,000, the proceeds of this year's sojourn in the interior.

The captain showed the reporter a glass bottle containing gold valued at $5.40, the result of the washing of one pan of gravel taken out of the new diggings, about which he will have something more definite to say in a day or two. In the meantime Captain Bright desires to impress upon the readers of the Times three things: First, that Victoria has every right to plume herself upon being the only place from which to start and at which to outfit for the mines; second, that the Yukon excitement will be put in the shade by by the publication in detail of the truth of the richness of the new diggings, and lastly, that he will be glad to see all his friends at the Victoria hotel and to tell them of the finds he knows of and the opportunities in the El Dorado from which he has just returned.—Times.

A. Oleson, of the Australian Ranch, who has been at the coast on a pleasure trip for the past couple of months, returned last night. He is looking much better than he did when he left here, and apparently the change has done him good.

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How To Strike It.

Prospectors and others always need to remember that, in opening up a new camp, absolute honesty in regard to values is essential. A well defined lead may not have values at the surface and yet be a good property, while all possible effort at deception will not make a mine out of a barren lead; and such effort being certain of detection, results in a serious setback to a district which may have real merit. A case is in mind where a clumsy effort to deceive resulted in a withdrawal of all proffers or notice from intending investors, when a straight statement of facts and an honest showing would have secured what most prospectors want—a good price for an undeveloped claim. It is not well to bank too much on the possible ignorance of the man sent to examine the property, but vastly safer and fairer to give him credit for a little knowledge; and, purely as a matter of business policy, more satisfactory all round not to attempt any cheap little tricks that are sure to be found out and are as sure to hurt the whole district. One such transaction often gives a deserving locality a setback that will take years of genuine merit and proved value to overcome.—Mining and Scientific Press.

Want a Separate Judicial District.

A. P. Swinford, ex-governor of Alaska, arrived from Juneau yesterday and expects to leave soon for the east. He was seen by a Post-Intelligencer reporter at the Hotel Butler shortly after his arrival and was questioned regarding the reported movement to have the capital of Alaska removed from Sitka to Juneau. He said:

"I am an honorary member of the Chamber of Commerce of Juneau and am familiar with all movements agitated by that body. I have not heard of any attempt to have the capital removed to Juneau from Sitka, but I know positively that the government will be asked to establish a separate judicial district with a judge and clerk of courts located at Juneau. President McKinley has full authority to establish such a district and the people of Juneau believe that he should act favorably on any request which may be made.

"The bulk of the work which comes under the consideration of the clerk of courts at Sitka originates at Juneau and a person residing at Juneau, who has business to transact with that official, is obliged to lose at least four days in making the trip to Sitka. On many occasions only fifteen minutes is required to transact the business, but a loss of four days nevertheless follows. Sitka is only 200 miles from Juneau, and the delay is occasioned by the fact that only two boats run to Sitka. Each boat remains there eighteen hours and this makes the delay much longer and more embarrassing, especially when only a short time is required by the litigants to transact their business. A request for a separate judicial district will be made as well as for the establishment of a land office.—P. I.

Fate of a Spanish Spy.

One of the Ninth Cavalrymen (colored) tells this story of a Spanish spy:

"One day a Cuban boy comes to de guard and say he done see a man in a tree not far from de camp. De boy and a couple of sentries goes over to de tree and calls for de man to surrender and come down. When de man in de tree saw de sentries he trow up his han's and say he surrender. Den he come down and dey makes him take off all his clo'es and dey search 'em. All de while dey was searching his clo'es he stood dere as white as yo' col'lah. Finally deh fin' passes in his clo'es, Cuban passes firs' an' den Spanish. Dat was enough. Gen. Young turn him over to de Cuban government.

"De Cubans take him out a little ways and lay him down on his back. Dey was about a hundred of us a-watchin' 'em. De man never made no resistance and never uttered a sound, but he kep' gettin' whiter an' whiter. Den one of de Cubans hol' his head an' three or four sit on his body. Den one of dem draw his machete across de man's throat. Dat was all!"

The Armies of Europe.

Russia possesses the largest standing army on earth and each year it grows in size. Every year some 280,000 conscripts join the Russian forces, which in times of peace number 1,000,000 men. On a war footing this rises to 2,500,000 and calling out the reserves would increase it to 6,947,000 well trained soldiers. Should necessity arise the militia would be called out, bringing the czar's forces up to 9,000,000 men.

France comes next with a standing army of 598,000 men rising to 2,500,000 in time of war, while the calling out of the reserves would bring it to 4,370,000. Despite this the regular army is increasing yearly.

The German army numbers 585,000 in times of peace. War would bring it to 2,230,000 and the reserves added make the number of men 4,300,000.

The peace army of Austria-Hungary numbers 365,000; in war it would be 2,500,000, and with the reserves 4,000,000.

Forces are being reduced in Italy because the people are too poor to pay the necessary taxes. The standing army is therefore but 174,000, war bringing it up to 1,337,000, the reserves making the force 2,200,000.

Great Britain has a standing army of 220,000, but calling out the reserve forces puts 720,000 men under command.

Every ninth person in France is a trained soldier; in Germany there is a soldier to every twelve persons and every six males. Russia has such a large population that in spite of her big army only one man out of 44 is a fighter. Every five families in France contribute three soldiers. Every other Austrian household has one member in the army and the same state exists in Germany. Every third family in Italy has some one in the army.

Mining Notes.

T. B. Smith and M. J. Burns, who have been in charge of the development of the Lullus mine in the Trout lake district, have returned to Spokane, having completed a contract for 150 feet of work on the property. The Lullus is on Tenderfoot creek at the foot of Trout lake. It is owned by Spokane men largely but Chicago capital has lately been interested in it.

The Bruce tunnel on Ingram mountain near Midway has got into softer rock and is supposed to be nearing the copper ledge.

The placers of Rock creek on the international boundary are said to be producing favorably. A nugget of the value of $38 was found on the Lynch claim last week.

There has been considerable activity in the Trout lake district. Several deals are about to be consummated. A mere prospect located by four Swedes about three miles from Trout Lake City sold last week for $10,000 cash. It is a fine galena prospect.

If the present plans of the Silver Cup people materialize and they are able to raft their ores down the Lardeau river to Kootenay lake it will be of inestimable value to the district, which is hampered now only by the lack of transportation facilities.

