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One hundred and thirty-five thousand, two hundred and seventy-five dollars in one solid chunk of gold came down from the Cariboo Mine this week and well has Superintendent J. B. Hobson kept his promise to make an output this year that would rejoice the hearts of the stock holders in this big mine.

This great cone of gold was brought down as above stated this week, James Bain in charge and by Parker's Express. It was, by the kindness of those in charge, on exhibition at the Dominion Express office for an hour or two, and was shipped on to Toronto the same night of its arrival. It is the largest single brick or cone of gold ever moulded at a mine, the next largest being one of $104,000, taken out of the North Bloomfield mine in California years ago.

This output is the result of 62 days run and it is expected by the management that there will be two more good shipments yet this season. Each will be large and the total output will be very likely for this season between $300,000 and $400,000. It means much for Cariboo and we hope to see a revival of interest in hydraulicing in this section of the country. Anti Alien legislation of the nature of that passed two years ago and which has done more to paralyze the mining interests in this section than anything else that could have been done and which has happily been set aside by the Dominion Parliament, will never be again revived in British Columbia during the present generation at least. The ASHCROFT JOURNAL makes no pretention of being a power in the land, nor to being always right, but in at least this one instance we protested vigorously against the course of our so called statesmen that represented the Yales, Cariboo and the Lillooets who allowed such legislation to pass, and we believe farther that the JOURNAL was almost if not quite alone among the papers large and small in the Province that opposed from first to last such legislation.

There is gold in Cariboo in vast quantities; extracting it requires capital time and experience. We trust that from this date on there will be a decided improvement in business conditions this in section, dependent as it largely is on the successful exploitation of its mines. Too much credit cannot be given to Mr. J. B. Hobson for his firm, unyielding and far seeing judgment in his long service in opening up and making this greatest of all placer mines, The Cariboo, a success and a dividend payer.

Gold Dredging in B. C.

There seems now to be every probability that a serious attempt will be be made to win some portion of the gold dust which is known to lie on the bed of the Fraser river. The undertaking is due to the enterprise of a Mr. John Cobeldick, who first visited British Columbia in 1898, and has since paid much attention to the dredging possibilities of the Fraser and its tributaries. The conditions existing in the rivers in British Columbia are similar to those extant wherever the gold dredge has not been introduced, in so far that the placer miner may only recover the gold from the beaches and bars. Further than this it is impossible for him to proceed in any stream where any great volume of water exists.

In September of last year operations were commenced in the construction of a dredge of a New Zealand pattern on the banks of the Fraser, near its confluence with the Thompson river and three-quarters of a mile from the town of Lytton. The major portion of the machinery was purchased in this country from the workshops of firms who have been engaged in the construction of dredges for the last 30 years. Two pontoons 32 by 100 ft., were constructed, the timbers being bolted to steel frames and both then joined by heavy timbers, forming one solid barge with a space of 5 ft. 6 ins. between the two. It is through this space the bucket ladder travels. Unlike the ordinary harbor dredge which has only one bucket, a number of buckets form an endless traveling belt, raising the gravel from the bed of the river.

The work was carried to completion under the supervision of an experienced engineer who has been engaged in dredging the rivers of New Zealand for the last 30 years. Climatic conditions have made necessary the enclosing of the machinery, which has been done by building a frame structure the length and width of the pontoons, only leaving a gangway on both sides. The craft is equipped with two boilers, main engine, winches, dynamos, donkey engines, etc., the boilers and engines being built by Robey, of Lincoln, while the winches came from the works of William Symons & Co., Glasgow. The dredge is lighted throughout by electricity, having both arc and incandescent lamps.

The points claimed in favor of the New Zealand dredge are that it is automatic, requiring few attendants and capable of handling large quantities of dirt. The capacity of the one at Lytton is 2,000 cubic yards per working day of 24 hours. The cost up to the present has been in the neighborhood of £15,000.—British Columbia Review, London, England.

CARIBOO.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

The word "Cariboo" has now become associated with nearly every mining camp of any importance in Canada. Kootenay has its Cariboo mine and it is a good one. The Yukon has also a Cariboo mine; and the name has found its way to Ontario mines.

The recent shipment by the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mines Co., Quesnel Forks, or more properly, Bullion, for the exact place where these great mines are is known to the postal authorities as Bullion. Very appropriate the name is too; $135,750 taken from the earth in sixty two days entitles any place to such a suggestive name as has happily been applied to the scene of the Consolidated Cariboo's works.

