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THE ASHCROFT ROUTE.

Those desirous of making the trip to the gold fields of the northwest and have not the means or inclination to pay the existing rates to transportation companys, will find the Ashcroft route, through Cariboo, Omenica and Cassiar a safe and economical route. Starting at Ashcroft, a station on the Soo-Canadian Pacific line, 204 miles east of Vancouver, and leading up to *Quesnelle, in the Cariboo country is a* splendid stage road, over which Her Majesty's mails are carried twice a week. Stages make the run in three days easily and regular time is made the year around. At Quesnelle the Fraser river is crossed by a steam ferry boat and the old telegraph trail is taken northwest to Hazleton on the Skeena river. From there the trail leads north about 200 miles to Telegraph creek, on the Stickine, at the point where the new narrow guage railway, for which the contract is let for building by the Canadian government to Messrs, McKenzie and Mann, contractors. From Telegraph creek to Lake Teslin is about 120 miles. From Lake Teslin to Dawson City is good boating and the prospector can take his choice. By the time the ice is out of Lake Teslin, which is the head of the Yukon river, steamboats now being built will take you down the 550 miles to Dawson City or you can buy lumber at the sawmills now in operation at Lake Teslin, or buy a boat, of which hundreds are being manufactured, and drift down the smooth water to your destination. There are, it may be said once for all, no rapids on the *part of the river traversed, except* the Five finger and the Rink rapids, and any fairly good boatman can run these with perfect safety with a loaded boat. The White Horse rapids and Miles canyon, both dreaded places where many men have been drowned and where goods must be portaged a long way and at great expense, are on the Lewes river, before the Hootalinqua, the outlet of Lake Teslin joins it.

The distances given are only approximately. From Quesnelle to Hazleton is a good trail, abundant feed for all of the stock that will or can be driven along, for at almost any place by turning off the trail for a mile or two you can find unlimited pasturage, the feed consisting principally of blue joint and wild peavine. The distance is given by different prospectors as from 240 to 327 miles.

Father Marshall, of Stuart's lake, who has ridden over the trail from Quesnelle to Hazleton every year for the past ten years told the writer recently that it was not, in his judgment, over 250 miles and that he could easily ride it in ten days in the summer season.

Surveyor J. D. Devereaux, who was sent through purposely last fall to examine and report on the condition of the trail, left Quesnelle on the 7th of September and arrived at Hazleton the night of the 13th day, and estimated the distance at 327 miles. He reported the trail good except for fallen timber across the trail in places. From Hazleton to Telegraph Creek the distance is variously estimated by those going over it as from 160 to 240 miles. The condition of this part of the trail is not as good as the part between Hazleton and Quesnelle, for the reason that of late years it has not been traveled so much and there is more fallen timber, but not enough so but that fair time can be made.

Patrick Gannon, a well known and reliable man, and until recently a citizen here, now in Klondike, told the writer that he had driven bands of cattle three years in succession from Quesnelle to Telegraph creek and on to Dease Lake and Cassiar, without the loss of a head except one or two head that met with an accident. This was in the years 1877-78-79.

B. F. English, now living here, also told the writer that in 1879 he went over the same route with a large band of *cattle, and his statement is the* same as that of Gannon, viz., tha there are no difficulties in the way of going overland except at extreme high water some of the streams were then somewhat troublesome to cross but with a few exceptions all can be forded easily.

The provincial government have promised that a party of men will leave Quesnelle in March to bridge such small streams as give trouble during high water and establish ferries on one or two where there is no easily way to bridge. Another party will leave Hazleton working towards Quesnelle and one working from Hazleton toward Telegraph creek to meet one to be sent out from Telegraph creek. Be it well understood that this entire trail is passable now without work, at the proper season. The men sent in are expected by May 1st to have the entire route in such shape that there will be no delay among the thousands that will travel it. Beginning not earlier than April 1st, and a few weeks later is better, April 1st is about the right time to be in Ashcroft, to arrange finally for the trip, exceptional seasons a little earlier start might be made.

Arrange early for your horses, which will cost you at the present prices from $20 to $40 each, depending on weight and worth. Buy your camp outfit, clothing, and packing rigging at Ashcroft, the merchants carrying large stocks of first-class goods. Take enough supplies with you to last the trip through and light and necessary articles such as you know will be useful, flour, bacon, beans, etc and heavy supplies can now be contracted for at Ashcroft and guaranteed to be delivered to you on your arrival at Hazleton or Telegraph Creek at very reasonable rates. You will thus, by going light, have your horses in good condition for your work or for sale when you are through with them.

It will be remembered that the trail thus traveled is through mining *country all the way, Cariboo, Omenica and* Cassiar, and beginning at Telegraph creek, it will be remembered the greatest authority on the Yukon, Mr Ogilvie, says that the country is full of great mining possibilities along the great mining belt, reaching down to Dawson city and lying east of Teslin lake. Immense mines will be found in that section and there is room for 100,000 men to prospect in that vast country. Telegraph Creek should be made the base supplies. Horses should bring at least as much as the cost of shipping them up, provided that the steamers would ship them, which for many months after the river opens they will not do. The river boats will have to much other traffic and the nominal rates are about $100 each horse, by rail, ocean and steamer. How can you go to the gold fields by any other route, and sell your pack animals when you are through with them for enough perhaps, to very nearly pay for your years supplies delivered at Lake Teslin?

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This Certifieate *shall also grant to the holder the privilege of Fishing and Shooting, subject to the provisions of any Act already passed, or hereafter to be passed for the protection of game and fish; and also privilege of cutting timber for actual necessities, for building houses, boats, and for general mining operations; such timber to be for the exclusive use of the miner, but such permission will not include timber granted other persons.*

Countersigned,

To be countersigned by the Gold Commissioner, Mining Recorder, or by an officer or agent of the Department of Interior.

Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

A Klondike Map.

A reliable map of the Overland route to the Klondike via Ashcroft, Quesnelle and Telegraph creek, showing river crossings, distances camping grounds, etc., etc., will be out shortly. All persons seeking information as to this route should see this map. Send 50 cents or $1 and get one by return mail. Address Fraser & Roberts, Ashcroft, B. C.

Real Estate Deal.

Thirteen town lots were bought this week in Ashcroft by David Wilson, of Davenport, Wash., from W. B. Bailey. Several other real estate transactions also took place and with the new buildings in process of erection it may well be said that Ashcroft is forging rapidly ahead. To the fact of this being the railroad point for those that will go overland to the northwestern goldfields, and thousands will travel it, and the fact that most, if not all, will outfit here where there are large stocks carried by the Ashcroft merchants for that purpose, and in connection with the putting in of the water works and electric light plants, and the general condition of prosperity *in this section, it seems to be the case* that while we have no boom we are so situated that the little village may well expect to double in population with in the next few months. The climate is perhaps the best along the Thompson river of any spot in the Northwest, and California cannot excel it. The air pure and invigorating, the scenic surroundings grand, hunting in the near vicinity, and the finest trout fishing in the world. Some of those traveling through may well consider if it is not advisable to cast in their lot with us and help to make Ashcroft what it should and will be in the near future, one of the handsomest and most prosperous little cities in the world,

The Cariboo company will employ about 600 men on their Morehead ditch next year. It is said work on the dam across the outlet will commence early. Several hundreds of barrels of cement have gone up lately for use in its construction.