At a depth of 233 feet, in the bottom of the shaft of the White Bear in the Rossland camp, a strike of black hornblende, mixed with copper and iron carrying some gold values, has been encountered. There is quite a chute of it. It is identical with the same character of rock found in the 350-foot level of the Le Roi. It gives values of from $5 to $31 per ton, and is the most promising strike that has yet been made in the White Bear.

The Commander near Rossland recently bonded, has been unwatered to the 100-foot level, and a machine is now at work in the drift at that point. The machine is working in about four feet of excellent ore. W. J. Harris, the manager of the property, is exceedingly sanguine over the showing.

A Hydraulic Elevator.

The following particulars of the hydraulic elevator plant recently installed by R. H. Campbell on the Williams Creek property of the Cariboo gold fields, Ltd.:—In the bottom is an inlet nozzle for the water under a head of nearly 800 ft., that will direct this stream of water up the pipe, in the lower side of which is an opening or gate into which the gravel is run by other streams and then elevated in the sluices by the force of the elevating jet from the nozzle. In this pipe the diameter is contracted to 12 inches at the throat, but above that the pipe is 18 inches in diameter. These elevators are set at an inclination of 30 degrees from the vertical, and it is estimated that with the head of water, 1,200 to 1,500 cubic yards of gravel can be raised per 24 hours in each elevator with 600 miners' inches or 900 cubic feet of water per minute.

In beginning this work a shaft 5x8 ft. 4 in. was sunk to bedrock through 68 feet of gravel, in which was placed the elevators; another inclined shaft sunk at right angles to the first one, down which pass the water pipes to the bottom of the elevators. The vertical lift from bedrock to the sluices is 88 ft. A pit will be worked out about the elevators and blown to bedrock by using monitors with nozzles 3 to 4 inches in diameter to wash the material towards the gates in the elevators, and as this pit enlarges, the sluices will be extended and the elevators moved farther up the stream. On trestles 20 feet above the surface, 800 feet long, are the sluices, in two compartments, 4x4 ft., paved with wooden riffle blocks. The top of the pipe of the elevator is let into the floor of the sluice and a hood is placed over the discharge. A drain tunnel, 2,900 feet, has been run to the bottom of the elevator shaft to drain all the water down to bedrock.

To carry the waters of Williams Creek past these operations a small dam was built across the creek 1,400 ft. above the elevator shaft. A flume 2,200 feet long, 6 x 14 ft., in two compartments, discharges near the lower end of the sluices. From a pressure box at the ditch two lines of piping, 5,000 ft. each, carry the water to the foot of the elevators under a vertical head of 792 ft.

Fourteen miles of ditch have been completed to carry water from all the lakes and streams on the mountain sides tributary to Williams creek and reservoirs were made to impound all water that could be got. This ditch, 9 ft. wide on top, 4 ft. on the bottom, 2½ ft. deep, with a grade of 9½ ft. per mile, is expected to carry 2,000 miners' inches of water.—Mining Review.

The Centre Star Mine.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 9.—Two million dollars for the purchase of the Centre Star mine, Rossland, B. C., has been deposited with Cashier T. M. Hodgins; of the State Savings band here. The purchasers are the Blackstock-Goodeham syndicate of Toronto. The stock holders who sell out are principally Butte people.

An Empress Slain.

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 10.—At the Hotel Beaurivage here this afternoon Her Majesty the Empress of Austria was assassinated by an anarchist.

Her Majesty has been staying here for some weeks, enjoying a much-needed rest and recuperation. With her suite the empress has made the Hotel Beaurivage her home. Nothing being further from the thoughts of those concerned than the possibility of an assassin making an attempt upon her life, no measures for her protection had been devised, it being her custom to go about freely and even unattended.

It appears that Her Majesty was walking from her hotel to the landing place of the steamer, a distance of about 100 yards, when the Italian anarchist suddenly approached and stabbed her to the heart. The empress fell, but got up again, and was carried to the steamer unconscious. The boat started, but seeing the empress had not recovered consciousness, the captain returned, and the empress was carried to the hotel, where she expired.

Immediately after the crime, the assassin was arrested by those who hastened to the spot. The murderer is named Luckeni. He was born in Paris of Italian parentage, and has lately lived at Parma, Italy.

The Cyanide Process.

The chemical principle involved is the solubility of gold and of most gold compounds in dilute solutions of potassium or sodium cyanide. After the gold is obtained in solution, it is precipitated therefrom by any competent chemical reagent.

The solution of the gold is known to take place slowly, and therefore a necessary condition is that the gold shall be finely disseminated through the ore, the finer the better; in fact, small lumps or nuggets are practically unattacked. Such "nuggety" ore is best treated by other processes. It is not, however, necessary that the gold should be native gold; gold sulphide and most other gold compounds are also attacked and dissolved, with the exception of that class of ores known as "tellurides," in which tellurium and selenium occur, combined with gold and silver. The latter compounds are attacked slowly, and under some conditions not at all; a preliminary gentle roasting is in all such cases advisable. It is necessary that the ore be either finely divided, to enable the solution to get at the gold, or else that it be of a porous, spongy texture.

In the days of the inception of the cyanide process it was wittily observed that "It was no trouble to get gold out of the ore, but the difficulty was to get it out of the solution." This epitomises the chief difficulty of the process. The first to propose using cyanide solutions on ores, specified in the usual blase manner of the professional inventor, that "the solution may be evaporated to dryness and the residue fused in a crucible to metallic gold."

This sounds like the acme of simplicity; but, unfortunately, with the dilute solutions, which are alone feasible in practice, the cost of evaporation would be greater than the value of the gold contained in them. Again, another inventor specifies: "The gold is precipitated by strips of metallic zinc," while experience shows that strips of zinc alone will not precipitate a particle of the precious metal. The ordinary gold worker is confounded, and even the chemist is nonplussed, by the obstinacy with which gold refuses to precipitate from these solutions.

We must, in order to get rid of the gold, literally dispossess the potassium, providing it with some other negative radical, and then split up the gold cyanide.

Some of the strongest reducing agents can effect this. Charcoal, if used in quantity and given time enough, can do it. Sodium or potassium (used as amalgams) magnesium, aluminum, and zinc can effect it, the latter only when in shreds so as to offer a large clean surface and with many jagged points from which gas can be liberated. The use of zinc turnings was patented by MacArthur and Forrest, but they afterwards abandoned their claim to it as a valid invention in the legal contest to exact royalties in the Transvaal. However, the use of zinc in this form was introduced by them, and remains the only chemical participant in actual use.—Cassier's Magazine.

