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THE NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The principal topic of the day throughout the province and the Dominion of Canada is the building of a railway to the Yukon country. The defeat of the railway bill by the senate has caused the government to look about for some other way to secure the Yukon trade and are considering an all-rail Canadian route, which they can get either from Ashcroft or Edmonton. The objection to the Edmonton route is that it is too long and the construction of a railroad in some places would be too expensive. From Ashcroft, a short distance, not over 750 miles to Lake Teslin, a good railway line could be easily built, passing through one of the finest mining and agricultural countries in the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Bell in his report to the government on his investigation of the routes to Cariboo to build a railway, was decidedly in favor of the Ashcroft route, as the distance was shorter and the expense would be considerably less. The only trouble was the first couple of miles, but with railway engineering it would be considered nothing. The country is well populated and fine ranches are distributed every few miles along the road.

Large mining companies are at present operating, and as soon as a railway is built, numerous other companies, owning good ground, will commence work on a large scale. The hindrance to the mining industry is the transportation of mining machinery, which can only be taken in at present under great expense.

Quartz mining so far has not been looked after as the shipping facilities would not permit to work the grade of quarts found, but without doubt good quartz ledges will eventually be discovered. Through Cariboo right to Lake Teslin a line of railway could almost follow the gold belt, and it would pass through the Kiskagash district, which is known to be rich in quartz. Samples from Kiskagash have run as high as $300 per ton. The resources of the quartz industry will demand the building of a railway shortly to these districts.

A railway line from Port Simpson is being boosted by the coast cities backed up by the provincial government. It is proposed to build from Port Simpson, or some point near there, through to Lake Teslin, a distance of 400 miles, and the provincial government to grant a subsidy of $4,000 per mile for the construction of the same. The railway from that point will no doubt benefit a few, especially those who secured all the land in that vicinity several years ago. But what about the interior of the province, which has been crying for a railway for years to tap the Cariboo country? If there is money to be spent let it be spent where the people will derive the most benefit.

The Ashcroft route is the most desirable one to build a railway over, and will receive its dues by the business and well thinking men of the country. The coast merchants control the trade of this part of the country, and what will benefit the people of this district and Cariboo, the merchants and others of the coast will also receive their benefit.

To show the interest taken in the Ashcroft route, Mr. Hosmer, superintendent of telegraphs, after thoroughly investigating all other ways to reach the Yukon with the telegraph line, decided on Ashcroft as the shortest and easiest way to construct the telegraph line.

A railway from Ashcroft would benefit principally the whole of the interior north of here—Cariboo, Omenica, Peace river and Cassiar—while from Port Simpson it would traverse an uninhabited, barren and almost unknown wilderness. It is hoped that good judgment will prevail in the selection of a railway to the north as it means much for the welfare of the province.

If the railway is not constructed at once why not build a wagon road from Quesnelle to Lake Teslin? This will settle all questions as to trade with the Yukon country. Use the Stickine and Skeena rivers for getting up large quantities of supplies. Build the section of road from Glenora to Lake Teslin at once and a good one, and in sixty days wagons can be rattling over the route. Meantime have parties of men constructing the road from Quesnelle to Hazleton and from Hazleton to Glenora.

Many parties are now on their way with wagons as well as pack trains from the States and the lower country in general. More than 600 men are or have been in Ashcroft buying horses and outfits already, and more than 1,000 horses have been sold. All goods sold here come from the wholesale houses of Victoria or Vancouver. Build a wagon road and build it at once. The government that votes a large bonus for a railroad will, it seems to us, make a mistake and a serious one. We venture the bold assertion that a wagon road that could be built for $250,000, or even less, from Quesnelle through to Lake Teslin would be of more value to the province, as the ranchers in the vicinity would be able to get a market at their door for their products.

That Postmastership.

The MINING JOURNAL is not looking for any political notoriety, and is willing that anyone should vote for Mr. Deane for member or for Mr. Martin to be continued to represent the Yale constituency, but in the name of the people of this section we feel it our duty to protest against the personalities indulged in against some of the citizens of Ashcroft. A recent article in one of the Kamloops papers relative to the present postmaster at Ashcroft calls our attention more forcibly to this matter. Among the old settlers of Ashcroft no man stood higher or had more friends than had Mr. J. J. Mackay. He had been postmaster for many years and gave entire satisfaction as such. A change in the government has done that which is usual—turned out old and faithful officers, and put in new ones. In the case at Ashcroft the selection of a postmaster from among our own people may have given better satisfaction. This, however, was not done, and Mr. James C. Shields was appointed. Since his appointment we believe he has given entire satisfaction to the patrons of the office, and that the office has been well conducted goes without saying. As to the insults offered to another member of the Toronto family who is at present at the head of a company that is expending a large sum of money in Ashcroft, putting in as fine a system of waterwarks and electric lights as any in the province, arranging to irrigate a large tract of land, and altogether helping to build up the town and vicinity, are uncalled for, and among gentlemen not used. If the scurrilous articles of which we speak are the efforts of "journalists" we submit that the less there are of the learned profession connected with a local paper the better.

DOG CREEK.

The many friends of Isidore Gaspard will be pained to learn of his death, which occurred on the 21st inst., after a long and painful illness. He was buried on the 23rd, and the funeral was largely attended. Mr. Gaspard was a native of France, and came to this province in 1858. He was junior partner with the late S. L. C. Brown in the Pioneer Mills at Dog Creek, which was built in 1861—the second grist mill erected in the province. This mill was run night and day during the early days. Large shipments of flour were made to Cariboo, and in those days the flour was second to none. Later on, S. L. C. Brown acquired full control of the mill, Mr. Gaspard settling on a farm and living there up to the time of his death. He leaves five sons, and a daughter, Mrs. A. Meiss, of Horsefly. He was a man who was highly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. At the time of his death he was 68 years of age.

J. S. Miller and J. J. Davis, of the Mountain House, have discovered a bonanza right in the midst of us. The The ledge is 4 feet wide and is supposed to be a true fissure vein. It can be traced for half a mile, running north and south, and lying between lime and slate rock. "If imagination did not run away with me," said Mr. Miller, "in some parts I could see gold with the naked eye."

P. Grinder and company, of Big Bar, have also discovered a rich placer claim. Strange to say, the B.C. Klondike was found by accident in a farmer's wheat field. Five men are supposed to be interested in this claim, which will pay from five to seven dollars to the man.

J. N. J.

I. O. F. at Clinton.

A new court of the Independent Order of Foresters was instituted at Clinton Monday by J. H. Falconer, D.S.C.R., organizer for the order. A banquet was also held in connection with the affair at the Dominion Hotel. The following officers were elected and installed: C.D.S.C.R., G. Sanson, M.D.; P.C.R., D. M. Murray; C.R., W. Saul; V.C.R., J. Buchan; R.S., G. W. Phelps; F.S., G. Mitchell; Treas., G. Anderson, Chap., J. L. Mitchell; S.J.C., R. Ferguson; S.W., D. H. Gibson; J.W., W. H. Bishop; S.B., J. Arthurs; J.B., W. Patrick; trustees, J. McMillan, F. E. Healey.