NEWS FROM THE YUKON.

A letter written from Dawson by Correspondent D. E. Campbell, of the Post-Intelligencer Alaska News Syndicate, gives a vigorous idea of life in the famous mining town as it is today. Dawson, during the dull, dark days of Arctic winter, is one of the warmest places for excitement to be found anywhere in the world. Possibly the effort to keep from freezing to death is responsible for the desire of Dawsonites to burn money, but certainly they are fast cremating it. The loss of fortunes on the turn of a card is common. Men who lose hundreds are considered "tin horns;" they must get rid of thousands to win consideration as "sports."

The office of the gold commissioner in Dawson is besieged at all times by crowds of men anxious to record claims. Sometimes they stand in line for days. With 4,000 placer claims already recorded the demand on the office does not abate. New discoveries are being regularly made. All-Gold and Sulphur creek properties are booming. On No. 34 Eldorado, in which Tom Rockwell, of this city, holds a one-third interest, a streak of pay gravel, 10 feet deep and 100 feet wide, averaging $10 to the pan, has just been struck. Several pans have gone as high as $125. *From the Berry Bros. claims on Eld*orado this spring will be cleaned up, it is estimated, at least $500,000.

Dawson, N.W.T., Dec. 20.—The gold commissioner's office at Dawson was established June 17 of this year, and since that time 4,000 placer mining claims have been recorded. From present indications 500 more will be recorded before the new year, and as the fee for recording is $15, the revenue for the Dominion government derived from this source alone, for a period of less than six months' time will reach the sum of $67,500. Added to this are the renewal fees, which is $100 for each claim, the fee of $2 making a transfer on the records.

If a newcomer to Dawson should want any evidence as to the faith the population of this community has in the gold producing qualities of the Klondike country, all that would be necessary for him to obtain this evidence would be to walk down to the gold commissioner's office and see the vast throng of men standing in the street vainly trying to obtain admittance to the office in order to record their claims. From early morning until after closing time this crowd increases in numbers, and although the gold commissioner and his able assistants are turning out the work as fast as possible, there seems to be no end to the rush. The office of the commissioner is a small frame building, about sixteen feet square, and a dozen men standing in front of the desk completely fills it. They can therefore, accommodate only a limited number. *When the office is opened at 9 in the* morning, there is a grand rush for admittance, and the fighting and scrambling very forcibly reminds one of the opening of a ticket wagon at a circus. When the office is filled the door is closed and those who were so unfortunate as not to have been near the door, have nothing left them but to wait for the next grand scramble.

One of the richest strikes ever made on Eldorado has just been made on a lay on No. 34, which is owned by J. J. Rutledge, a leading mining man, late of Juneau, Tom Rockwell, one of the best known young men of Seattle, and George Alexander, a prosperous farmer from Dungeness, Wash. They have found pay gravel which is ten feet deep and about 100 feet wide, and it will average over $10 to the pan; some pans they have taken out run as high as $125, and in no cases were the pans from picked dirt. The amount of money they will take out this winter will be somewhere in five figures.

Reports come in from All-Gold and Sulphur creeks that rich strikes have been made at several places on each of these creeks. Those bringing in the report claim that the dirt found on All-Gold will equal in richness and extent that of the far famed Eldorado. In some of the prospect holes they have got down on this creek they have from five to eight feet of pay gravel, which runs from 75 cents to $10 to the pan. On Sulphur creek, at a depth of 20 feet they have struck bed rock, and the pay is very rich. A great many men who own claims on these creeks, and who have been working lays on creeks which were known to be good, have thrown up their lays and are now sledding their outfits and supplies to these creeks, to work their own claims. These reports have caused great excitement in the camp, and prices of properties on the two creeks are bounding upwards at a lively rate.

The following will show the crude manner in which some men do business in this country. This is a copy of a deed filed in the office of the gold commissioner on the 10th inst:

Dawson dec 7 1897

no all man by these presants that i william thompson of this place does by these presents Sell Transfer and convey to john Smith, to be his airs ancestors and assigns forever the following property Namely a full one half interest or all my write and title in Claim no one hundred and six (106) above Discovery on Bonanza creek in the yukon mining division for the consideration of $10000.00 cash in hand in witness whereof i set my hand and seal.

witness William Thompson.
Patrick O'Byrne.
Katie MacRae.

The immense amount of gold which Clarence J. Berry took out of his Eldorado claims last season will not be a drop in the bucket to that which his brothers will take out of the same ground this season. Frank Berry tells me that on claims No, 4, 5, and 6 on Eldorado, which he and his brothers are working, they have a streak of gravel from eight to ten feet deep which runs from $8.50 to $100 to the pan. They have about twenty holes down, and in all of them they have fabulously rich dirt; in a few of them they are working down into the bedrock, and the pay in those holes runs from $25 to $600 to the pan, On one dump alone they now have over $100,000. These gentlemen are also working claim No. 21 below discovery on *Hunker, and there, as on Eldorado,* they have also struck the pay. On this claim they have six feet of gravel which goes from $4.50 to $10 to the pan. The Berry boys will clean up next spring at least $500,000.

TELEGRAPH TRAIL REPAIRS.

The following letter was received this week from the Hon. G. B. Martin, shows that the government are alive to the interests of the interior country and see the necessity of doing prompt work on the Telegraph trail.

Lands and Works Department.
Victoria, January 26, 1898.

F. S. REYNOLDS, Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst., re. improvements of Overland trail from Quesnelle via Hazleton to Telegraph Creek.

In reply beg to say that I will have much pleasure in bringing the subject of your letter under the consideration of my colleagues a an early date. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

New C.P.R. Time Table.

Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—An improved time table goes into effect on the western division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on Tuesday, February 1st. Trains from the west will reach Winnipeg several hours earlier.

QUESNELLE.

Among the social events of the winter has been the celebration of the birthday of our two genial justices of the peace, Messrs. Barlow and Johnston. In both cases the modes were similar. Quite a few "old hands" and new acquaintances were invited. During the early part of the evening the guests played whist and indulged in a general social chat. After this a fine *spread was set before the guests* and the manner in which the several courses were treated proved the excellency of the cook's art or the keen appetite of the guests. Supper being over the toast of the evening was drunk with great enthusiasm. Mr. McInnes of Alexandria was present at Mr. Barlow's and in a neat, humorous and witty speech recounted "the thousand many heavy times" that passed since they "both paided 'i the burn." Both were old acquantances and were on the scene in the early days of hardship, pluck and endurance. Time has written very few wrinkles on the brow of either and their step is yet as elastic and youthful as ever. The rest of the evenings was passed with toasts, songs and speeches. Such events as these tend to cherish a kindly feeling, and although it marks another mile stone, the tendency is to cheer one on to do more effectually "the duty that liest nearest the." All who had the pleasure in both instances, in uniting in the celebration, were highly pleased and enjoyed themselves very much. Long life to them and may there be many such social gatherings of well-wishers to celebrate again the birthday of two old and *respected residents and may* your correspondent be there to get the delicious cake, etc. "Auld Lang Syne" being sung the gathering so very pleasant retired after the singing of "God Save the Queen" at an early hour in the morning. The party thanked Mrs. Johnston heartily for the manner in which she entertained her guests and one and all expressed the pleasure they had during the evening.