At the annual meeting of the Cariboo Mining, Milling & Smelting Co., operating the Cariboo mine in Camp McKinney, B. C., held in Spokane, a dividend of 2 per cent amounting to $16,000, was duly declared. The dividends paid by the company for the fiscal year ending July 1, amounted to $64,000.

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When Americans Man the Guns.

The war between the United States and Spain is a copy on a very reduced scale and with some slight modifications of a war between England and France. It is not my purpose in this article to work out a detailed comparison. I can only suggest it. The great British superiority in battleships and unarmored cruisers as against France is faithfully reproduced in the American navy as against Spain. The great French advantage in armored cruisers finds its parallel in the Spanish navy. Even in torpedo craft the numerical equality which exists between England and France is repeated with some correctness in the two combatant navies. Thus all conditions are favorable to a trial of our race. Upon the conduct of Admiral Sampson and Commodore Schley's officers and bluejackets depends not merely the honor of the United States, but the very existence of the British empire. If the men who are hourly expecting battle in the Caribbean falter, if they show any want of courage or sailormanship—which God forbid—then let us be certain that an attack will be delivered upon England by her enemies, who will conclude, and not unjustly, that the military qualities of the Anglo-Saxon have declined under the depressing burden of civilization. And as this is the greatest problem to be settled in the war, so we shall hope and pray that our race may emerge with glory from the test.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Captain Kidd's Piratical Hoard.

In "The Buccaneers and Pirates of Our Coast," in St. Nicholas, Mr. Frank R. Stockton brings his serial to a close with an account of Captain Kidd. After telling of his cruise to Madagascar and his inability to land his rich booty in New York, Mr. Stockton says:

About this time occurred an incident which has given rise to all the stories regarding the buried treasure of Captain Kidd. The disturbed and anxious pirate concluded that it was a dangerous thing to keep so much valuable treasure on board his vessel, which might at any time be overhauled by the authorities, and he therefore landed at Gardiner's Island on the Long Island coast and obtained permission from the proprietor to bury some of his superfluous stores upon his estate. This was a straightforward transaction. Mr. Gardiner knew all about the burial of the treasure, and when it was afterward proved that Kidd was really a pirate all the hidden booty was given up to the government.

This appears to be the only case in which it was positively known that Kidd buried treasure on our coast, and it has given rise to all the stories of the kind which have ever been told.

The Inventor of the Bowie Knife.

As a hunter James Bowie did more than credit to his blood and training. Offhand with a rifle he could bring down a wild goose flying high overhead and put his bullet in the neck five times out of seven. But marksmanship bordering on the marvelous was a common attribute thereabout. What gave the young sawyer distinction was another story.

Several sorts of another story, in fact. He could not merely shoot deer running, but lasso them in fair chase over the prairie, give them a fall, and, if it pleased him so to do, fetch them in alive and unharmed. He could likewise lasso a horse from the wild herds, mount him without anybody's help and stay upon his back, no matter what was done, until the terrified beast had run himself tame. By way of variety, sometimes the lasso was cast over a big bull alligator waddling from swamp to swamp. When it had been drawn taut, holding tail and jaws in leash, young Bowie mounted the scaly back and rode there, laughing and shouting, while the astounded saurian went bellowing with rage toward his swampy haunts.—Martha McCulloch Williams in Harper's Magazine.

Easter Bullfights in Seville.

Mr. Stephen Bonsal writes in The Century of "Holy Week In Seville." Mr. Bonsal says:

We are returning from the social function of the week, for, alas, even gay and lazy Seville has its social functions which must be borne with. It is the tablado, or inspection of the black bulls which, with great pomp and ceremony and at the cost of a king's ransom, are to be killed tomorrow by the most celebrated matadores in the kingdom. While there is a great lack of money in Seville to buy bread there is always enough money forthcoming, even from the pauper's treasury, to pay the way into the bull ring, and every one in Seville who is a good Christian will attend the Easter bullfight, even if, as not seldom happens, he has to pawn his household gods and sacred images to do so.

NOTICE OF

Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership which existed between Henry Trim and Arthur Haddock, as livery stable keepers, at Ashcroft, B.C., was dissolved by mutual consent on March 1st, 1898, the said Henry Trim retiring from the business and being succeeded by Edward Trim.

The firm name and style of Trim & Haddock is retained. All debts due the old firm are to be paid to its successors, and they assume all liabilities.

Dated at Ashcroft, Sept. 7th, 1898.

HENRY TRIM.
1904 ARTHUR HADDOCK.

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[L.S.] THOS. R. McINNES.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, etc.

To the Returning Officer of the West Riding of Yale Electoral District:

WHEREAS a vacancy has happened in the Legislative Assembly by the acceptance of office of the Honorable Charles A. Semlin, a Member for the West Riding of Yale Electoral District, we command you that, notice of the time and place of election being duly given, you do cause election to be made according to law of one Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the West Riding of Yale Electoral District, and that you do cause the nomination of candidates at such election to be held on the day of next, and do cause the name of such Member, when so elected, whether he be present or absent, to be certified to our Supreme Court, at the city of Victoria, on or before the 15th day of October next, the election so made, distinctly and openly under our seal duly indorsed upon this our writ.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made patent under the great seal of our said Province of British Columbia; Witness, the Honorable Thos. R. McInnes, at our Government House, at Victoria, the first day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

By command,

B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE,
1902 Registrar of the Supreme Court.

PROCLAMATION!

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF YALE WEST RIDING.

To wit:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the West Riding District of Yale, that in obedience to Her Majesty's writ to me directed, and bearing date the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, I require the presence of the said electors at the Court House, Yale, on the 17th day of September, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing one person to represent them in the legislature of this province.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two registered voters of the district as proposer and seconder, and by three other registered voters of the said district as assenting to the nomination, and shall be delivered to the returning officer at any time between the date of the proclamation and 1 p.m. of the day of nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be open on the 30th day of September, at

The Station, Spences Bridge.
Court House, Ashcroft.
Lake View Hotel, Savona.
Coutlee House, Coutlee, Nicola Valley.
McCullough's House, Otter Valley.
Court House, Granite Creek.
Cook's Store, Princeton.
Inkman's Store, Aspassiz.
Post Office, St. Elmo.
Post Office, Hope.
Court House, Yale.
Post Office, Spuzzum.
The Gaol, North Bend.
Post Office, Keefers.
Court House, Lytton.

Of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Yale, the third day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

WM. DODD,
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BACK TO IRELAND.