Spanish-American War.

New York, April 28.—The United States fleet has been in front of Havana for two days and the first actual engagement began yesterday morning. A special to the New York World says the Spanish forts at Matanzas Bay, near Havana, were shelled by the States' battleships at 1 o'clock. The New York led the bombardment, the Cincinnati, Puritan and others followed, forming almost a complete triangle. A puff of smoke was noticed from the east side of the bay and an 8-inch shell fell short. The New York and others then opened fire with 8-inch guns. None of the shells from the shore hit the ships and shells from the vessels could be seen striking the mortar and rocks of the fortification.

The last shot fired by the Spanish came from Point Rubalicaya. The Puritan replied with a 12-inch gun. The shell struck the battery with wonderful accuracy and blew up a portion of it. After waiting for the Spanish to renew the firing the ships withdrew, leaving both batteries in ruins.

QUESNELLE.

This week the arrival of six freight wagons loaded with supplies for parties on the way to Omenica and Peace river country created considerable interest There are at present about one hundred and fifty men preparing to start in a few days, when the river clears of ice, quite a quantity of which passed down a few days ago supposed to be from Cottonwood canyon. The river has not yet risen much, but at this point is sufficiently clear of ice to allow boatmen to start out.

There are now sixteen boats completed and ready for the water. They are well built by skillful men who understood the needs of prospectors, will carry a good load, be quite managable in swift water and light to carry over portages. Four men can carry the largest boat, which has a capacity of eight tons. There is also a contract to build scows to carry larger quantities of supplies.

Seymour Baker has with his usual energy started one of his claims, the Scandinavian, which is situated seven miles up the Quesnelle. The prospects are exceedingly promising, and there is every indication of the ground turning out very fair. Mr. Baker will commence work on West creek when the snow clears. This claim is situated some twenty miles up the Fraser. Mr. Baker has not, as reported in the JOURNAL, any interest the Cariboo Goldmines on the Cottonwood. He has had no connection with this claim since Mr. Betts took charge last year.

Mr. Braun, vice-president of Mr. Olsen's company, arrived here this week. He has been making arrangements to build two dredges on the Quesnelle, some distance above here. The lumber will be cut at Senator Reid's saw mill and hauled up to the place of construction, as there are obstacles in the canyon. The machinery is made in Seattle. The system will be the bucket system, which has proved a success elsewhere in similar ground.

Mr. Paternaude, of the 150, has been busy the last few weeks grinding the wheat of the Cariboo district. Mr. Patenaude is in charge of Senator Reid's mill, and turns out excellent flour, by the roller process. There is no reason why the Cariboo district should not supply its own needs in the way of flour.

Mr. McCondie, ship carpenter of Victoria, has completed the repairs and caulking of the steamer Charlotte. Captain Robinson, of New Westminster, will be in command of her this year. She will make her first trip on Tuesday, the 26th inst., and will return with the mails Wednesday.

A telegram has been received by Road Superintendent St. Laurent that the dam at the Forks would be opened on Sunday, the 17th inst. They will have to pour more water down before we feel any anxiety of an overflow.

Rev. Mr. Pritchard, presbyterian minister for Barkerville, came up by last stage.

The roads above are at present in an impassible condition and there is great difficulty in getting up the mails.

Eddy Bell, of Clinton, drove up an extra last week with Mr. Curry, of Toronto, and another gentleman to take charge of his claim near Barkerville. They were driven about six miles above here and then walked, chiefly on snowshoes, the rest of the way.

The spring is rather backward but the weather is pleasant, and seeding will soon be engaged in by the farmer.

William Culross and Miss Moda Mayant, both of Quesnelle, were united in marriage by the Rev. Duncan Campbell this evening. Friends and acquaintances wish the happy couple a prosperous career.

To Dispel the Gloom.

Two thousand six hundred dollars in duty on a single shipment of candles was paid into the Victoria customs house Tuesday, the order being for the Alaska Commercial Co., and the largest individual order on record in Canada.

The large consignment includes five full carloads. There are upwards of 960,000 candles in the shipment, so that if laid in a line this single order would extend from Victoria to Portland, or if the candles were placed twenty feet apart they would light the way from Victoria to Dawson City and beyond and keep it bright for eight or ten hours.

Football, Married vs. Single.

Thursday afternoon the married men challenged the single men to a game of football to take place that evening on Main street. About seven o'clock the teams lined up and played one hour. During the first half the married men gave the single men a pretty hard rub but time was called without either side making a goal. Time being called they went at the game with renewed vigor and in a very short time the single men scored a goal. Play was resumed and just as time was up another game was scored for the single men. The following are the teams:

Married—J. Hawthorne, captain; J. G. Collins, W. H. Hawthorne, C. Haddock, J. Barnes, N. Stevenson, J. H. Falconer, Isaac Ogden, H. L. Roberts, A. L. Clements and E. Trim.

Single—C. B. Deans, captain; M. Clements, F. C. Tingley, T. Higginbottom, W. Gibson, Frank Reynolds, H. Glassey, A. Haddock, R. McDonald, F. Atkinson, O. Brown.

Both teams played well and did some scientific work, and with practice will put up a good game to meet the neighboring teams. Much interest was taken in this the first game of the season and it is to be hoped the interest will not lag. Probabably a match can be arranged with Clinton for the 24th of May.

At present there has been no arrangements for any kind of sport to celebrate the Queen's birthday, and by having a football match with Clinton great enthusiasm could be aroused.

A challenge from the foot-ball team at Clinton was received by the Ashcroft team late yesterday afternoon to play a match at Clinton Saturday (today). The captain of the Ashcroft team sent a reply that if the team would come to Ashcroft they would play. The notice is short but if a game is played the Ashcroft boys will be in it.

An Official Map.

A sketch map of the southern portion of British Columbia issued by the department of lands and works, Victoria, 1897, and signed by Tom Kains, surveyor-general, is a neat and small map which is sent out with the report of the minister of mines. The only objection that we have to it is that Ashcroft is left entirely off the map and the Cariboo road starts at Lytton At this stage of the game we are a little surprised at the ignorance displayed by the men at headquarters allowing such a misleading map to come from the government offices. Ashcroft and the starting point of the Cariboo road are too well known to the public and government officials to be left off their official map.

Sent Up for Trial.

Pelias, an Indian was sent up for trial last Thursday, by I. Lehman, J.P., charged with horse stealing. The horse in question was missed from the corral behind Campbell Bros.' blacksmith shop, and Jos. Wm. Burr after a little detective work got on the track of the thief and followed him, capturing him at one of the reservations in Nicola, bringing him back Wednesday evening. Pelias belongs to the Nicola tribe of Indians, and was making for his old stamping grounds. Mr. Burr deserves great credit for the quick work in capturing the thief.

Agricultural Association.