Large mining operations are always the subject of criticism and the Consolidated Cariboo has been no exception. More particularily has it been open to criticism; because Cariboo has never before seen a property of such magnitude operated on a strictly business basis. There is no doubt a great deal more gold could have been taken out every year since development commenced but it would have been at the expense of the mine hereafter. It might be said that it is a little early for congratulations as the mine has not yet paid a dividend. That may be true, but if it ever could be said of a mine that it would pay handsome dividends before it had actually done so, it can be said of the Consolidated Cariboo now.

The subject of this article is not to discuss the probable dividends of this great mine but to show that hydraulic mining in Cariboo carried out under the direction of scientific, practical mining engineers, as a business proposition is a success. For purely stock purposes there is no doubt manager Hobson has mismanaged but as a practical business proposition the late clean up is the best possible proof of the wisdom of his course. No one is likely to be found foolish enough to declare that Bullion is the only place in Cariboo where such results can be attained. The writer unhesitatingly states that there are several properties in Cariboo, partially developed, that will produce like results when managed with similar methods, having in view the making of a mine.

The manner in which some mines in Cariboo have been so foolishly managed is enough to make a nation weep, and the harm these self-styled mine managers have done to Cariboo is not easily reckoned. Look for a moment at some of the properties now being developed, equal in every way with the Consolidated Cariboo mines and what prospects have they of ever turning out $135,750—none, and because they will not realize that the undertaking is entirely beyond them. You can't make a successful farmer or manufacturer out of a man entirely devoid of experience, then how in the mischief can men without years of mining experience be expected to handle mining properties that require the experience of a Caryle, a Hobson, a Campbell, or such engineers as have made the Transvaal such a great producer. Let me ask, Mr. Editor, how many men of the Hobson or Campbell stamp are in control of mines in Cariboo—not many. I don't wish anyone to think this an attempt to boom Hobson and Campbell on their properties. I only know the gentlemen by sight and haven't any pecuniary interest in their success, but I think it impossible to make mines in Cariboo without men of the training and experience such as they have.

The practical miner, that is, the man capable of acting under orders from the experienced engineer, is just as valuable in Cariboo today as he ever was, but the experienced engineer is more necessary and valuable than he has been in the past because Cariboo refuses to give any more gold to the efforts of the pick and shovel only They must be controlled by experienced, practical mining engineers and none others need apply.

THOMPSON RIVER.

S. Tucker and family came down from Slough Creek, where Mr. Tucker has been employed for the past eight months. The big tripple compartment shaft, 5x15 feet, is now down about 225 feet and it is the intention of the company to sink yet about 100 feet before drifting out for the old channel, which is believed, and with good reasons, to be rich in gold, Mr. W. A. Thompson is now the managing director for Slough Creek, as well as several other companies in Cariboo. Mr. Hopp is the local manager and is doing good, thorough work for the company.

Dr. A. Noxan, of Toronto, returned this week from a trip to Barkerville where he went to inspect the hydraulic properties on Canadian Creek, owned by the Slocan-Cariboo company, and of which company Dr. Noxan is a director. He reports himself as satisfied with the outlook for his company and states that they will soon put in a hydraulic plant and hopes to see the properties producing well next season. Dams will be put in to preserve the snow water. Mr. Wendt is in charge of the company's interests in Cariboo.

FIRE PROTECTION.

Sometime ago the JOURNAL drew attention to the absolute necessity of providing a bell for fire alarm purposes and in the same issue suggested the calling of a public meeting to consider the condition of appliances and the fire company. So far as we are aware nothing has yet been done, certainly no public meeting has been held, and we would again urge upon the officers of the company the desirability of considering the reorganization of the company and the adopting of some means to obtain a bell.

No place of its size in the country has more active and capable young men out of which to form a good fire company than Ashcroft, but it is useless to expect efficient work from them without at least an occasional practice. It is due to the property holders that have paid so handsomely the expenses of purchasing the appliances that they should have all the protection possible and it is a serious error if they are denied that protection for want of organization on the part of those selected to look after the appliances.

The question of a clear course through all the alleys may be a very important one some day when an attempt is made to fight a fire from the rear of some of the dwellings. Very valuable time will be lost moving wood piles and tearing down fences.

We are all interested in the matter of fire protection; it is not any man's particular anxiety or worry and herein lies our danger. We are relying solely upon the efforts of a voluntary company and it is to the interest of all to see that the work of the company is not weakened for want of organization.

Martial Law at Nome.