Oh, tell me will I ever get to Ireland again,
Achray, from the far northwest?
Have we given all the rainbows an green woods an rain
For the suns an the snows of the west?

"Them that goes to Ireland must thravel night an day,
An them that goes to Ireland must sail across the say,
For the length of here to Ireland is half the world away,
An you'll leave your heart behind you in the west.

Set your face for Ireland,
Kiss your friends in Ireland,
But leave your heart behind you in the west."

On a fine an shiny mornin the ship she comes to land
Early, oh, early, in the mornin.
The silver watthers o' the Feyle go slidin to the strand,
Whisperin, "Ye're welcome in the mornin."

There's darkness on the holy hills I know are close aroun',
But the stars are shinin up the sky, the stars are shinin down.
They make a golden cross above, they make a golden crown,
An myself could tell ye why in the mornin.

Sure, an this is Ireland!
Thank God for Ireland!
I'm comin back to Ireland the mornin!

—Moira O'Neill in Spectator.

A FAILURE.

Bates had been arguing with Brooke for ten minutes, but Brooke was elaborate. Brooke was comfortable as he was and lazy.

"*But, Ben,*" began Bates for the tenth time, "it won't take you more than 15 minutes to change from pyjamas to your light suit, and then an hour's trolley ride, an hour's listening to good music, an hour's ride home again, and you're a different man."

"But I don't want to be a different man," smiled back Brooke indulgently. "I'm cool in my pyjamas, I've plenty of seltzer and lemon, plenty of cigarettes, an interesting book. Why should I go out?"

"Well, if for no other reason, that I want company," dolefully answered Bates.

"Too thorough unselfishness of that remark appeals to me, Bates, but even then I must decline. Trot off, take your trolley ride, hear your music and go satisfied to bed. As for me, I'm anchored here until sleep woos my drowsy eyelids."

Bates edged toward the door, then turned quickly as a thought struck him. "I suppose you've seen the evening papers?"

"No. Anything startling in them?"

"Well, yes," answered Bates slowly. "Ransome tried to stop a runaway team and had his brains knocked out."

Brooke jumped to his feet. "Ransome—not our Ransome—not Phil Ransome, Bates?"

"Yes, it was our Ransome—Phil Ransome. A woman and child were in the carriage, horses took fright, tore down the street, and Ransome, who was standing on the curb, made a dash for the horses. He made a grab for the bridle, missed and fell right under the horses' hoofs. They crushed *his brain in like a bit of paper*, fell all over him and were unable to get up. The woman and child were unhurt, but terribly frightened naturally. Ransome was as dead as a stone when they picked him up. The evening papers give it a column and a half."

"Poor Ransome—poor, dear, dead fellow!" said Brooke. "What a monumental failure he made out of life!" and he shook his head sadly.

"Seemed, Ben, as if the fellow never could succeed with anything," said Bates. "Yet he had gifts—gifts you or I would have given a fortune for or made a fortune from. He just seemed to be cursed with a fate that was perverse, and wouldn't be kind, no matter what he'd do."

"He always was a fatalist," answered Brooke. "Believed in his kismet, said what would be would be. I think this relying on fate, this shifting of the responsibility from himself was really the cause of Phil's going down hill."

"Ah, well!" sighed Bates. "Another of the old crowd passes away. We're getting older, Ben."

Brooke drummed nervously on the table, but did not answer. Bates fumbled with the doorknob a second and then said abruptly, "Well, good night, Ben."

"Good night, Bates. See you at lunch tomorrow."

Brooke waited until he heard the outside door close and was sure Bates was out of the house. Then he walked quickly over to his desk, unlocked a drawer marked "Private" and took out a long narrow envelope. "To Benjamin Brooke, Esquire—not to be opened until my death. Signed, Phil Ransome." Two months ago Ransome had brought this missive around to Brooke's lodging. Brooke found it on his desk. The landlady said Mr. Ransome had only waited up there 15 *minutes; said he didn't want to see Mr.* Brooke particularly, merely to leave a note for him.

Brooke turned the envelope over and over. *It had an uncanny look to it.* It savored of a last will and testament—a letter from a man who was dead. Brooke shivered as he broke the seal. Two packets dropped out—one was an insurance policy, the other a letter covering several pages of foolscap.

It was dated April 27 and was as follows:

"DEAR BEN—I'm a failure. I found it out years before my friends did. Which shows how keen are my perceptions. I don't know why I'm a failure and don't particularly care now because I think I've finished caring for anything. I'm a failure, and when that's said all's said.

"I've been everything since I left college—everything from an electrical contractor to a litterateur—and I've done my dismal worst, and so I've come to the conclusion to end my days in a blaze of glory—to die nobly, grandly. If I couldn't live as I should, I thought that at least I might have my choice of death, and I've decided to die an accidental death as quickly as I can find the proper and befitting accident.

"I came to this conclusion, my dear Ben, only after I'd been rejected when I went to enlist. *You know I'm a fatalist* to the backbone, so I thought when this war with Spain broke out that my opportunity had come. I knew my fatalism *would make me a good soldier, that I'd* be in the front rank or a little ahead of that always. I'd be the first to storm a breastworks or to lead a forlorn hope—not *that I'm brave in the finest degree*—merely that I'm a fatalist. I'd take it that if my time had come to die, say, in Tuesday's battle, I'd die that day whether I was walking unconcernedly up to a loaded cannon or hiding behind a tree ten miles away from the conflict. If I was to die the next day, that was my day—not Tuesday—and so I'd be as reckless and as daring as the bravest man who ever lived—and I not a grain of courage in my composition. Do you understand me, Ben? I was to die when I was to die, not a second before or a second after, and I'd fight one Spaniard or 50 with that idea in my head or a bullet there.

"So *I went up to enlist, and all the* time my head was filled with the idea that even if I was a failure here I'd be a success in Cuba—a dead success maybe—but not a failure, and it almost broke my heart, Ben, when they rejected me.

"I walked out to the park after that and sat on a bench to think the matter over carefully. It evidently wasn't my destiny to be a soldier, and then a great, big, overwhelming idea struck me. Never in my life had I backed against my fate. I'd gone along, content with today because tomorrow was a day distant. Why not assert myself now, to that fate of mine that from this second henceforth I shall direct you—not you, me.