A meeting of the directors of the Inland Agricultural Association took place at the court house, Thursday afternoon, with a fair attendance. The days for the holding of the annual fair was decided as follows: Tuesday and Wednesday, October 4th and 5th. By all the people interested, the fair this year can be made a grand success. The dates for the holding of the Kamloops fair do not in any way conflict with Ashcroft, their dates being Thursday and Friday, September 28th and 29th.

Canada Neutral.

Ottawa, April 26.—An extra of the Canadian Gazette declared Canada neutral, that no ships of war can use British waters for warlike purposes and every such vessel must put to sea 24 hours after entrance. No supplies will be given except for the immediate use of the crew; no coal will be supplied to the same ship twice in three months; all irregularities will be cabeled to the British Government, and no British subjects will be allowed to enlist on either side or build or dispatch ships intended for war.

Walked Out in a Body.

Victoria, April 27—After fighting the government on the Redistribution Bill, in continuous session since yesterday at 2 p. m., the opposition members at 1 p. m., today, rose in a body, and walked out of the house.

This action was taken in consequence of the alleged unfair manner of conducting business pursued by the Government.

The House continued in session, and the bill was pushed through, with a few additional amendments.

Edmonton Utterly Impracticable.

Mr. Murkle arrived arrived in Ashcroft Thursday afternoon from Edmonton bound for the Klondike. He stopped off at this place to consider going over the Ashcroft route, and is decidedly in favor of it with the information so far received. His party consist of eight people, some of whom are at Vancouver looking over the advantages of coast routes. Mr. Murkle is thoroughly disgusted with the much advertised overland route from Edmonton. He says for the first hundred miles there are over one hundred dead horses along the trail, and for about two hundred miles from Edmonton there are fully 700 or 800 horses stalled along the trail not being able to go either way, and they are dying daily as there is no feed for them. He says the route is utterly impracticable in every sense and would not advise anyone to tackle it.

LILLOOET.

Reports from Bridge river continue encouraging. The latest, it is reported that a slab of quartz was taken out of the Little Joe claim which as far as could be ascertained contained fully $4,000 in gold, stuck to the quartz. It was taken out below the ledge. The workmen had put in a small shot to loosen the rocks. Arthur Noel, who has charge of the claims, is more than satisfied with the richness of the property. The tunnel is now in over 100 feet and some magnificent specimens have been taken out. Considerable work has been done around the mines lately, such as building larger cabins for the accomodations of the men, getting the tracks ready for the cars and timbering the mine in places where needed. They also have the building of a large ore bin nearly finished. About fifty men are at present employed around this group of mines and more are being put on every day.

The Ida May claim is showing up fine and at present about 20 men are employed. W. F. Gibson and Mr. Circle, a mining engineer from Montreal, who will have charge of the work went up last week to the property.

Reports say that the trail from Cadwallder Creek to the South Fork will be passable for pack trains about the end of the month.

Fully 150 men are camped at Tyachton Creek ready to prospect the country in the early spring. Every day parties are going out and about 40 men are camped out between Lillooet and Jacks Landing.

The boat to run on Seaton lake is nearing completion and the machinery will be put in shortly. The scow to be used in connection with the boat is almost ready. This trip of 14 miles across Seaton lake will be a great convenience to the prospectors going into Bridge river.

The bridge across Gun creek is completed and gives entire satisfaction, and it is expected that the bridge across Tyachton creek will in all probability be finished before high water. The building of bridges across Gun and Tyachton was badly needed and will save much trouble and expense.

Work on Cayoosh creek goes steadily on and work on the Golden Cache mine is being pushed ahead. There are about thirty men employed around the camp. The roller dam will be completed shortly. From this dam, power will be had to operate the mill and electric light plant. It is the intention of the company to light the town of Lillooet with electric lights, as the people are all in favor of it and it will produce a good revenue to the company. A telephone line will also be put in at the same time which will be a great convenience to the Cayoosh creek mines.

Mr. Amos is making all the necessary arrangements for the building of his large dredger at Horse Beef Bar. The lumber will be supplied from Duguid's mill and it is expected that the dredge will be completed by the the time that high water is over. Mr. Amos' lease extends from the mouth of Cayoosh creek down the Fraser river.

W. H. Gallagher has secured the lease just above Mr. Amos' and will build a dredge at the mouth of Cayoosh creek.

Horse Beef bar is well known to old timers, and large amounts of gold were taken out in early days. There is no doubt but what good returns will come from these dredgers as the bed of the Fraser is rich in gold.

Mr. Smith, the superintendent of the Forty Thieves group of claims, is running a tunnel to tap the ledge and is doing good work.

The oppostion party held their convention here last week Friday evening and W. H. Gallagher of Vancouver was nominated unanimously to contest the Lillooet district. A permanent chairman and secretary were appointed who who will have charge of the campaign. Good work has already been done by the opposition and it is predicted that Mr. Gallagher will have a clean sweep.

Cameron and Hurley will run a stage and saddle line from Lytton to Lillooet shortly. A stage will bring the passengers to the Half-way House and from there they will be brought to Lillooet by horseback.

Girls Enough for All.

Minister Sifton stated in a recent speech to the house of commons that there had been 10,852 Yukon miners certificates issued up to March 1.

He also stated that a Mrs. Livingston had gone to the old country and would bring out 17 carloads of women servants, young girl nurses, and governesses. The government will pay their passage to Canada and the amount of the same would be refunded at the end of six months.

The girls and women are to be turned loose in Canada to go to whichever province they choose. But for fear they all get lost in the scramble on the way out here those who need them most should apply in advance, giving a brief description of what sort of a girl they want.

F. J. Fulton, barister of Kamloops, passed through Ashcroft enroute to Clinton to attend to sitting of the county court Thursday.

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An Old Miner's Experience.

The following interesting letter is taken from the Montreal Witness, and signed A.R.C.:

Sir—Thirty-six years ago a gold fever about Cariboo, B.C., raged in the English speaking world, and some thousands of hardy adventurous Canadians took part in that rush; and as quite a number of them are still living, it is *somewhat singular that with the exception* of Mr. Wattie, of Valleyfield, none of them have in your columns aired their views, either on the route to the Yukon, or in any other way regarding gold mining. As I spent a seven-years' apprenticeship at that time, with the pick and shovel, axe, whipsaw, and drill, you may like, in the event of your not hearing shortly from any of these old timers, to have the benefit of my experience.