Mr. Greshem of the H. B. post at Fort St. James, Stuart's lake, is down for a few weeks. The long distance was made on snowshoes. Accompanying Mr. Gresham was Alexander who had assaulted Colonel Weatherley some time ago. Alexander was arrested at Fort St. James but immediately made his ecape. Several shots were fired after him one of which struck him on the heel. He made good his escape and the constables returned to Quesnelle bringing with them Brewster who supplied the liquor to Alexander and Indians at the Fort. Alexander was maddened with liquor and declares he had no recollection of his action. Coming to himself and by thoughtful advice of Father Moriee he came down and gave himself up to the authorities. He appealed by *instructions from the chief* of police, before Messrs. Barlow and Johnston and fined $50, which was paid. There seems to be an absolute need of a constable or Indian agency in the region of Stuart's lake. Unprincipled scamps who call themselves white men, thinking they are far enough way from an officer of the law, commit actions which often lead to murder and bloodshed, and none are worse than the supplying of liquor to the natives.

Rev. D. Campbell spent last Sunday week at Barkerville, on his return he went to the 150 where he spent two Sundays.

Mrs. Locke and two daughters who had been spending a few weeks with her parents at Barkerville returned by Saturdays stage.

A peculiar and unusual phenomin occurred here on the afternoon of the 26th, in the way of a very loud clap of thunder. It is not wise to attempt to prognosticate the omen but to speak like an oracle, it may be early spring or late, or it may be a warning for those who will go the Poor Man's route to the Klondike. It may be a signal to come this way.

S. A. Rogers, M. P. P., passed down to-day on his way to the session of parliament.

LILLOOET.

Since Christmas we have enjoyed delicious weather insomuch that the waterproof gentlemen from the coast are enthusiastic in their praises of our climate.

Supplies are being shipped into Bridge river preparatory to spring prospecting. The mines being developed in that district are doing splendidly and assist materially in keeping up the interest.

Ten men arrived here on Friday's stage who will proceed to Bridge river to commence operations on the Forty Thieves group. The B.C. Trust Co. intend pushing forward this property and opening up what has proved so far a fine proposition.

A bridge is being built across the head of Lake creek and Duguid & Co., intend moving their sawmill across to the opposite point.

The ledge recently struck in the Golden Cache mine has proved a very rich one. It is two and a half feet wide at present and has clearly defined walls. It has every promise of being a permanent ledge and the true one of the Golden Cache claim. Every prospect is cheerful at present and Lillooet is to the fore yet.

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YUKON MINING REGULATIONS.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 28.—After careful consideration, and with the advice of William Ogilvie, the great Canadian authority on the Yukon country, the department of the interior has decided upon the legal conditions which are to govern placer mining in the Yukon. The regulations in substance are as follows:

Free miners shall mean a male or female over the age of 18, but not under that age, or a joint stock company named in and lawfully possessed of valid existing free miner's certificate and no other.

A free miner's certificate shall not be transferrable. This certificate may be granted for one year to run from the date thereof or expiration of the applicant's then existing certificate, on the payment thereof of the sum of $10, unless the certificate is to be issued in favor of a joint stock company, in which case the fee shall be $50; for a company having a nominal capital exceeding $100,000, the fee shall be $100.

Only one person or joint stock company shall be named in a certificate. This certificate shall also grant the holder the privilege of fishing and shooting, subject to provisions of laws, the privilege of cutting timber for actual necessities, for building houses, boats and for general mining operations; for the exclusive use of the miner himself, but such permission shall not extend to timber which may have been granted to other persons or corporations.

Certificates may be obtained by applicants in person at the department of the interior at Ottawa, or from the agents of the Dominion land at Winnipeg, Man.; Calgary, Edmonton, Prince Albert, in the Northwest Territories; Kamloops and New Westminster, B. C.; at Dawson, in the Yukon district; also from the collectors of customs at Ashcroft, Vancouver and Victoria, B. C.

No person or joint stock company will be recognized as having any right or interest in or to any claim unless he or it or every person in his or its employment shall have a free miner's certificate unexpired, and on the expiration of a free miner's certificate the owner thereof shall absolutely forfeit all his right and interest unless he shall on or before the day following the expiration of such certificate, obtain a new free miner's certificate.

Nevertheless, should any co-owner fail to keep up his free miner's certificate, such failure shall not cause a forfeiture or act as an abandonment of the claim, but the interest of such co-owners, pro rata, according to their former interests; provided nevertheless that a shareholder in a joint stock company need not be a free miner.

Every free miner shall, during the continuance of his certificate, have the right to enter, prospect or mine for gold, and minerals upon the lands of the Yukon, whether vested in the crown or otherwise, except upon government reservations, and land lawfully occupied.

A creek, gulch, river or gulch, river or hill claim, shall not exceed 250 feet in length in the general direction of the stream or ravine on which it fronts and shall not be more than 1,000 feet in width. Each alternate ten claims shall be reserved for the government of Canada.

That is to say, when a claim is located the discoverer's claim and nine additional claims adjoining each other and numbered consecutively, will be open for registration. The next ten claims of 250 ft. will be reserved for the government and so on.

The penalty for trespassing upon a claim reserved for the crown shall be the immediate cancellation of any entry or entries which the person trespassing may have obtained, whether by original entry or purchase for a mining claim, and the refusal of the acceptance of any application which the person trespassing may have obtained, whether by original entry or purchase for a mining claim, and the refusal of the acceptance of any application which the persons trespassing may at any time make for a claim.

If any free miner or party of free miners discoverers a new mine and such discovery shall be established to the satisfaction of the mining recorder, creek, river or hill claims of the following sizes shall be allowed:

To one discoverer of claim, 500 feet in length; to a party of two discoverers, two claims, amounting together to 1,000 feet in length; to each member of a party beyond two in number a claim of the ordinary size only.

A claim shall be recorded with the mining recorder in whose district it is situated within ten days after the location thereof.

Entry shall not be granted for a claim which has not been staked by the applicants in the manner specified in these regulations. An entry fee of $15 shall be charged the first year, and an annual fee of $15 for each of the following years.

A royalty of 10 per cent. on the gold mined shall be levied and collected on the gross output of each claim. The sum of $2,500 shall be deducted from the gross annual output of a claim when estimating the amount upon which royalty is to be calculated, but the exception shall not be allowed unless the royalty is paid at a banking office or to the gold commissioner or mining recorder.

The following regulations are adopted for the issue of leases to persons or companies who have obtained a free miner's certificate to dredge for minerals other than coal in the submerged beds of rivers in the provincial district of Yukon in the Northwest territory.

The lessee shall be given the exclusive right to subaqueous mining and dredging for all minerals, with the exception of coal in and along an unbroken extent of five miles of a river.

No more than six such leases will be issued in favor of any individual or company, so that the maximum extent of a river in and along which any individual or company shall be given the exclusive right above mentioned shall under no circumstances exceed 30 miles.