"It was then I decided on my mode of death. Make it accidental, thought I to myself, and you kill two birds with one *stone, in addition to killing yourself.* To begin with, Ben, old man, you have loaned me in the past two years in $5 and $10 morsels exactly $115. I've kept careful *count, and so I bought an accident policy* for $1,000 and had it made out in your name. That liquidates my debt and gives you some hundreds over in which to indulge in cigarettes. *The policy I inclose.*

"Well, you were one of the birds this accident stone was to bring down; the other was to hoodwink the world into the fact that I possessed some sterling worth, after all, and was a dear, good fellow if I was only understood. The easiest thing under the sun, Ben, dear, is to hoodwink the world, so my task wasn't a hard one.

"I began by taking in these cheap excursions that go up and down the Delaware. You know they overcrowd the boats horribly, and I thought that maybe some lucky day one of these boats would upset. Then I could save 18 or 20 people from a watery grave and just as I got the twenty-first propped up against the wharf I'd gracefully sink and drown because exhausted. I went to seven of these excursions and not an accident happened on any of them.

"Then I followed fire engines, hoping I could save whole families from burning buildings and eventually be overcome by the smoke. But evidently my specialty isn't steamboats or fires.

"I almost saved a workingman from being crushed to death by a huge stone he was having hoisted on a building in the *course of erection, but I was 12 feet away* at the time and the poor fellow's life was crushed out before I could even turn my head.

"*I just missed saving a child from being* run over by a trolley car, but again I was several seconds late.

"And so, Ben, dear, I'm afraid I must *give up the saving idea and confine myself* solely to the accident phase of it, that some day I must slip in front of an ice wagon or a moving train or something of *an equally exciting nature, and yet I* would dearly love to save some one—not for the humane side of it, but merely to feel the world into the belief that I possess one or two noble traits.

"But I've decided inexorably on the accidental nature of my death. That robs the home folks of the idea of suicide and helps me pay my debt to you by making that insurance policy good.

"And now to close. Think kindly of me once in awhile, Ben, old man. I'm as full of flaws as God could allow me to be, but deep down in me, old friend, I feel there was something that hadn't a chance to develop, that differently placed or better understood I'd have made something of my life. I've been stiff necked and stubborn, but now that I am dead (for I am dead or you wouldn't be reading these lines) I can truthfully say that I never knowingly hurt a human being. If a man thought me fairly decent, I did my best to show him he was not mistaken; if another man thought me foul, I did all I could to foster that impression. I made a mistake there. Perhaps I didn't. Men found me as they chose to find me. I never have said a decent thing of myself in my life. *I can be pardoned saying one or two now* that I'm dead.

"And one thing more: I feel sure that in that other world *beyond our sight I will not be judged so harshly as I have* been here.

"Goodby, old comrade of a happier time. To you, who understood me best and who tried to advise *me, my poor, old battered* heart goes out. I'm writing this in the park, with the birds singing joyously about me, the green grass stirring with every passing breeze, the sunlit river flowing at my feet. Everything seems peaceful and full of the goodness and the glory of God. And from this scene I must tear myself away and go to meet my fate face to face.

"God bless you, Ben, and good night!

"PHIL RANSOME."

For fully five minutes Brooke stared at the manuscript in front of him. Then sheet by sheet he held it to the gas until the letter was entirely consumed. Then he put out the gas and looked out into the night.

The moon rode high in the heavens, flooding the earth with its glorious light. "It's a peaceful world," said Benny Brooke softly; "a very peaceful world. If only men and women did not have hearts that were turbulent, hearts that were fierce, hearts that were dried up or hearts that cried out in their pain. It's the hearts that make the trouble in this fair world, and we blame fate sometimes, and sometimes God!"—Philadelphia Press.

Burdock as a Vegetable.

What is even regarded as a vile weed can, with a little stretch of imagination, be turned into an ornamental plant or delicious vegetable. This is especially the case with the common burdock, Lappa major. Schoolboys all know it from gathering the burs and compressing them into a ball, *they being held together by the curved* points of the floral involucre. This is all they know about it. It is difficult to see anything more to be despised in the bur*dock leaf than in the leaf of the rhubarb.* It appears that it is largely used in China for food, but it is stated that if the stalks be cut down before the flowers expand and *then be boiled the taste is relished equally* with asparagus. The leaves, when young, are boiled and eaten as we eat spinach. In Japan it is in universal use. Thousands of acres are devoted to its culture, but in this case the root is the object. It requires deep soil to get the root to the best advantage. The common name in China is gobbo, a name, however, which need not replace our common one of burdock.—Meehan's Magazine.

Visible.

Magistrato—Prisoner, have you any visible means of support?

Prisoner—Yis, sir, your honor. (To his wife, a laundress.) Bridget, stand up, so that the coort kin see yez.—Exchange.

Last Resort.

Garrity—Ol hear you's taken a boorder.

Harrity—We had to. There was nothin in the house to ate.—Indianapolis Journal.

"Uncle Sam" Tarwater.

"Uncle Sam" Tarwater, who has reached the ninety-second year of his age, was *in Orrick Saturday afternoon getting his* pension papers made out. He is the only state pensioner left and receives $100 yearly for wounds received in the Mormon war of 1838 and 1839. He was in the battle of Crooked River, fought in the autumn of 1838, ten miles east of Lathrop, Clinton county. In this fight David Patton, commander of the Mormons from Far West, a settlement 16 miles northeast of Lathrop, was killed. He was called Captain Fearnaught, and his men were armed with corn knives, which they used as sabers, and during the fight "Uncle Sam" was almost hacked to pieces and left on the field for dead. He still enjoys good health and delights to tell how he fought the Mormons.—Orrick Times.

Information.

"Say, pa," asked the little son of a railway conductor, "what's an exchequer?"

"An ex-checker!" exclaimed the ticket puncher. "Why, that must be a retired baggage man."—Chicago News.

A few persons in England raise large numbers of guinea pigs for exportation to France, where they are highly esteemed for the table, the flavor of the meat being identical with that of the rabbit.

CURTAIN RAISERS.

Sims Reeves is to retire.

Maude Adams is 26 years old.

Chicago has a Jewish stock company.

"*In Old Kentucky*" is to be acted in Germany.

Paderewski's friends declare he will never marry.

An opera *founded on one of Ibsen's* plays is to be produced in Berlin.

Louis N. Parker has finished "The Treasure Seeker" for William H. Crane.

James Barrie has completed a new comedy of Scotch life, which Charles Frohman will produce here.

John Oliver Hobbes, or rather Mrs. Craigie, is considering the plan of making a lecture tour of this country next winter.