I have read with much interest the stories of the immeasurable wealth of the Klondike and surrounding country, and the millions in sight, etc.; but as part of Williams Creek, Cariboo, was *equally rich, and with a few exceptions* the surrounding country of not much account, I fear that the Klondike country will be similar. A great deal of weight attaches to the views of the government officials, but they, like the rest of us, are fallible. In British Columbia in the early sixties all the officials, from Governor Douglas down, thought that within a very few years British Columbia would have as great a population as California, but they, with many others, were badly mistaken. For illustration, in 1863 an expensive gold escort was established to guard the fabulous wealth that was confidently expected to be realized, but on *account of the decreased receipts* it had to be abolished; or here is another example that took place on Vancouver island: In 1864 the government sent out a well equipped gold prospecting expedition on the island. The members were representative gold miners, ex-Royal Engineers, packers, etc.—I think the artist, Alpine climber and author, Whymper, F.G.S., was one of the party—with the result that apparently rich productive gold diggings were soon found on Leitch river, and best of all at Victoria's door, or at least only twelve miles away. The people of Victoria went crazy; a rush took place at once, buildings went up *and the glorious news spread* far and wide; contracts were given out for a road, and for the erection of quarters for Col. Forster, the newly appointed gold commissioner for Vancouver island.

A balance sheet of the receipts and expenditure of gold mining on Vancouver island would be a surprise to some of our gold mining enthusiasts. It is not from hearsay that I speak of that particular failure, as after an unsuccessful season in 1864, in Cariboo, I took in Leitch river as well, going out there as carpenter for M. Titus, who had the contract for the erection of the government building.

With regard to the various routes to the Yukon my opinion is that it would be far more beneficial to the Dominion and the eastern provinces especially, to have an interior route opened up, than any of those from the seaboard, with troublesome international questions. My preference would be for the C.P.R. to Ashcroft, from there to Quesnelle by a good wagon road, built in 1862 and 1863, some two hundred and twenty miles; from Quesnelle to Telegraph Creek by a good trail, six hundred miles, first opened by the Russian-American Telegraph Company in 1865, and abandoned on the successful completion of the Atlantic cable by Cyrus Field in 1866.

From information from personal friends who have been over this trail, I believe at a trifling cost it can be transformed into a good wagon road. It is a good grazing country and would lead to settlements all along its course. There are no mountains on this route, which runs through an open country, lightly timbered, with only a few streams to cross, all fordable except one.

From Telegraph Creek to Teslin lake *is by trail, a hundred and twenty miles,* and from the lake to Dawson is an easy trip by boat. One advantage by this way is that prospecting can be done all the way, and knowing what I do about mining, I think the chances for success, comfort and economy much better than by any other proposed route. Of course a small party, three to six, would be preferable, and if they intended to prospect they should take a whipsaw with other tools, and if one of the party could do a little blacksmithing all the better.

In connection with the transportation of miners' supplies I don't think that many people know or would believe *that camels had ever been used* for that purpose in this land of "Our Lady of the Snows." In 1862 or 1863 a number of camels that had been used in the deserts of Arizona were sold and brought up to British Columbia and used between Lytton, on the Fraser, and Clinton, which is some thirty miles above Ashcroft; the use of them as carriers antagonized the packers, whose horses they caused to stampede, with great loss, and who, in self defence used different ways to have the camels either exterminated or withdrawn, and in 1865, out of about twenty brought into British Columbia, only two remained, and they were running wild in the neighborhood of Clinton.

Seattle Bunco Men.

A cold blooded swindle has just been unearthed in Seattle, says the Port Townsend Leader, a big outfitting house of that city having attempted to palm off inferior goods on a large party of Klondikers from St. Louis. The goods were purchased from a large *concern there, and, just a few minutes* before the steamer Alliance sailed, on which the party was to take passage, the outfits were sent down to the wharf to be taken aboard. The outfits were very complete, consisting of blankets, coats, pants, and everything needed in the clothing line, groceries, etc., and a good stiff figure was paid for the goods.

After the goods had been delivered aboard the steamer, one member of the party concluded that he would add a blanket or two from his new purchase to his bunk, as the night was somewhat chilly. Going to his outfit and undoing it, his amasement and indignation can be imagined when he found instead of *the heavier woollen blankets* which he had picked out in the store and paid a big price for, cheap cotton ones of an inferior quality. His companions were informed of the swindle, and, although the steamer was about to sail, the enraged Klondikers insisted on having an opportunity to thoroughly overhaul their outfits before starting. They then set to work and soon a swindle of gigantic proportions was disclosed.

Instead of leather coats canvas ones had been substituted, cotton blankets took the place of heavy woollen ones, and so it was all along the line. One member found that six pairs of overalls had been substituted for several *suits of heavy woollen underwear* which he had picked out in the store.

The Klondikers, filled with righteous indignation, took all the outfits back to the store from which they were purchased and demanded that the goods which had originally been purchased be given them or their money refunded. For a while it was feared that the establishment would be mobbed, but cooler counsel prevailed and the proprietors of the store reluctantly gave them the outfits they paid for.

This is not the first time complaint has been made against shabby treatment by prospective miners at the hands of Seattle merchants, and that *city is justly getting a black eye as an* outfitting point.

It is gratifying to know that no such report as that which has disgraced Seattle has ever gone out regarding our merchants, and it is still more gratifying to know that there could be no foundation for it were it circulated.

The Passing of the Mosquito.

"The mosquito must go. Science is on his trail, and has found a method *calculated to exterminate him and his* tribe for aye and aye. At the next session of the state legislature a well known St. Louis physician says he will introduce a bill providing for the appointment of a mosquito commissioner. It shall be the duty of that official to use such methods as he may deem proper for the extermination of the pest as far as the state of Missouri is concerned. Of late it has been developed that whole tribes of mosquitos can be annihilated in short order at small cost. Mosquito ridden humanity will hail the discovery with delight, and rejoice in the advance of science to such a point that it can do away with the pests of creation. The agent which will destroy the insect in short order is nothing but permanganate of potash. It is claimed that one part of this substance in 1,500 solution distributed in mosquito marshes will render the development of the larvae impossible; that a handful of permanganate will oxidize a ten acre swamp, kill its embryo insects and keep it free from organic matter for thirty days, at a cost of only twenty-five cents. With care it is calculated that the whole state may be kept free from insect pests, such as mosquitos, which develop from the larvae deposited in swamps and ponds. An efficacious method *would be to scatter a few of the crystals* far apart. Scientists state that a single pinch of permanganate has killed the germs in a thousand gallon tank."—St. Louis Republic.

Will Go Overland.

Undismayed by tales of death, suffering and disaster, a number of prominent Brooklynites are making active preparations for departure to the gold fields of Klondike, says the New York World.

Those interested have organized under the name Canada and Alaska Mining and Trading Company, with the following as the board of directors: Col. David M. Talmage, Col. Harry W. Mitchell, Col. William L. Watson, Thomas B. Rutan, Peter B. Sweeney, Capt. James De Mandeville and Dr. John N. Sweeney.

Col. Edward Fackner, also a well-known Brooklynite, will act as commissary to the expedition. The route planned is quite a deviation from that generally followed.

The party will go to Montreal from this city, and from there by rail to *Ashcroft, where horses, wagons, tents* and all the necessary equipments for the trip will be provided.

The party will then proceed to Quesnelle, a distance of 220 miles, which is a Hudson's Bay post of about five hundred inhabitants.