The lease shall be for a term of 30 years, renewable in the discretion of the minister of the interior. The lessee shall have at least one dredge in operation upon the five miles of river leased to him within two seasons from the date of his lease, and, if, during one season, when no operations can be carried on, he fails to efficiently work the same to the satisfaction of the minister of the interior, the lease shall become null and void unless the minister of the interior shall otherwise decide.

Provided, that when any company or individual has obtained more than one lease, one dredge for each 15 miles or portion thereof shall be held to be compliance with this regulation.

The lessee shall pay a rental of $100 per annum for each mile of river so leased to him. The lessee shall also pay to the crown a royalty of ten per cent. on the output in excess of $15,000.

A rich deposit of platinum has been discovered near Fort Worth, Texas, by expert miners from California. They recently bought 300 acres of land in Jack county, near Jackboro, and after sinking a 110-foot shaft found numerous samples of platinum at a depth of of 50 feet.

The Omenica Country.

Mr. C. N. Black, C. E., manager of two Omenica mining companies, was one of the visitors in the city last week, in attendance at the meeting of the Mining Engineers' Association. Mr. Black was a caller at the office of the Mining Critic, and, in speaking of the Omenica country said:

"In that country British Columbia has a vast area of gold-bearing territory that until recently has been very little explored. The gold bearing tract thus far discovered is on the Arctic slope and the streams tributary to the Peace river. The difficulty of access, the uncertainty of food supplies, and the great expense of transportation have, in spite of the richness of the country, almost entirely defeated all attempts at mining operations on an extensive scale until within the last two years, when three companies commenced operations on Manson, Germanson and Slate creeks. The nearest railway point is 570 miles distant; the first 220 miles are over a good wagon road; the remainder of the way is over a trail, part of it being the famous Telegraph trail. There is plenty of feed for pack horses along the trail. Boats also could be used from Soda Creek, on the Fraser river, to within 60 miles of the mines.

"In summer the Omenica can also be reached from the coast by steamer to Hazleton on the Skeena river, whence a good trail 150 miles in length extends to the mines. The trails have been much improved the past two years, and at the present time pack animals can easily get in, and the rate on freight has been reduced from $1 to 16½ cents per pound from Victoria to Manson to and Germanson creeks.

"The first rush to the Omenica was in 1869, when rich diggings were discovered on Germanson creek, and the following year gold was found on Manson and other creeks. Consequent, however on the Cassiar stampede and the prevailing high freight rates the country was nearly abandoned in a few years. Ground that would not pay to work then will yield rich returns now when worked by moderate hydraulic processes.

"The first eight years the Omenica creeks yielded $1,000,000 in dust and nuggets. Last year two men took out $18,000, and at least $30,000 more were taken out by other miners rocking and sluicing. Nuggets worth $200 have frequently been found. During 1888 the largest nugget taken out was worth $60. On Last Chance creek, a tributary of Manson, the Irwin company of five men took out 500 ounces in one week. Four men took $105,000 out of one claim. On Black Jack gulch, another tributary of the Manson, in 1891, five men averaged $200 per day throughout the season.

"Doubtless the Omenica is a very rich country. But it is not a poor man's country. At the present time a person going there must figure on putting in at least two years' time and spending $1,500. There may be new creeks struck for 100 miles north of the Omenica is a district that has never been explored by white men. It lies between Peace river and the now famous Yukon; but to explore this country will take both money and grit.

"The paystreak in the Omenica is undoubtedly a glacial deposit. It is supposed to cross the river at right angles and it overlaps at forty feet above the bedrock. It is composed of chloritic schists and shale, overlapped in some places by ferruginous cement. This cement carries gold also, and glacial strata is composed of schists and argillites mixed with stiff blue clay, gray shale and quartz in large amounts, and appears to extend for miles. Although I have only proved it in one place, it shows all the way to Lost creek on the east bank of the Manson and also Germanson creek in many places."

Mr. Black will return to the Omenica shortly to look after the properties in which he is interested."

Steamer Corona Wrecked.

Nanaimo, B.C., Jan. 28.—The steamer Danube arrived at Departure Bay late this evening, bringing down news of the wreck of the steamer Corona, with 245 passengers aboard. The Corona struck a rock near the mouth of the Skeena river and at once commenced to sink. Lifeboats were lowered and the passengers were conveyed to the beach of the Skeena river. The steamer Al-Ki went to the rescue. She is now on her way south with the unfortunate gold seekers. The Corona struck the rock on Tuesday morning bow on, and is now lying with stern submerged. It is feared that the Corona will prove a total wreck and the whole of her cargo will be lost.

It is also reported that the Union Steamship Company's steamer Coquitlam was wrecked on the Skeena river. Particulars of this wreck were not obtainable faom the passengers of the Danube.

Seattle, Jan. 28.—A special to the Times from Victoria says that news has been received there that the steamship Corona, which left Seattle with 225 passengers January 20 for southeastern Alaskan ports has been wrecked near Lewis island at the mouth of the Skeena river. Her passengers were all safely landed on Kennedy island. Every pound of freight and baggage is lost. No further particulars are given. The Corona was a screw propellor, 220 feet long, 35 feet beam, nine feet five inches hold, built at Philadelphia in 1888, and has been running on this coast ever since. She is well known in southern California, having been on the run there between San Francisco and San Diego for some years. She was a 15-knot boat and was fitted all modern appliances.

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The pamphlet recently gotten out by the Mining Journal has been mailed to all enquirers, and to our exchanges and the leading newspapers of Canada and the United States. Several hundred copies have already been furnished to the stores and business houses in Ashcroft, and by them sent out to enquirers. Arrangements were made in the east with different railroad companies that are interested, and that have already sent out several thousand copies, whereby they will from now on send them to all enquiring about the route. Arrangements are also being made to have a Baltimore house publish the pamphlet at that city in large numbers, so a large circulation is assured. From this time on the pamphlet, containing in all 70 pages, including ten full page views of points and objects of interest along the route, a good and accurate full page map showing the overland route, advertisements, etc., will be sent out by J. H. Clements, Druggist and Statiouer, postpaid on receipt of twenty-five cents. Any advertiser who has not received a copy or copies will be supplied with the same gratuitously on application. Address—J. H. Clements, Druggist and Stationer, Asheroft, B.C.

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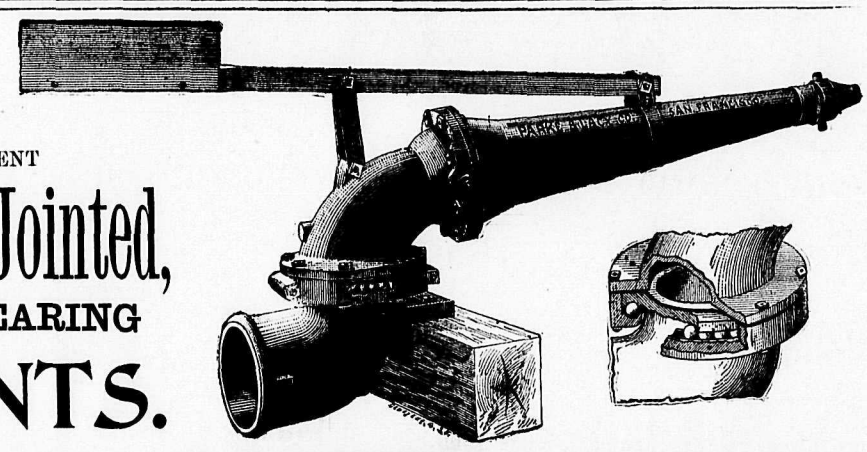

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Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

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Situate in the Lillooet Mining Division of Lillooet District.