Manager Ziegfeld has secured the American rights of "The Turtle," a farcical comedy in three acts, by Leon Gandillot, which has had a run of two years in Paris.

Conan Doyle's own play, founded on the Sherlock Holmes tales, is said to be now in the hands of Charles Frohman, who may produce it in this country next season.

"The Maneuvers of Jane" is the title of a new comedy by Henry Arthur Jones which will be produced at the Haymarket theater, London, not later than the second week in January, 1899.

Several of the stories of the late Guy de Maupassant are being dramatized. The widow of the great French writer at first declared that none of her late husband's works should be transferred to the stage. She has relented, however.

Mlle. Minnie Tracey, a well known American singer in Europe, won great applause at *the Continental hotel, London,* for her admirable singing of the grand "Aida" aria, the balcony aria from "Lohengrin" and an aria from "Iphigenie en Aulide."

Sir Henry Irving, in his Rede lectures at Cambridge, thus defined the drama, "I mean the simulation of life in whatever aspect it may be pictured—serious, humorous or satirical, but not the mere amusing displays of personal gifts which are now so prominent a feature in the re*laxation of the people.*"

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Happiness is the highest inspiration to good.—In Letter to Agnes Merle.

I believe that woman's future state will be one of enlargement.—In Address to Woman's Liberal Federation, 1892.

The elevation of the moral and spiritual natures of those about us is the highest duty of this life.—Letter to Pupils of Newnham Female College.

But they can love them. They may be unable to succor them, but love at least will bless and cheer and comfort.—Reply to Remark That "The Poor Cannot Help the Poor."

If fate had placed you on a throne it were better to be remembered as "the merciful" rather than "the great."—In *Address* to Children of Hawarden Village School, 1868.

Woman's influence in politics lies in the home—her natural sphere. In the home *alone can she leave her stamp on the destiny* of nations. On the platform she is not herself.—When Asked to Support by Her Presence Woman Suffrage Movement.

Knowledge of the world is dearly bought at the cost of a wounded heart. I have been 60 years married to my dear husband, and we have not yet parted with our ideals of each other.—In Reply to Remark That Experience of World Is Essential to Success.

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Thin skimmed fruits, as a rule, are very poor keepers. Thick skinned ones are much better.

The surest way of destroying the curculio is by jarring or spraying with poisoned water.—St. Louis Republic.

PERT PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. De Wolf Hopper have been divorced, and De Wolf is now a grass Hopper.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Perhaps the elder Mr. Leiter feels that he may at least be thankful that the rest of his boys are girls.—Chicago Record.

General Merritt used to be a printer and ought to realize the importance of sending the forms down on time.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"Fighting Bob" Evans has not acquired any college degrees, but he has recourse to all the d——d's that he wants.—Louisville Commercial.

Whitcomb Riley speaks of the drum as giving forth a "melody sublime." In ascribing "melody" to a drum Riley has scored a beat.—Chicago Dispatch.

It is sad to see the two Maxim brothers denouncing each other in public. It looks as if there were some good old maxims with which they are unacquainted.—Boston Herald.

DEWEY AND GERMANY.

We are quite sure Prince Henry and Admiral Diedrich have no desire to enjoy a siesta in Dewey's "line of fire." They know it is loaded for bear.—Philadelphia Press.

If it takes five or six German warships under Admiral von Diedrich to protect 50 or 60 Germans in Manila, then the German navy must be made of wienerwurst and limburger cheese.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

The best indication we have that there is no truth in the story that a German force has occupied Manila is the fact that we have not yet heard of Dewey's death. It couldn't happen while he lived.—San Francisco Bulletin.

CERVERA.

There is no doubt about it now, Cervera's *fleet was in Santiago harbor.*—Indianapolis News.

It was polite of Cervera to open that bottle just in time for Independence day. —*New York Press.*

That little coming out party that Cervera gave was very well attended by distinguished American naval officers.—Richmond *Times.*

Admiral Cervera chose well the hour of his sailing. The most patriotic of American citizens could not have contributed more *aptly to the celebration of the national holiday.*—New York Sun.

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Notice is hereby given that a sitting of the county court of Cariboo will be held at Clinton, on Thursday, 27th Oct., 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. By order

F. SOUES
Registrar of the County Court of Cariboo at Clinton. 1211d

NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden as follows:

Richfield.....Monday, 3rd October, 1898
Quesnelle.....Thursday, 6th October, 1898
Soda Creek.....Tuesday, 11th October, 1898
150-Mile House.Thursday, 13th October, 1898

Court opens each day at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

By Order,
JAMES McKEN,
Registrar County Court of Cariboo.
Barkerville, B.C., 29th July, 1898. 1410

TABLE.

Showing the Dates and Places of Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery for the Year 1898.

FALL ASSIZES.

Clinton.....Thursday, 22nd September.
Richfield.....Monday, 26th September.
Kamloops.....Monday, 3rd October.
Lytton.....Friday, 14th October.
Vernon.....Monday, 10th October.
New Westminster....Tuesday, 1st November.
Vancouver.....Monday, 14th November.
Victoria.....Tuesday, 15th November.
Nanaimo.....Tuesday, 22nd November.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1898.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

Miss Connie Cornwall returned from Victoria Monday evening.

Denis Murphy went up to Kamloops Thursday night on legal business.

See notice in another column of safe for sale by Charles S. Stevens, Kamloops.

Mrs. Geo. Philips, of the Mountain House, came down on Thursday's stage on her way to the coast.

James N. Black came down on Tuesday's stage and left for his home at Trout Lake City the same evening.

We regret to learn that Mr. D. T. Hughes, who has been very ill at the 150, has not been improving very rapidly of late.

A. E. Kennedy, of the firm of Kennedy & Douglas, merchant tailors, Montreal, was in town for two days the first of the week.

Last Sunday a party of hunters went up to Nesbitt's and Pennie's lakes for a day's duck shooting. They reported the ducks as being very scarce just now.

W. H. Griffin returned from Clinton Wednesday morning and spent the day in town. Mr. Griffin is traveling in the interests of Mackay Smith & Co., Vancouver.

The collections at the services on Sunday, the 18th instant, at St. Alban's Church, will be devoted to the relief of the sufferers by the New Westminster fire.

At the rate the new pianos have been arriving in town lately Ashcroft will soon be quite a musical place. Most of them are Heintzman manufacture. One also arrived recently for Barkerville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cohen left for the coast last Wednesday night. Mr. Cohen has been in ill-health for some time and has already taken a vacation at the coast but finds that he is still unfit for work.