Across the Fraser river from Quesnelle is the beginning of what is known as the old telegraph trail. This trail was commenced about the time that Cyrus Field's great venture, the Atlantic cable, was thought to be a failure.

It was constructed by a rival company, which intended building a telegraph line to Europe by way of Alaska and Siberia.

At an expense of several millions of dollars a trail was constructed from Quesnelle to Telegraph Creek, a distance of between 600 and 700 miles, and it is this trail that the expedition intends taking.

The entire distance from Ashcroft to Telegraph Creek is *through a country* abounding in timber and game, and is an ideal outing country. The trail is also dotted with trading posts *of the Hudson's Bay* Company, situated at distances of 200 miles or so. From Lake Teslin, 130 miles from Telegraph Creek, the party will proceed by boats directly to Dawson city, there being through connection by means of river ways.

The expedition, which will be composed in part of the wives and daughters of some of the members of the company, expects to leave some time between the 1st and 15th of May.

There are Others.

"William, dear, Mrs. Smith has never received that letter of mine which I gave you to post a month ago! You posted it, didn't you?"

"Why, of course I did, my love."

And far down in the most sulphurous corner of the infernal regions a chorus of red legged fiends blew a paean of joy on B flat cornets as they heated to incandescence a brimstone pit labeled "Reserved for William W. Jones.—Strand Magazine.

The details of the race between Bob Johnson and Jake Gaudaur which takes place in Vancouver during the summer, are still under consideration. The stake of $2,500 will be raised for Johnson most likely by public subscription. Johnson's chances of success are said to be excellent as he is only 27 yeras of age, in perfect health, having but one ambition in life, that is to be the fastest sculler in the world. Since Gaudaur realised his ambition two years ago, he has done no training and is now 40 years of age.

William Simmons, who discovered a turquoise mine in southern Nevada about a year ago and has been taking out gems ever since, has shipped $67,000 worth of dressed stones, for which he has received the greater part of the money. When Mr. Simmons was last in Denver, says the Republican, he took two lapidaries with him to the mine, and now dresses the gems in his own shop and ships them to the eastern dealers in precious stones. A resident of this city said a man would need a turquoise mine or something equally valuable for being compelled to live in that country. He says that the place has a temperature of not less than 80 degrees in the middle of winter, that it was 200 miles from a railroad, 100 miles from a postoffice and road, and 26 miles from water.

It is the intention of the managment of the Canadian Pacific Railway to shortly run their through expresses as solid vestibuled trains. Visitors to the depot recently have noticed the changes in the first-class coaches which now have roomy vestibules in each end. The dining and tourist cars are being similary equipped in the shops and when completed the Canadian Pacific railway will run unsurpassed express trains across the continent. The vestibules are wide and built on the folding principle, the result of which, when in use, will be to convert each *train into a continuous structure,* enabling passengers to pass from one car to another without going into the open air. The vestibule will be unfolded as soon as the train has left the station.—Free Press.

Tesla believes that mountains can be radiographed by the X-rays, and gold located without the trouble of excavation; that such mining is possible in the Klondike, though as yet only to a limited extent. He says that some Roentgen rays are without limit as to length and radiography. They are limited now because of our almost toy apparatus for producing them. He thinks, as it is only a question of tubes and currents, at any moment a way may be found for producing rays that will penetrate hills and mountains, perhaps the earth *itself.* A noted metallurgist has a radiograph of quartz with gold embedded in the center and concealed from the naked eye, He believes that much labor can be saved and a great deal more gold mined at Klondike if the beds and mounds of sand and gravel are searched by X-rays as they are thrown up. Then only the highest dirt need be washed.

The street car struck the rear wheel of the bicycle. The bicyclist described a parabola and fell upon a pile of brick. The bicyclist raised on one elbow, reached an arm toward a rear pocket of the knickerbockers, and collapsed, insensible. A sergeant of police felt in the pocket and drew out a silver cocktail flask labelled, "I. J. Jones, 400 Bonton Avenue."

"Go to 400 Bonton Avenue," said the sergeant to a police officer, "and tell Mrs. Jones that Mr. Jones has—"

The sergeant paused and drew a hand mirror from the other rear pocket of the knickerbockers.

"—Tell Mrs. Jones that Mr. Jones has—"

The druggist who was assisting tickled the bicyclist's lip with a feather he was trying to burn under the nostrils. The bicylist smiled and murmured: "Charlie!"

"—Tell Mr. and Mrs. Jones that Miss Jones has met with an accident."—Life.

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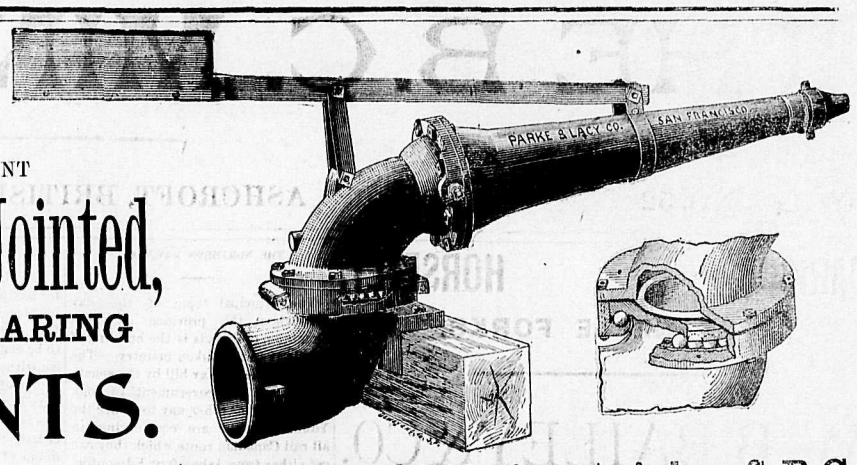

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70-Mile House	75
85-Mile House	88
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115-Mile House	100
117-Mile House	102
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A DEAD MAN'S HONOR.

BY CHARLES B. LEWIS.

In the year 1863, which you will remember was fraught with more excitement than any other of the civil war, the firm of Bass, Williams & Girder, which was doing business in a town on the New England coast, appeared in the newspapers in connection with a series of startling incidents. The firm dealt largely in fishermen's supplies and in fish and lumber, and in connection with its general store it had a private bank and the town postoffice. George Bass was postmaster, at least in name; John Williams ran the store and Joseph Girder conducted the bank. The "head man" of the firm was Philip Lacy, who was a bachelor and had grown up with it from a boy. He was implicitly trusted, and any one of the partners would have suspended one of the others as soon as Lacy.

On the morning of July 5 in the year named one of the employees opened the store, to find Lacy sitting on a chair in the bank, with a gag in his mouth and his legs and arms tied to the chair. He was released at once, but it was an hour before he could tell his story. He had been in the habit of remaining at the store until a late hour in the evening, looking over books and accounts. On the previous evening, just after 10 o'clock and as he was ready to leave, he had suddenly been attacked by two men, who must have been secreted in the store with that object in view. He was seized from behind and choked into a state of insensibility, and when he recovered he was sitting on the chair, bound and gagged, and the two men were at work on the door of the bank vault. The vault was merely a brick closet, defended by an iron door, which had none too safe a lock. There was no safe inside. All the money of the store, bank and postoffice was placed in this vault at night, and on this occasion besides about $30,000 in greenbacks there were government bonds amounting to $50,000.