Where located—South Fork of Bridge River.

Take notice that we, Robert B. Skinner and John Marshall, free miner's certificates No. 6370A, and 75318, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

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On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess of income, when the same is not moer than ten thousand dollars, one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars, and not more than twenty thousand dollars one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

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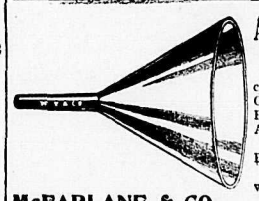

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Mr. Finch on Klondike.

"I regard the overland route to the Klondike much more favorably than when it was first considered," said John A. Finch yesterday. "At that time it appeared that the coast routes would be able to accommodate the movement but present indications are that the crowd will soon be congested on those routes. I now look upon the overland route as a safety valve.

"I have viewed this Klondike rush with much concern," added Mr. Finch. "Thousands are going who have no conception of the dangers and hardships. They only know that they want to reach Klondike and pick up some of that gold. I fear there will be great distress later in the season. If the rush continues at the present rate the government will be called upon to dispatch vessels to bring back the men who have wasted their resources in trying to get over the coast routes.

"The overland route is much safer. It passes through a vast mineral country, which is certainly a fine field for the experienced prospector or the men capable of becoming good prospectors. Men taking this route with their own pack horses and sufficient supplies will incur little risk, as the country is pleasant in summer, there is game in the mountains and fish in the streams. Even if men taking this route should spend all their money, they would be left with some resources. They would have means of returning, or they could build cabins and for a season or two at least, live on game and fish.

"I, if an ambitious young friend of mine intended going to the Klondike, I should advise him to reconsider his decision, but if he were determined to go I should advise him to take the overland route. That would give him a pleasant summer outing, and there will be no pleasure on the coast routes. The overland route is best for the inexperienced man from the east, who knows nothing about gold mining. The great majority of those rushing to the Klondike know nothing of panning for gold or prospecting for quartz. Many do not know the difference between granite and basalt, and would be as apt to hunt for gold in a pile of basalt as elsewhere. Inexperienced men taking the overland route will pass through a mineral country, and will meet mining men all along the way. From these they can gain valuable information, and when they reach the sources of the Yukon they will at least know something about how to begin work.

"I am convinced there is a good wagon road all the way to Quesnelle, 220 miles beyond Ashcroft. In 1888 I went over this route as far as Okanagan lake. I drove all the way to Conconnully, and went the rest of the way on horseback, but now one can go all the way to the lake and take the steamer there for the journey up the lake, or pass along the lake shore with a wagon. If I were going I should take a wagon as far as Quesnelle, selling it there and continuing by pack train. One can take his pack horses along in that way, and they will be fresh when he reaches the end of the wagon road at Quesnelle."

The Klondike excitemet has given rise to a new industry in this city, viz., the manufacture of rockers. The rocker in question is the invention of Mr. Tetreau, who has had a lengthy mining experience in Cariboo and elsewhere, and is manufactured by Messrs. Tetreau & Ogden at 30 Oppenheimer street, where it can be seen in operation. It is named the "Common Sense" rocker, an appropriate title, owing to its simplicity. The rocker is made entirely of oak, and only nuts and screws are used to put it together. It can thus be easily taken to pieces for transportation, and each part fits together in convenient form, the whole only weighing 30 pounds. The riffles are so constructed that the rocker will catch all the gold, while copper plates and quicksilver can be placed, if necessary, to catch flour gold. By actual tests it has been proved that the rocker will work all the gravel a man can shovel, so that its capacity is much greater than an ordinary machine made by a miner in the bush. The cost complete is only $20.—News-Advertiser.

The Grubstake Decision.

Western Mining World: Reference was made in these columns last week to an action in court that would have an important bearing on grubstake agreements. An opinion in the case was rendered by Federal Judge Hanford last Monday. As already stated the action was brought by citizens of Spokane to acquire a share in Klondike mining claims taken by man whom they had grubstaked. M. A. Cisna and seven other parties were the plaintiffs in this suit, and T. H. Malloy the defendant, the issue involved being the duration of a grubstake contract, no limitations having been prescribed when the agreement was entered into A decision was rendered in favor of the defendant, Judge Hanford expressing his view of the case as follows:

"I consider that the contract cannot be fairly construed so as to create any right in favor of the plaintiffs to property situated in a distant foreign country, purchased by Malloy with his own money more than two years after the agreement was entered into. Grub stake contracts will be enforce by the courts, but only as other contracts. It is not enough for parties to assert that they have rights in order to secure legal protection, but they must be able to prove in each case a clear and definite contract, and by terms and conditions in compliance therewith, rights have become vested."

The plaintiffs lost their case because their showing was insufficient, the application for an injunction pendente lite being denied on that ground. It appears that an imperfectly drawn contract, stating no definite limits as to time, could not be made to cover any considerable portion of a man's lifetime. Had the contract with Malloy been drawn to cover a period of two years from date, and its conditions complied with, eight citizens of Spokane would have shared in the "countless millions" supposed to lie in that portion of North America's abdomen represented by Malloys claims. The decision is a rebuke to the carelessness usually exercised in such matters.

Struck a Klondike.

A young man not long ago approached the Charity Organization Society of Indianapolis, Ind., penniless, discouraged and half sick. He begged for employment, rather than charitable assistance, and a temporary opening was found for him. Now he is making nearly ten dollars per week in a business he has established.

PORT SIMPSON.

The quarter of an inch of snow which fell last night has already disappeared by the rain.

The steamer Danube called in here on the evening of the 19th inst, enroute to Dyea, Alaska. Among her 800 passengers bound for the Klondike gold fields were Mr. Patterson and Mr. Chas. McGee, late of Ashcroft.

The Hudson Bay Company's river steamer Caledonia will be launched tomorrow morning early and then it wont be long till the tug "Chieftain" arrives from Port Essington to tow her to Victoria.

Among the passengers who arrived by the steamer Boscowitz last night were Miss L. Stephenson, one of the nurses of the Port Simpson Hospital who has been spending a few weeks holidays in Victoria, and our stipendiary magistrate, Mr. J. Lindsay-Alexander, who has been holding court at the Skeena.

Master W. Lindsay-Alexander will leave this evening for Victoria where he will continue his studies at Collegiate school.

The Hudson Bay Company is having their wharf repaired to stand the coming rush in the spring for Klondike.

Mr. George Cunningham of Port Simpson is one of the guests at the Hotel Northern.

January 21, 1898.

As the subject of deep mining of auriferous quartz veins is often brought up nowadays, it will be interesting to our readers to know the following depths which some of the prominent mines of California have reached. The Kennedy is yielding profits at a depth of 2,200 feet, the Empire has reached 2,100 feet, the Lost Star 2,000 feet, the Omaha and Providence 1,700 feet each, the Maryland 1,600 feet, and the Keystone, Zelia, Wildman, Utica, Chamand several others depths ranging from 1,100 to 1,400 feet.