Rev. A. E. Green, of Vancouver, lectured in the Presbyterian church last evening and will preach in the same church on Sunday morning, Sept. 18th at 11 o'clock, and in the evening in the Methodist church at 7.30. All are cordially invited.

M. Dumond has just received from the McCleary Manufacturing Company, London, Ont., a consignment of their famous cooking stoves, heating stoves, tinware and granite ware, and has now as good an assortment as can be found in the interior. Call and inspect his stock.

A self-constituted vigilance committee are mailing threatening letters to parties in town. They swear vengeance upon the parties who whistle the "hoodoo" march. One of these letters was received at the JOURNAL office, and, while we do not approve of the nuisance, we must say for the edification of the vigilantes that anyone keeping step with our whistle will be prosecuted.

The waterworks company are at present busily engaged in putting in water services in a number of houses. The main gang of men are at work at the dam but will soon be finished there, and after the four or five days which will be used in laying the main on Railway avenue, the whole system will be in shape to commence and maintain an efficient service. The company will also shortly commence the erection of their office and workshop building.

James Gill, one of the proprietors of the North Thompson Brickyard, of Kamloops, came down on Wednesday to Ashcroft. He brought down three carloads of brick which will be used in the construction of the new building for Harvey, Bailey & Co. between their present premises and the Ashcroft Hotel. Mr. Gill commenced work yesterday morning. Messrs. Johnston & Gill manufacture some of the best brick made in the province, and as they have several hundred carloads on hand they can fill any orders without loss of time.

A report reaches us from such a quarter that we feel inclined to attach some weight to it, to the effect that the intention of the Dominion government is to reach the Yukon with a railway that will pass through Omenica and follow the gold belt northward. It is also said that there will be a branch from such a line to some point on the British Columbia sea coast. Our readers will remember that both Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Blair, during the last days of the late session, spoke of a line from Edmonton to the coast, with a branch to the Yukon.—Colonist.

A local statistician has been working on the 67 carloads of beer which were shipped to Manila last week with the result that it is not a dangerous quantity in his estimation. There are 6 dozen and 3 bottles to the barrel, and 200 barrels to the car, making a total of 1,005,000 bottles. There are 20,000 American soldiers in the Philippines, and, allowing them 3 bottles each per day, the 67 cars would last but 16 days and 18 hours. Or, if on the 17th day 3 bottles should be given out as far as they would go, 5,000 of the soldiers would remain dry. No provision is made for the natives.

Dr. Sanson, of Clinton, spent last Monday in Ashcroft.

H. Cargile and J. Barnes took a trip to Kamloops last night.

Quite a lot of freight has been forwarded to Cariboo this week.

S. Tingley returned from a business trip to the coast Friday night.

Allison Woods has been enlarging the boxes in his restaurant this week.

Stuart Henderson, who has been at North Bend on business, returned last night.

Mrs. Joseph Burr has been quite sick for the past week, but is now improving.

McArthur & Harper have received a new stock of dress goods. See their change of ad.

Miss Ward left Sunday night for Nelson, after a couple of weeks spent with friends in Ashcroft.

A pleasant little party was given by Mrs. N. de Keyser on Monday night, the occasion being her birthday.

Frank B. Calhoun met with a slight accident this week, cutting his foot with an adz, but is now around again.

Hugh McDonald's Bridge gang, which has been working in the vicinity of Ashcroft for a few weeks, has moved on down the line.

In the Canadian Pacific Railway advertisement the sailing of the next Empress should read October 10th instead of the 4th as printed.

A pleasant party was given at the Hawthorne House on Monday evening by Ross Bremner. Cards and music were indulged in up to a late hour.

A letter received at this office for publication, signed "Drink," is of such a personal nature that we must refrain from publishing it in these columns.

The fore part of the week a fire started in the rear end of J. Menzies' store, but was discovered before it had made much headway and was quickly extinguished.

Reports from James Haddock's camping party at the 70 say that the game is plentiful in that section. We, with others in town, are indebted to them for some ducks.

The cribbage players are doing some hard practising of late. They evidently expect some champion to join them before long, and have decided not to be caught napping.

The following notices appear in another column; C. F. Venosta, John E. Moore, Wm. Meason, applications for purchase of land; J. W. Burr, registrar, two notices: John Bowron, Assessment Act.

Bush fires are raging fiercely around the district. The smoke in some parts is very heavy. At Vancouver the smoke is so thick that it is reported the fishermen are catching smoked salmon.

Senator R. H. Campbell, of the Miocene Mining Company, will be down about the last of the month. Mr. Campbell is greatly pleased with the outlook for his mine, and has great hopes of Cariboo in general.

Mr. Archer Martin, of Victoria, is now Mr. Justice Martin, he having received the appointment to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench caused by the elevation of Mr. Justice McColl to the Chief Justiceship.

The lecture on "The Plebiscite and the Coming Campaign," by Rev. A. E. Green, of Vancouver, in the Presbyterian church, last night, was a success in many ways. The points in favor of prohibition of the liquor traffic were well put and well sustained.

We understand the new building to be erected by Harvey, Bailey & Co. will be a two storey, and possibly a three-storey, brick block. The ground floor will be used as stores, three in number, and the upper storey is to be a hall. The details are not complete as yet. This will be the first brick block to be built here, and it is to be hoped more will follow.

The party sent out by the United States government to seek out a deep channel across the bar at the mouth of the Yukon, has returned without accomplishing its object, and its report will be to the effect that no such channel exists, but that a continuous bar extends across the whole mouth of the river. This will have a material effect in determining the future navigation of the river, for as no deep water channel exists, there is no hope of improving upon the conditions now existing.—Colonist.

The preliminary hearing of the charge of criminal libel brought against J. T. Robinson, of the Standard, by W. J. Thompson, took place in the provincial court Friday morning before Mayor Gordon and H. C. M. Ridley, J.P. D. Murphy, of Ashcroft, appeared for plaintiff, and F. J. Fulton for defendant. After the examination of two witnesses the accused was committed for trial. Bail was allowed, the accused in $250 and one surety of $250. The case arose out of the recent publication of an article, "Wanted in Boston, Mass."—Sentinel.

J. Menzies came back from the coast this week.

Hon. C. A. Semlin, Premier of the Province of British Columbia, came up from Victoria last night on a visit to his constituents.