The robbers took Lacy's vault key from his pocket and had the door open in half a minute. Each one of the firm had a key to the vault, but Girder and Lacy were the only ones to make use of them. The robbers were not masked, and made no effort to conceal their identity. They went about their work in the coolest manner and when ready to depart did not leave a 10 cent shinplaster behind them. Money and bonds were packed in a satchel, and before going they sat down to a lunch of crackers and cheese and afterward smoked a cigar. They told Lacy that they belonged in New York and had had an eye on the "plant" for several months. They had done him little injury, and the last thing before departing they removed the gag and gave him a drink of water and told him the time. When the man came to tell his story, it was not questioned in a single particular. He gave such a close description of the men that they were recognized by the Boston detectives as Sam Hastings and Charlie Ford, two notorious all around crooks. Indeed it became known that the former had been hanging around the town for a month or more.

It was not until a detective was called into the case that the finger of suspicion pointed to Lacy. The employee who found him gagged and bound suddenly recollected that all the knots were loose and that it was little work to throw the ropes off. Lacy had seemed much exhausted, but this might have been a sham. Lacy had been heard to wish for money to go into business for himself, had said he was tired of working for other folks, had attempted to borrow a considerable sum of money to buy a share in a fishing craft. Once the tide turned against him it was easy to make out a strong case. After a week's investigation the detective was satisfied that the trusted "head man" had robbed the concern and had hidden the booty, and there were so many points which favored this idea that Lacy was held for the crime. Three days after the robbery a boat was picked up in the harbor which had been upset, and when she was righted two dead men were found in her. That they were not sailors was easy to see, and that the craft had been stolen from a town a few miles away was soon ascertained. The coroner's jury decided that the nameless strangers had taken the boat out for a sail and been upset in a squall, and the incident hardly provoked comment. There was the key to the robbery, but no one grasped it. It came to the ears of the detective, but he was working to convict Lacy and paid no attention to outside matters.

Any man who has made a study of crime will tell you that a perfectly innocent man often misleads justice or convicts himself by his demeanor when under charges. When Lacy found that his story was disbelieved, he felt so grieved that he sulked and refused to answer questions and thus made matters worse for himself. There was nothing which he could not have explained, and yet when asked to explain in order to acquit himself his silence was construed as a sure indication of guilt. The fact that he had been fully trusted for twenty odd years went for naught after the detective's report, and he was sent to prison to await the action of a higher court. A week before his trial was to come off he hanged himself in his cell. His suicide was therefore accepted as the strongest proof of all that he was guilty. He left no message behind him, but that made no difference. He had closed the case and practically admitted his guilt, and the public press dropped it at that point. The firm was rich enough to stand the loss and go ahead, and in a year the great robbery was a thing no longer gossiped about.

If Lacy took the money and bonds—and all were agreed that he did—where did he secrete them? That was a query which kept coming up daily until after his suicide. Detectives and others searched in vain for the plunder, and it was finally agreed that he had an outside confederate. This man, whoever he was, had been admitted to the bank; he had tied Lacy up as they found him; he had taken away the plunder to share and share alike. That he had not come forward after Lacy's arrest with money to retain counsel was a part of the plot; that Lacy had not "peached" on him was because he hoped to get clear to enjoy his share of the haul. Everything worked out nicely to make out a case, and but for his suicide the man would have surely gone to state prison for a long term of years. There was just one man in the firm's employ who did not believe Lacy guilty, and he was a clerk in the store, by the name of Thornton. He had not been there over a month when the robbery took place, nor had Lacy spoken to him a dozen times. He was a young man of 20, and so strong was his belief in the prisoner's innocence and so vigorously did he combat the theories of the detective that suspicion was directed against him, and he was discharged. He, however, secured a place with another firm in town and continued to champion Lacy until the matter passed out of the public mind.

It was a year after the robbery and seven or eight months after the suicide that young Thornton got up one morning to tell his employer a queer story. He slept in a corner of the store, on the first floor. He had gone to bed tired out after a long day's work and had slept soundly until midnight, when he suddenly awoke. He had extinguished the light, but yet there was a strange light in the room, and by its aid he saw Lacy sitting by his bedside. That he was terribly frightened and upset may readily be believed, and yet he held his nerve and asked the ghost, as he believed it to be, what was wanted. Lacy did not reply, but beckoned him to follow, and he slipped on his trousers and shoes and followed the wraith through the streets of the town toward the harbor for a distance of seven or eight blocks. The ghost seemed to float along at about four paces ahead of him, looking back occasionally to see if he was following, and he was leading Thornton directly toward an old tumble down fishhouse, when a policeman suddenly seized the young man and inquired why he was abroad at that hour of the night and in that dress. With that the spirit disappeared, and Thornton's explanations were laughed at, and he was escorted back to the store as a somnambulist. His employer could not call it a dream, because there was the policeman's evidence, but he ridiculed the whole affair and put another clerk to sleep in the store. If Thornton was a somnambulist, he was not a safe man to have charge of property at night. The young man took a room two blocks away, and it was a couple of weeks before anything further happened. Then one night soon after midnight he awoke with these words sounding in his ears:

"Harry, I did not rob the safe, but it was done by two men, just as I explained. They came here in a boat from M——, and after getting the plunder they hid it away, intending to come back later on. My honor is at stake, and if you will go with me I will show you where they hid the plunder. They were the two men found in the upset boat."

When Thornton roused up, Lacy was sitting beside him, as on the previous occasion, but almost immediately rose up and beckoned the young man to follow him. Had Thornton been anything but a nervy young fellow the mystery of the robbery would never have been explained. He was upset to some extent by the words and the sight of the man whom he knew to have been long dead, but not so much that he hesitated to follow after. The wraith led him toward the old fishhouse as before, but this time Thornton was fully dressed. He could see Lacy as plainly as he could see the buildings along the streets, although there were no footfalls but his own. He passed several pedestrians, but they saw him alone. The wraith took a straight course for the fishhouse and entered it, and did not again reappear, while Thornton hung about for awhile and then returned to his bed. The tumble down building was not such a place as he cared to enter at midnight.

Early the next morning he went to the firm of Bass, Williams & Girder and told them of his two midnight adventures, and suggested that the fishhouse be searched. He was simply laughed at, but he got a policeman and visited the place, and under a lot of old nets and refuse they found the satchel which contained all the bonds and every dollar of the stolen money. The whilom friends of Lacy were jubilant, but they had the detective to deal with again. One of his theories was that Lacy hid the satchel there; the other was that Thornton was his confederate and had given up the plunder because afraid to touch it. So reasonable did this latter theory appear that the young man was arrested, and he might have gone to prison had not a crook named English Joe got lagged and made a confession. He had known of the plan to rob the concern and was aware that Hastings and Ford were to do the job. They were the men who were lost by the upsetting of the boat. It was believed that they were to leave the harbor by a fishing smack, and that they were pulling about to find her when they lost their lives. They had hidden the satchel temporarily, but it was so well hidden that it had been walked over a hundred times. Articles taken from the dead men's pockets were identified, and after patient investigation no one could longer doubt that things happened exactly as Lacy related.