The B. C. Company's Act came into force on the first day of January, 1898. This act requires companies organized outside of the Province to register on or before the first of January and imposes a fine of $50 a day for each day after the first if registration is not made. The fee for registration varies with the capital of the company, being a little over $100 for a million dollar company. We fancy that the majority of the mushroom companies organized in '96 and '97 during boom times will be out of business by the first of February.

There are many things to admire, but there are more things to deplore in the London methods of organizing, promoting and carrying forward mining operations in foreign countries. Beginning at the beginning, the large and excessive profits (whether share or cash is immaterial) given to the underwriters of a company: the considerable sums for the rent of an elaborately fitted office in the city, with its salaried secretary and staff of three or four clerks, and, worst of all, its London board of salaried directors, who attempt the management of a property from three to six thousand miles distant, by means of meetings, called on receipt of a cablegram from its manager, but too often delayed two or three weeks after receipt of such cable. It may not be out of place to say that the one thing which has made American mine owners the most successful men of their class in the world has been the policy of managing nothing at arm's length. We venture to say that no English investor would care to have a bank or big commercial undertaking thousands of miles away managed in London, the resident head officer of such undertaking being compelled to submit all matters of policy, even in emergency cases, to the London board; yet this is the policy which the investor insists on when he goes into a mining venture in the colonies. A correspondent to the Financial News pertinently observes: "It has been the custom to blame promoters, mining engineers and experts, cut what about the directors? How many of them are really fit and proper persons to be entrusted with the interests committed to their care, and with sums of money nearly equal to the revenues of a small kingdom?" We fancy that it would be analogous to Mrs. Partington's attempt to mop back the Atlantic ocean from doorstep, if one should attempt to convince the British investor that his methods are wrong; yet the cases are numerous where the president manager of a mining company, with its capital in the hundreds of thousands of pounds, has been obliged to cable to London before he could incur an expenditure, even in an emergency case, exceeding £200. We know of many times idle for weeks because the resident manager was waiting for authority from London to purchase the requisite pumping machinery, and other cases could be cited of just as ridiculous a character.

The ordinary London director of a mining company knows just as much about business and about mining as a newsboy knows about banking and finance, and we firmly believe that the abolition of these fee hunting directors (whose chief recommendation in many cases is that they are the sons of titled fathers, and therefore have a handle to their names) is one of the patent reforms in the management of English corporations abroad.

The Mining and Scientific Press, of San Francisco, in a recent issue contains an admirable letter from Almirin B. Paul, entitled "English Capital in American Mines." Mr. Paul gives many instances of failure of English corporations formed to work property in California and Nevada, and the reasons therefor. The concluding paragraph reads as follows: "If English investors will allow themselves to be led into unprofitable ventures, it is all their own fault, as there are any number of individuals in these latter days, having enough knowledge of vein structure, value of ores and of extraction of the metals, to steer clear of bad ventures. Mining of today and of twenty years ago is as different as is one dollar from five dollars."

The average mining correspondent is either born with, or rapidly acquires, the art of romancing, to use a polite term for lying He is given to report some fabulous strike of "ten feet" of ore, more or less, assaying in the hundreds of dollars to the ton. As a matter of fact some one single specimen may have assayed as stated and the vein may be ten feet wide, but usually the amount of material in that ten feet which will assay the figure given is less than one per cent. The accuracy of the information given in a mining paper's notes is well measured by the way in which reports of such finds are worded.

The futility of attempting to value a free milling proposition by means of assaying hand samples is well known to competent engineers, but the public may not know that some abominable expert work is done on the hand sampling of ores containing free gold. The coarser the gold is, the more likely are the results to be inaccurate, as gold is never evenly distributed in any rock. We know of cases where hand samples taken from a mine have assayed as high as $2,000 to the ton but where the average value of the material to be mined did not exceed $12 per ton. We think that the failure of the Golden Cache mine to realize promises as to the value of its quartz may very probably be ascribed to this pernicious habit of attempting to value a free gold mine by small samples.—Canadian Mining Review.

Anyone wishing reliable information regarding the overland route from Ashcroft to Lake Teslin can secure the same by remitting 25 cents to J. H. Clements, druggist and stationer, at Ashcroft, for a copy of "Overland to Klondike," through "Cariboo, Omenica and Cassiar." Ten full page illustrations and a correct map of the roads and trails, issued by the B.C. MINING JOURNAL, and contains its special correspondent's report of the actual present condition of the trail, Surveyor J. D. Devereux having been sent over the route by the JOURNAL to examine and report on the same. The book contains in all 70 pages.

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(FORM F.)

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URAL MINERAL CLAIM. Situate in the Lillooet Mining Division of Lillooet District.

Where located—South Fork of Bridge River.

Take notice that we, Robert B. Skinner and John R. Williams, free miner's certificates No. 6370A and 75464, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 20th day of November, 1897.

R. B. SKINNER,
3249 JOHN R. WILLIAMS.

NOTICE.

MINERAL POINT MINERAL CLAIM, situate in Lillooet Mining Division of Lillooet District.

Where located,—Cayoosh Creek.

Take notice that we, R. H. Verity and Wm. Wilkinson, free miner's certificate No. 40,040 and 40,047, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

R. H. VERITY,
WM. WILKINSON.

Dated this 11th day of October A. D. 1897. 24-35.

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And with power, to construct, equip, operate and maintain, branch lines and all necessary bridges, roads, ways, ferries, wharves, docks, and coal bunkers in connection therewith; and with power to build, own, equip, operate and maintain steam and other vessels and boats; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in conection with the said railways and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipality or other persons or bodies corporate, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies; and with power to build wagon roads to be used in construction of such railways and in advance of the same, and to use wagon roads already constructed, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any such roads built by the company, built after the passage of the Act hereby applied for, and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them. LATCHFORD & MCDOUGALL,
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Dated at Ottawa the 27th day of November, 1897. 37-10

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(FORM F.)

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NOTICE.

BERTA MINERAL CLAIM. Situate in the Lillooet Mining Division of Lillooet District.

Where located—South Fork of Bridge River.

Take notice that I, C. A. Phair, free miner's certificate No. 55695, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 20th day or November, 1897.

3249 C. A. PHAIR.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

SEPARATE TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until the 26th day of February next for the following parcels of property belonging to the Barley estate.

A pre-emption of 320 acres of land, known as the Lakeside farm, situated on Dragon lake, with all improvements, implements, houses, and tools belonging thereto, also including his claim to the meadows in connection.

For any further particulars apply to the undersigned.

The right is reserved to reject any, or all bids.

39-42 JOHN A. FRASER,
Official Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

SEPARATE tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 20th day of February next for the following parcels of property belonging to the estate of A. McAlinden.