Milton W. Clements, who has lived in Ashcroft for the past two years, will leave tomorrow night, accompanied by his mother, for Vancouver, from which place they will go east to their old home. Mr. Clements has made many friends in Ashcroft during his residence here, who will be sorry to see him leave.

Will Hang at Dawson.

An American will suffer the death penalty in Dawson's big hanging bee on November 1st unless the Dominion government interferes. The criminal is Edward Henderson and the crime is the murder of Thornburg Peterson. The other men who are to hang on the same day are the four Indian murderers of Billy Meehan.

A Klondiker who arrived on the steamer Discovery late last night is a friend of Henderson's and told a Times reporter the story of the trial. It was held at Dawson about August 20th, before Judge McGuire. The following facts developed at the trial:

Henderson and Peterson with three others were encamped in September, 1897, on Marsh lake. The two were sleeping with one other in a small tent. The third man was wakened during the night by the sound of a pistol shot. He woke and found Peterson rolling in agony on the floor. Henderson was standing at the door. Peterson repeated over and over again:

"Ed has shot me. What did he do that for?"

Twenty-four hours later Peterson was a dead man and Henderson was in charge of the mounted police.

Henderson's story at the trial follows:

"I was sick during the night and woke up finding Peterson choking me. He was trying to crush in my breast with his knees. I thought he was going to kill me. I put out my hand and found my revolver. With that I shot him."

The jury brought in a verdict of guilty with a recommendation of mercy, which did not have the least effect on Judge McGuire. He sentenced Henderson to death on the gallows November 1st. Friends will make an appeal to Ottawa.—Times.

Westminster Relief Fund.

A relief fund was started on Wednesday, in this town, for the benefit of the fire stricken people of Westminster. The response made shows the sympathy of the Ashcroft people for the unfortunates of that city. The fund will remain open until the 24th inst., and anyone desirous of contributing can do so by sending their donations to C. B. Deans. Following are the names and amounts given up to the present date:

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D Murphy	5 00
Dr J R Williams	5 00
F S Reynolds	5 00
I Lehman	5 00
R G Gordon	5 00
Stuart Henderson	5 00
Mark Eagleson	5 00
Mrs K Steadman	3 00
J C Smith	3 00
Samuel Calbick	2 50
J E Knight	2 50
R G Miller	2 50
Fred H Nelson	2 50
Jos Wm Burr	2 50
Robt Stoddard	2 50
H L Roberts	2 50
Walter Shaw	2 50
W Hawthorne	2 00
J B Bremner	2 00
A L Clements	2 00
A Armstrong	2 00
W Fern	2 00
C E Miller	2 00
Tai Soong & Co	2 00
Jas C Shields	2 00
A Haddock	2 00
Hugh Devery	1 50
Geo Ward	1 50
C H Gibson	1 00
W R Campion	1 00
Thos McCosh	1 00
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C A Sherr	1 00
C Westerby	1 00
A Minty	1 00
D W Rowlands	1 00
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D Johnston	1 00
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Miss Farrer, milliner at F. W. Foster's, returned Thursday night from a visit to San Francisco and other coast cities.

The members of St. Alban's church are preparing for a concert to be held on Friday evening, Sept 23rd, in the town hall.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land at a point near by and south-west of lot 430, from this stake east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains to point of commencement.
WM. MEASON, JR.
Dog Creek, B.C., September 9th, 1898. 20-28

NOTICE.

Take notice that I, C. F. Venosta, F.M.C. No. 14925a, will apply to the gold commissioner of Manson creek for a right to purchase three hundred and twenty (320) acres of land commencing at this S.W. No. 1 initial post, thence running half a mile in an easterly direction to a post marked No. 2, thence in a northerly direction to the bank of river to a post marked No. 3, thence westerly half a mile to a post marked No. 4, thence back to commencement.
(Signed) C. F. VENOSTA
July 2nd, 1898. 20-28

CARIBOO DISTRICT

ASSESSMENT ACT.

COURTS OF REVISION AND APPEAL under the provisions of the above act will be holden for Cariboo District at places and on dates as below, viz: At
Wm. Wormald's house, Stanley, Lightning creek, on Monday, October 17th, at 10 o'clock a.m.
McInnes' house, Alexandria, on Wednesday, October 19th, at 10 o'clock a.m.
McLeese's house, Soda Creek, on Friday, October 21st, at 10 o'clock a.m.
150 Mile House, on Saturday, October 22nd at 3 o'clock p.m.
Government office, Quesnelle, on Thursday, October 27th, at 10 o'clock a.m.
Government office, Barkerville, on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 10 o'clock a.m.
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J. E. MOORE.
Alkali Lake, September 8th, 1898. 20-28

In the County Court of Cariboo
HOLDEN AT QUESNELLE.
Between
Charles Loudeen, Plaintiff,
—AND—
The Sidney Gold Mining & Development Company, Limited, Defendant.

To the Sidney Gold Mining & Development Company, Limited:
Take notice that a plaint has been entered and a summons issued against you in the above county court by Frank Loudeen, of Quesnelle, for the sum of $64, for a bill of exchange for $64, and an order has been made that the publication of a notice of the entry of such plaint in the British Columbia Mining Journal shall be deemed to be service of the summons upon you.
The summons will be heard at Quesnelle on the 6th day of October at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on which day you are required to appear and if you do not appear either in person or by your solicitor at the time and place above mentioned, such order will be made and proceedings taken as the judge may think just and expedient.
Dated this 12th day of September, 1898.
J. W. BURR,
2013 Registrar.

In the County Court of Cariboo
HOLDEN AT QUESNELLE.
Between
Frank Peterson, Plaintiff,
—AND—
The Sidney Gold Mining & Development Company, Limited, Defendant.

To the Sidney Gold Mining & Development Company, Limited:
Take notice that a plaint has been entered and a summons issued against you in the above county court by Frank Peterson, of Quesnelle, for the sum of $78.38, for a bill of exchange for $78.38, and an order has been made that the publication of a notice of the entry of such plaint in the British Columbia Mining Journal shall be deemed to be service of the summons upon you.
The summons will be heard at Quesnelle on the 6th day of October at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on which day you are required to appear, and if you do not appear either in person or by your solicitor at the time and place above mentioned, such order will be made and proceedings taken as the judge may think just and expedient.
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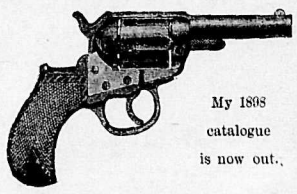
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