San Francisco, Cal., July 11.—News that martial law has been proclaimed at Nome City by General Randall, in charge of the United States troops in that district, was brought here last night by the Steamer St. Paul. The necessity for martial law arose out of the jumping of mining claims and other acts of lawlessness.

The Nome Gold Digger, of June 19th says: "At the Chamber of Commerce meeting last night, where thirty or forty persons gathered, United States commander Rawlings said the municipal government was no longer able to protect property rights. It was necessary, he said, that some means be taken for the protection of property and the preservation of law and order.

"'If you request me to take hold,' he said, 'I shall do it only on the condition that the Chamber of Commerce raise funds sufficient ($1,000) for the employment of ten officers for two weeks, and I will give my time and attention to it. If not you will have the soldiers handling your camp, and very quickly.'"

The $1,000 was not raised and the soldiers were in charge of the camp when the St. Paul sailed on June 27th. The St. Paul also reports a great many cases of smallpox and typhoid fever at Nome. When she sailed, however, it was thought that further spread of the disease had been checked.

The St. Paul brought 54 passengers and $1,500,000 in gold dust, the bulk of which was consigned to the Alaska Commercial Company. Of this about $150,000 was from Cape Nome district.

Victoria Doctors.

The question of doctors attending members of secret societies in Victoria has reached a climax with one rather disagreeable experience.

According to the Colonist the doctors of Victoria are, or rather were until a day or two ago, all members of a society, for their mutual benefit. It is a social or club affair and entirely seperate from the working of the "Medical Act," in fact has no legal existance. The arrangement between the secret societies and the doctors not being satisfactory to the latter it was decided by them that they would not continue in that arrangement. All the doctors are understood to have agreed in the decision, which was objectionable to the societies and they threatened to import doctors. Drs Earnest Hall and Gibbs have been ostracized from the doctor's club because they did not abide by the decision of the club and then followed the disagreeable incidents referred too, which is not very creditable to the profession.

"Dr. Ernest Hall attended a lady on Saturday, and finding her progressing satisfactorily, said he would not call again until Monday. On Sunday the patient had a severe attack, and as neither Dr. Hall nor Dr. Gibbs could be found, other medical men were called, but they refused to attend, until late in the day, when one of their number was induced to do so, In the interval the patient suffered terrible agonies."—Colonist.

A man named McPhail, of Lillooet, was brought out via. Lytton to Kamloops this week by officer Hume to serve a six months sentence for "rolling" a pilgrim at Lillooet. The victim's watch was found on McPhail. A few jokes of this kind played on such chaps has a very beneficial effect and will help to clear the atmosphere in and around the pleasant little town of Lillooet.

HORSEFLY.

At the Ward-Horsefly mine $3,000 was cleaned up last week from a small section of gravel. We are informed by Mr. Ward that the outlook is very good for this season's output.

At the Miocene work is progressing nicely and the deep channel will be tapped within a very few days, and the fate of this enterprise will soon be known. If pay gravel is good it will be the means of the rapid investment of hundreds of thousands or, eventually, of millions of dollars in deep mining. No man in British Columbia is entitled to more credit for perseverence, in the face of most discouraging efforts, than is Senator Campbell, and if the results prove his judgement right and mines of value are developed the country will have much to thank him for.

Ashcroft Gun Club.

As intimated in the JOURNAL some time ago, a gun club has been formed in Ashcroft. Marcus Bailey, who is one of the best wing shots in this vicinity, is mainly instrumental for the enthusiastic meeting of shooters on Thursday night and the decision that a gun club should be formed. H. L. Roberts was elected President; H. E. Leslie Secretary, and Messrs. Bailey, Chambers and Frank Reynolds were appointed a committee to draw up rules and regulations for the proper working of the Club.

For the present the Club will turn all its attention to the shooting of clay pigeons, they having rightly concluded that Mr. Lyne's stock of the real article is too small to last for more than one or two shoots. Its just possible though, his little stock is sufficient to last the Club all season.

The veteran shots in and about Ashcroft should lay the foundation for a permanent gun club. I. Lehman, J. Goss, J. Haddock, F. S. Reynolds, W. B. Bailey, S. T. Creelman, O. Harvey, J. C. Shields and others, are good examples for the youngsters. Some one on the street remarked that the Imperial government was secretly urging the formation of a gun club and that the crack shots would be selected to go to China. This drew from James Shields the remark that he "did not intend to break any pigeons" as his business required his attention here.

New Zealand.