What was done about it? Well, words are cheap, and, therefore, plenty of men expressed their sorrow for what had occurred. Lacy's body had been buried at the expense of the town. His friends of other days raised a purse and bought a lot in the town cemetery, and the firm which he had not robbed spent $50 for a tombstone to stand at the head of the grave. Perhaps nothing more was to be looked for. The singular manner in which the dead man cleared his honor was long a matter of talk, and for a few days or weeks young Thornton was something of a hero. Then the detective who had had his theories spoiled began dropping a word here and there, with the result that the clerk finally left town under a cloud, and today there are plenty of people in the town who believe and declare that he and Lacy put up the robbery and were to go halves on the plunder. I have looked upon the grave and heard the story of the wronged man a dozen times, and I believe all things occurred as Lacy and Thornton related them.

The New York Journal says: "American citizens in Havana are now quite safe—because the American government is not represented there. Our officials being all withdrawn, American citizens remaining are under the protection of the British flag. And note this: While they are under the British flag, nothing will happen to them. The Spaniards will not shoot them or blow them up, and no unfortunate accidents will happen to them. We are not particularly proud of this, but as it is a fact, it might as well be announced for the comfort of those who have relatives in Cuba. Might we not—since we have three years more of McKinley—arrange on some cash basis for putting American citizens all over the world under the care of England?"

Perhaps it would be well to recognize British protection in some way. It has been the custom with American citizens for years when in trouble in the southern republics to claim British protection, but until now we never heard of any offer to recompense Great Britain in a substantial way for assistance rendered on such occasions.

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General Manager Pingree, Seattle, of the Boston and Alaska Transportation Company, has telegraphed to Washington for six Gattling guns, and expects a favorable answer from the secretary of the navy. The Brixham will leave port next Monday for a trip to Hooper bay. She will then return direct to Seattle for her first load of Klondikers for the mouth of the Yukon. It is on this trip that the Brixham expects for the guns that are expected from the navy department. The Boston and Alaska Company believe that they get to carry a share of the returning Klondikers wealth, and they don't propose to lose any of it to Spanish or other pirates.

Certain members of the Boston & Alaska Transportation Company at Washington and New York are very close to the leaders of the Cuban republic in this country. The Laurada, which is now on her way around the Horn to join the company's Alaskan fleet, has done a great deal for the Cuban cause. It is through the Cubans that the company's officers got the first indication that, should war be declared, Spain would make the attempt to get away with the Klondike gold, even though it would have to be captured thousands of miles from her coal supply.

It is generally conceded that the amount of treasure that will come down on the first few steamers this summer will be not less than $20,000,000. Some think that even more than that will be brought out, if the two commercial companies take their immense wealth to the states. This would be worth Spain's while to try for. She has already offered to sell some of her most valued colonial possessions to a foreign government for $20,000,000. The steamship men urge that she would be capable of making a great effort to get hold of that much in cold cash.

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March 4th, 1898. 45

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44.

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40-6m

NOTICE.

Re Robert McLeese Estate.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Robert McLeese, deceased, late of Soda Creek, B.C., are hereby notified to send their full names and addresses, and the full particulars of their claims and accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of July, 1898, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the said Executors then have notice.
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Kamloops, B. C., April 1st, 1898.

LOCAL NEWS.

Clarence Tingley, of the 108 is in town visiting relatives.

J. D. Gillis and bride retured home from their honeymoon spent at the coast cities.

BORN—At Ashcroft, B. C. on Friday, April 22nd, to the wife of John Holyoake of a son.

Miss Burnett came in on the stage Tuesday evening from Lillooet, and left for the coast on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cohen desire to to thank all those who so kindly assisted during Mrs. Cohen's late illness.

WANTED—By lady, situation as working house-keeper. References will be given. Address "A. B.", office of this paper.

D. Hurley, one of the proprietors of the Victoria hotel at Lillooet, spent a few hours in town Wednesday, returnvia Lytton.

F. J. Troughton spent Sunday in town, and left for the Chilcoten country, preparatory to going overland to Teslin lake.

Mrs. S. T. Hall and family left on Fridays stage for the 150 Mile House where they will reside in future. Mr. Hall is postmaster and telegraph operator at the 150.

Charles P. McKay, manager for the Mackenzie-Glover company the high class entertainers, was in town Thursmaking preparations for the company to play at Ashcroft May, 5 and 6.

C. W. Helmer and R. Mackay, of Kamloops, spent a day in Ashcroft this week looking over the town. Mr. Helmer will no doubt locate here shortly and Mr. Mackay is a contractor who will build his house.

Several Ashcroft people visited Keefers this week to inspect the Ashcroft Gold Mining Company's ground. All report favorably on the property, and predict that when a good head of water gets on good work will be able to be prosecuted.

"Jim" Russel of Kamloops and his party of 18 men have arrived at Glenora after considerable exertion. They have made preparations for their brewery and other industries, and as soon as freight can be taken in by way of the Stickine they will have their business in operation.

Messrs. E. Shaw and Atwood, of Boston, Mass., are camped out at the lake, three miles from town, awaiting the balance of their party, whom they expect to arrive in about ten days, and will then proceed north to prospect in the Peace and Findlay river country. They will outfit at Ashcroft.

Senator James Reid returned last Saturday evening to Ashcroft. Senator Reid, on returning from Ottawa after attending his senatorial duties, visited his wife and children in Vancouver *before going to Quesnelle.* The senator has done good work for Cariboo and the opening up of a route to the northern country.

M. F. Ahearn, a well known prospectar and miner around Ashcroft, returned the first of the week from a several months' trip to California and other mining districts. Mr. Ahern was the first man to work on the Bonaparte, and his return to these parts shows that he has still great faith in this country. He will spend the season prospecting around Ashcroft.

A party of men consisting of M. N. Satherwaite, J. C. Joliff and son, D. O. Pall, A. A. Gifford, C. R. Stephenson, W. H. Rigdon and Ed Swofe left Ashcroft the first of the week well outfitted for the Omenica and Peace river country. From Quesnelle they will go up to Giscomb portage by boat and portage across to Summit lake. Their boats at Quesnelle have been built by contract.

The person signing himself "correspondent" in last weeks issue re Methodist Episcopalian church, thanks the JOURNAL for publishing his letter but does not approve of the remark following it, as he says "it somewhat challenges the correctness of my conclusions." In his communication he says there is no Methodist Episcopal church in Canada. If "correspondent" would read the church notices in the eastern papers and some of the western he will notice that a number of churches of that belief goes by the name of Methodist Episcopal church.