1. The Hidden Treasure claim, a quartz claim situated on Grouse creek, a short distance above McAlinden's store.

2. The Mary Ann claim, a 900 foot placer claim on McBean's flat, Antler creek, adjoining the Nason claim on the east.

3. Six interests in the Yellow Lion claim, a 1,200 foot claim of twelve interests on Cunningham creek.

4. One and one-half interests in the Nason claim on Antler creek.

5. The Cascade Mining claim, a placer claim of 900 feet on Grouse creek.

6. The Short Bend claim, a 900 foot hydraulic claim on Grouse creek, fully equipped, and in good order for working, with all tools, sluice boxes, and pipe and monitor belonging to the claim.

7. A dwelling house, store, butcher shop, stable, and warehouse on Grouse creek, including stoves, furniture, dishes, wood and a large assortment of second hand mining tools.

For any further particulars apply to the undersigned.

The right is reserved to reject any, or all bids.

39-42 JOHN A. FRASER,
Official Administrator.

Quesnelle, B. C., January 21st, 1898.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Allison Woods and Joseph L. Keeler, under the firm name of Woods & Keeler, doing business at "The Welcome" Restaurant, Ashcroft, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent; Allison Woods will continue the business, to whom all debts are to be paid and who will settle all accounts against the said firm.

Dated this the 17th day of January, A.D. 1898.

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LOCAL NEWS.

W. Higginbottam has secured the contract for building J. H. Clements new building and will begin the erection within a few days.

A. L. Ulrich and family arrived back in Ashcroft from Vancouver this week and will make their home in Cache Creek. The family were not pleased with the climate of the coast.

The Kamloops publishing company has gotten out a neat copy of a work entitled "Hints for Intending Klondikers." It is well written and will be well received by the reading public. The work was done at the Standard office.

Messrs. Harvey, Bailey & Co. have recently bought the vacant ground lying between their store and the Ashcroft Hotel. It will not be surprising to see a new brick block erected on it in the near future. It is too valuable a piece of ground to remain vacant.

For heavy supplies to be guaranteed delivered to you at Hazleton and Glenora when you call for them on the overland route write the undersigned. We can give you the Hudson's Bay Company's guarantee that the goods ordered through us shall be packed and awaiting your arrival and at the same rates that the company sell them for. Write for particulars.

REYNOLDS & ROBERTS.
Ashcroft, B. C.

The entertainment given in aid of the English Church was held on Thursday evening of this week and was a great success. We are requested to say that a full account of the programme and of the financial returns will be furnished for next week's issue.

Dr. J. S. Scott Terrance Shackelder and John Allen of Beavedam, Wis. paid Ashcroft a visit this week. They are now down at the coast and after a few days in Vancouver and Victoria will again make Ashcroft a call. They are live hustling fellows and may decide to make British Columbia their home in the near future.

John McRae, of Quesnelle Forks, now in Vancouver, is hustling for a telephone line from the 150 to Quesnelle Forks. It is much needed and should be made to pay well. It could be made to connect with the different mines where work is carried on and would be well patronized by the general public. By all means let us have a telephone from the 150 to Quesnelle Forks.

G. W. Baldwin so long known as the "skin tyhee" in this vicinity will hereafter make his headquarters in Winnipeg, but hopes to see his old friends occassionally during the season that the furs are prime and the crows are fund in abundance. Many a crow will have just "caws" for thankfullness when Baldwin and his Parker are seen no more.

Telegrams arrived this week from Seattle, asking for prices for 150 horses and pack saddles. By a private letter from a friend lately in Seattle, he says the Overland Route is a certain winner, not one-fourth of those intending to go to the coast can secure steamer for any coast point, and even in Seattle many are intending to come to Ashcroft, outfit here and go overland. The writer of the letter saw one party of 25 men that had all arrangements made to leave Seattle for Ashcroft on the first of April.

It is reported that one of the members of this section does not feel like uniting with the rest to urge on the building of trails and wagon roads through the interior of the province, as such proposed improvement would not benefit his particular neighborhood. We think there must be some mistake about this being the case, but if true such a member is not fit to represent the community, he is dead and should be buried. The wheels of progress should not be retarded by such a short-sighted policy. Let him have the barnacles raked off.

We are in receipt of a marked copy of the Inland Sentinel of last week containing the well written letter of Mr. Gaglietto in which he finds serious fault with some of the business men of Kamloops. By a line unsigned we were asked to reproduce it. We do not do so for the reasons that the Sentinel has a good circulation in this section and the letter would not be news, the communication asking reproduction was as stated above, unsigned, and we do not know of our personal knowledge anything of the facts. It seems to us if the statements made in the letter are true a serious injustice was done to Mr. Gaglietto.

A large number of notices to delinquent subscribers are sent out this week. Those receiving these notices will confer a favor by a prompt remittance. It is but little to each but in the aggregate is a considerable sum. We have tried our best to give you a readable paper since its establishment in Ashcroft nearly three years since, and in a small community each should do his part. Yours is to pay your bills to the local papers when due, and the fact that it is a small sum that causes a bill to be thrown aside and forgotten, return the bill and if you cannot afford to pay it say so and we will receipt it and send it back and take your name off the books, or if you cannot afford to pay for it and yet want the news of this section say so and we will continue you on the list. Any way to give satisfaction—but answer the notice sent in some way and you will oblige us.

P. C. Dunlevy, a prominent business and mining man from Cariboo, came down this week to Ashcroft, and is on his way to the coast. He reports the outlook prosperous for Cariboo.

See the reproduction, as nearly as possible, of the mining licenses for issue by James C. Shields, at Ashcroft. Prospectors can also obtain provincial licenses at this point. The attention of the Colonist, Times, News-Advertiser and World is called to the fact that Ashcroft is in it even if they have so far failed to find it out.

The reports from the batchelors' ball are that they danced the first night at the 150, went down to the Onward Ranch and danced all of the next night, and at last reports had returned to the 150 and resumed it there. If they don't stop soon we shall have to send up a committee to see what ails them. One hundred and eighty couples are said to have been present.

Wm. Adams, M. P. P., for Cariboo passed down to Victoria this week. During the winter he has done good work for the overland route by giving a few letters to the eastern press. He will join with others in urging, and says there is no doubt but that within a few weeks the government will have not less than four or five gangs of men at work on the different sections of the route.

S. A. Rogers, M. P. P., left town this morning for Victoria, having arrived yesterday from his home in Cariboo. Mr. Rogers assures us that Cariboo has not looked so well for many seasons as at present, that good times are assured for the immediate future and that he will assist in every way towards having immediate work done on the Quesnelle-Telegraph trail, and he is convinced that thousands will travel through the interior route. While Mr. Rogers did not say as much to us we judge that he will be a candidate for re-election next spring. Mr. Rogers has made a painstaking member and has heavy interests in the district.

The article reproduced this week from the Seattle Times shows the folly of men crowding into Skaguay, at least without money. In a few weeks some will begin to move outfits over the passes at Skaguay and Dyea and work at packing can be obtained, but remember all, that this only lasts for a few weeks, say from at best, March 1st to April 1st. Then the passes become absolutely impassable. The snow, from 50 to 100 feet deep in places, becomes soft. The rivers are raging torrents. Snowslides are continuous and all must suspend operations until the snow has melted. This means from 50 cents to $1.00 per pound for every pound crossed over the rivers. The moral is plain. Take the overland route. If you get tired of it and prospecting turn your horses the other way and go home.

Plot To Burn The Al-Ki.