Hamlin Garland, a writer and author of ability, has spent the past week in Ashcroft in company with Burton Babcock, preparing for a trip through to Teslin lake from Ashcroft via the old Telegraph trail. Mr. Garland contributes considerable literature to McClures Magazine, of New York, and has also published several works. He will take his time going over the trail, and with the best of horses and outfit will have very little trouble making the trip. He will go through to Dawson city and will probably return by one of the coast routes, making the round trip. He will give an interesting account of his trip in McClures. Mr. Babcock is an experienced miner and packer and will probably stay in or around Dawson city. Mr. Garland comes from New York and Mr. Babcock comes from the state of Washington. They expect to leave Ashcroft this morning.

The water in the Thompson river is rising.

Rev. A. Anstey Dorral is spending a few days at the coast towns.

R. E. Smith, of Kamloops, passed through Ascroft on Thursday's train bound for Glenora.

Mrs. Muir wife of Rev. Muir arrived in town Thursday and will remain in Ashcroft permanently.

The latest war bulletins are received at the Cargile House, and are anxiously perused by the Ashcroft citizens.

John D. Swanson, barrister at law etc, has opened up an office at Kamloops to practice his profession.

Denis Murphy went up to Clinton Tuesday afternoon to attend county *court, returning Friday morning.*

W. Croft, connected with the Pioneer Hotel at Lillooet, was in town last Tuesday on his way to the coast for a trip.

Mrs. James Cohen returned Sunday from Victoria where she had been several weeks receiving medical attendance.

Thirty-five miners' certificates for the Northwest Territories have been sold at the customs house at Ashcroft to date.

Quite a number of the members of the I.O O.F. marched to the Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday morning, to celebrate the 79th anniversary of the order.

Clement Cornwall, eldest son of his Hon. C. F. Cornwall returned Monday from his studies at McGill college Montreal, to spend his vacation with his parents.

A. Crease, of the firm of Crease & Crease, barristers, Victoria, arrived up from that place Monday and went up to Clinton to attend county court held there Thursday.

Miss McLeese, Miss McInnes and Mrs Robert Borland returned from Victoria Friday evening and will go on the stage Monday morning to the 150 and Soda Creek.

R. L. Chaldecott came down from Barkerville last Tuesday evening, and went to Vancouver Wednesday. Mr. Chaldecott has some good mining property near Barkerville.

The body of Mike Callahan, a wacthman who was killed in an accident on the C. P. R. line near Yale several days ago, has been been recovered and was intered at Yale Tuesday.

Grave fears are entertained for the safety of the Mounted Police party of 14 which left Edmonton for the Klondike last fall. When last heard from they were killing their horses for food.

Ben Wehrfritz is back at Kamloops from California, where he went to purchase machinery for a brewery to be built at Teslin lake by himself and James Russell.

The collector of customs at Ashcroft wishes it to be understood that all parcels of whatever value coming from a foreign country should have a certified invoice which can be enclosed with goods. Attention to this matter will greatly facilitate delivery of such packages.

A fatal railway accident happened last Sunday at Cats Landing tunnel, about four miles west of Hope. A work train backed into a rock which had fallen on the track, and derailed several cars, killing an Italian laborer. No 2 was delayed about ten hours.

M. P. Stewart for a number of years employed in the C. P. R. service and latterly freight clerk at Ashcroft has resigned and will devote his time to mining. Mr. Stewart will probably go to the Bridge river district. Milton Clements will suceed him as freight clerk.

Miss Hughes, milliner for McArthur & Harper at Kamloops, came in on the train Wednesday morning, and has spent the last few days showing the ladies the latest in millinery at McArthur & Harper's store here. She will remain in Ashcroft several days.

J. Benson, M.A., of Vancouver, went over to Lillooet Wednesday morning, where he will remain for some time. He is connected with W. B. Mackinnon, M.E., as mining engineers and assayers. Mr. Benson has first class certificates from the school of mines, Camborne, England.

Captain Broughman of New Jersey has arrived at Vancouver with 35 men bound for the Peace and Findlay river districts. Captain Broughman spent some time in this district two years ago, and is said to have staked off a number of claims. He will arrive in Ashcroft shortly on his way north.

In another column will be found the advertisement of the MacKenzie Glover company, which will give an entertainment in the town hall on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 5 and 6. The program will consist of English, Irish and Scottish gems of songs, duets, humor, comedy and dramatic scenes will be presented. This is the first appearance of these people in Canada, Australia being their home. The MacKenzie Glover are high class entertainers and haveing been playing to full houses and well patronized by the coast people.

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We have a fine line of heavy Underwear just the thing for Klondike.

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The Cash Store=M'Arthur & Harper

John Hardy of Kamloops was in town visiting his old friends last Friday.

Rumor has it that E. P. Davis, of Vancouver, is to be appointed chief justice for this province.

BORN—On Monday, April 25th, to the wife of George Blair, manager of the Prairie ranch, of a son.

J. H. Falconer returned from Clinton and Lillooet this week and will probably institute an I. O. F. lodge at Ashcroft next Monday.

J. Mather, superintendent for the Lightning creek company, returned from Victoria the first of the week after several days visit.

Major H. W. Moore, manager of the British American company in Ashcroft, went up to Quesnelle Monday morning to assist the Virginians who are bound for the Nation river district.

All the evidence in the investigation of the postmaster at Kamloops has been received by commissioner Henderson and has been forwarded to the postmaster-general at Ottawa for his decision.

Dr. D. T. Newman, who is going overland with the Wren pack train, arrived from Spokane by train Thursday afternoon. The packtrain, which left Spokane some time ago, is expected to arrive daily.

R. G. Mc Connell has upon further consideration declined the position of Provincial mineralogist for the province of British Columbia, and will continue in the Dominion service. He and J. B. Tyrrett leave for the Yukon next week.

C. H. Unverzagt, president of the U.S. Agency company, arrived in Ashcroft Friday morning from Baltimore, and spent a day in town before going to the coast. He is heavily interested in the company which has purchased the Lightning Creek ground. He will stay in British Columbia a few weeks before returning.

Carpenters were busy yesterday building a partition across the wing of the old schoolhouse preparatory to arrangements for the assistant teacher who will take charge the first of the week. The increase in the attendance of the school necessitated the appointment of an assistant teacher immediately. R. G. Gordon, the teacher, has done good work since taking charge of the school and with the help of an assistant, good progress can be made with the scholars attending.

The bill incorporating the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway, passed the railway committee in Ottawa Tuesday morning without opposition. It is expected that the bill will pass the commons and senate with very little trouble.

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NOTICE.

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Soda Creek, Friday, 17th June, 1898.
Quesnelle, Monday, 20th June, 1898.
Richfield, Thursday, 23rd June, 1898.

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By order
JAMES McKEN,
Registrar County Court.
Barkerville, B.C., Jan. 25, 1898. 48-8

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