"Kill the white-livered captain and burn the ship!"

"Overboard with the whole gang! Come on, boys, drop 'em into the drink!"

Those and a thousand other phrases, interlarded with blasphemous oaths were the shouts that greeted the ears of the Al-Ki's captain and crew as the vessel entered the harbor at Skaguay and found nearly two thousand threatening, wild, gesticulating men waiting to receive her," said one of the officers yesterday.

The situation at Skaguay is clearly shown by this reception accorded the Al-ki on her arrival there after laying twenty four hours on a mud bank off Battery Point upon her last voyage.

It seems that when the rush for the gold fields of Alaska first set in there was an insufficient number of white men at Skaguay to handle steamboat freight on arriving, so the agent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company at Juneau would send a gang of Indian stevedores from that point to unload the Al-ki on its arrival and this practice was continued right along, regardless of labor conditions subsequently prevailing at Skaguay.

Through the whole season the feeling has prevailed that if men could only reach Skaguay or Dyea they would be "all right" and find work in abundance at fabulous prices. And it so happened that, in consequence of there being no fixed price for labor in that market, the wages paid were based merely on circumstances and emergencies arising from conditions at the time prevailing.

Many men got up there without a dollar and many others squandered what they had on arriving and, as others continued to flock there like sheep, without the means to carry them further, the town soon became full of penniless, idle men, whose numbers were augmented with the arrival of every boat.

In consequence it is stated that today there are between 1,500 and 2,000 men up there out of work, out of cash and out of the actual necessities of life. This is understood to represent about one-half the population, which is on the whole as respectable and orderly as can possibly be expected in a new town surrounded by such conditions as necessarily prevail up there.

But there is a limit to human endurance and though men be as mild as suckling doves and gentle and refined as civilization can make them, yet starvation drives them wild and destroys the effect that the refining influences of civilization have had upon them. When, therefore, these men who were crazy for work in order to earn a few mouthfuls of bread saw the one chance of earning a few dollars by unloading the Al-Ki cut off by a crowd of Indians brought along, as they supposed, to cut wages and thus take the bread out of the white men's mouths their indignation knew no bounds.

A consultation was held by the disappointed men and it was determined to rush upon the vessel and seizing the officers, drop them overboard and thus unceremoniously usher them into eternity. It is a terrible thing to think about. Fifteen hundred desperate men, anxious for work, plotting to kill the officers of a vessel for bringing a band of Indians to discharge her freight.

Some grudge is alleged to have existed against the Al-Ki for previous offenses of a like nature and it is claimed that the plot to murder her officers, cut loose her lines and then burn the vessel was made before her arrival in port.

The first attack was made upon the Indian stevedores, who fought valiantly against fearful odds and were re-inforced by the mate, who appears to have been a second edition of Fitzsimmons and to have put up a good fight. He soon, however, began to get weary and was fast getting winded when the chief engineer got on shore with an axe, but was deterred from swinging it and was forced back on the vessel by his brother officers. But, being a resourceful sort of a fellow, he ordered the hose coupled on to a stream pipe and the deck was cleared for action.

In the meantime Deputy United States Marshall McGinnis appeared on the scene and by virtue of his authority ordered all hostilities to cease and then dispersed the crowd. For awhile things looked very serious and had it not been for McGinnis' coolness and valor as well as for the bravery of the Al-Ki's men, there would have been a more terrible tale to record than "longshoreman's riot," which was really the clamor of idle, penniless men for bread and the determination of a few more desperate ones in the crowd to commit wilful murder to right a fancied wrong. —Seattle Times.

I. O. G. T.—ASHCROFT LODGE NO. 25, I. O. G. T. Meets every Thursday evening in Oddfellows Hall 7:30 o'clock. Visiting members cordially invited to attend. J. B. BRYSON, SEC.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I will make application to the assistant commissioner of lands and works for Cariboo district to lease for a term of 5 years, eighty (80) acres of meadow and situate on the south branch of the Narcoslee river and about eight miles southwest of the old Hudson Bay Fort at Alexandria, commencing at a post marked A. J. S. Twan, south west corner post, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains and thence west 20 chains to initial post.

JOHN S. TWAN,
Alexandria, B. C., February 7th, 1898. 40-4

NOTICE.

A SITTING OF THE COUNTY COURT of Cariboo will be held at Ashcroft, B.C., on Monday, the 14th day of March, A.D. 1898, at the hour of 10 a. m.

By Order,
JOSEPH WM. BURR,
Deputy Registrar,
C.C. of Cariboo.
Ashcroft, B.C., Jan. 30, 1898. 40-5

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For further information apply to
40-43 ROBERT McLEESE,
Soda Creek, B. C.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to lease eighty acres of meadow land adjoining Lot 229, Group 1 in the district of Lillooet, commencing at a stake marked "C. R. Doxat's south-west corner," situate half way between the north-west corner and north-east corners of the said lot, thence east 20 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 40 chains to the initial post.

40-43 C. R. DOXAT,
per H. C. Rayson.
Clinton, B. C., January 26, 1898.

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40-43 C. R. DOXAT,
per H. C. Rayson.
Clinton, B. C., January 26, 1898.

RAW FUR NOTICE.

I, the undersigned representing Joseph Ullmann of St. Paul, New York and London, England, wish to inform my friends and the public generally that I do not intend to travel as heretofore. Those favoring me with shipments of Raw Furs can rely on fair treatment, and prompt returns assured. Write for price list. G. W. BALDWIN,
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ALLISON WOODS, Proprietor.

See the new advs. of Robert McLeese, James Ullman, James McMillan & Co., and others in this issue.

Party at Alkali Lake.

A surprise party gathered at Mr. Bowe's last Friday and a sociable dance was enjoyed all night. Songs were sung by Miss Dassault and Mrs. J. Hamilton, with Mrs. Paxton on the piano. Mr. D. Felker and Mrs. W. Felker sang "Twenty Years Ago," in good style. Mr. H. Felker sang a comic song and was highly encored. Mr. J. Hudson the well known carpenter, sang an old time song of Peace river, entitled the "Old Pack Mule," which brought much laughter and applause. Parties came all the way from Lac La Hache, 150-Mile House, Onward Ranch, Chimney creek and Spring House. Mr. Bowe deserves much credit, for his kindness to all.

Saturday night, the same party drifted to J. E. Moore's, where a most enjoyable time was spent.

A basket social will take place at the Clinton hall next Friday. No doubt it will be largely attended.

D. A. Stoddart, M. P. P., paid Lac La Hache and the 150-Mile House a flying visit to see his constituents.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Churn creek ferry returned after a couple of weeks visit to Lillooet.

The Chilcoten correspondent snarls ot the Dog creek athletes for a foot race. If the Chilcoten sports will bring forward native production athletes, any of the members of the Dog Creek Athletic Club will meet the Chilcoten sprinters from twenty-five yards to five miles. So come up with your piles of money and we shall gladly accommodate you.

H. S Brown who has been hostler at the Mountain House, leaves for the "Falls" (Chilcoten) where he will spend a couple weeks visit with his brother.

Weather mild so far and stock doing well. J. N. J.

J. H. CLEMENTS,

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Flour Hungarian and X X X X	$65		

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