The gold dredging boom in New Zealand, writes the Wellington correspondent of a contemporary, shows no signs of diminishing; on the contrary, it is growing. Many claims on the West Coast have been floated, and competent judges declare that when the dredges on these get to work the results will eclipse even those obtained in Otago. The phenomenal yield of of 1,187 ozs. for a week just obtained by one dredge will give a further impetus to speculation. The £1 shares, which were standing at £6, have now jumped up to £18 15s. ex. div. Although the dredge has been at work only a little over twelve months, the original shareholders have had their capital returned many times over in dividends. Meanwhile, there is a good deal of money being made in Dunedin, even with shares in claims that have not got a dredge at work. People who prefer to get their returns out of "the market" instead of out of the claim, have an easy way of doing it if they are "in the swim." Many of the companies are underwritten before they are put on the market. The shares are allotted among the brokers, directors, and their friends. The prospectus is then published "for public information only," and the general public are allowed to come in on payment of a premium, it may be only one or two shillings a share, although some cases have occurred recently in which shares have gone up to 8s. or 9s, premium immediately after allotment. We shall know more about the claims in a year's time, when it is possible a good many of the dredges now ordered may have been delivered. Meanwhile, all the foundries in the colony are gorged with work; it is impossible to find a fitter unemployed; and dredges, or parts of them, are being ordered from Melbourne and England.—Colonial Gold Fields Gazette.

Salmon Arm Liberals.

The following communication from Salmon Arm Liberal Association is self explanatory. Kamloops would be a more convenient point for Cariboo Liberals than Revelstoke. Ashcroft Liberals will consider the proposal.

Salmon Arm, B. C. July 6th, 1900.

Secretary Liberal Association, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay.

Sir: At a meeting of the Salmon Arm Liberal Association the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Moved by S. M. McGuire, seconded by J. Reid, that in view of the approaching Federal election that in the interest of the Liberal party of Canada: be it resolved: We, the Salmon Arm Association, are in favor of a convention of delegates from the different parts of this constituency in the interests of the Liberal party. And be it further resolved: That this Association is in favor of holding said convention in the city of Revelstoke on or about Sept. 15th, 1900, and furthermore, that our secretary be notified to forward a copy of this resolution to the secretary and press of this constituency.

You are requested to call a meeting of your association and lay this matter before them.

Yours respectfully,

A. B. CURRIE, Secretary Salmon Arm Liberal Association.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE McKINLEY

New York, July 11.—The World says: A plot to assassinate President McKinley has been frustrated. It was concocted by a group of Spanish and Cuban conspirators who had headquarters in New York. One of the plotters weakened and sent a warning letter to a member of the Republican national committee. Chairman Odell engaged a detective who speedily verified certain allegations made in the warning letter. Mr. Odell's report caused great alarm among the President's close friends and he made it plain that he regarded the plot as a matter of the utmost seriousness, and urged that extreme precautions be taken to keep the president out of harm's reach.

William Allan, the former owner of Bridge creek ranch and now living in Culbriechy, Scotland, writes to the JOURNAL this week expressing his interest in Cariboo and British Columbia. Mr. Allan is not a believer in Martinism and expressed pleasure in Mr. Murphy's successful campaign in West Yale. Mr. Allan says nothing in his letter of returning to B. C. but it is safe to prophesy that within the next couple of years he will drift back to his old neighborhood.

Superintendent of Immigration Pedley has issued a Concise School Atlas of the Dominion, illustrating the historical and physical pheatures of the provinces, districts and territories, and a descriptive atlas of Western Canada. Both of these publications are very complete and so arranged that any particular information can be easily found. They are of great assistance to anyone desiring useful information of the Dominion.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian church are to be congratulated on the success of their ice cream festival last night. The ice cream was so much in favor that an extra freezer had to be made. The sale of boquets by the juniors must have increased the receipts considerable. They were very persistent in making sales.

R. K. Evans has solved the problem of freighting in comfort on the Cariboo road, that it, as far as he is personally concerned. The big umbrella keeps him dry and if he could only extend the arrangement to cover the whole road and shed the rain into the ditches he would be a public benefactor.

Among the visitors to the city is Aleck Johnston, of Gambier Island, who is the guest of his old "tillicum," Angus Fraser. Mr. Johnston is a British Columbia pioneer, being the first man to cross Bald mountain into Cariboo.—World.

Friends of Mrs. W. Shaw will regret to hear that she was compelled to have a serious medical operation performed at Vancouver this week. The operation was successful and she is expected to return home in about two weeks.

Denis Murphy, M. P. P., desires the JOURNAL to state that during his absence in Victoria, Mr. McQuarrie, Barrister, of New Westminister, will have charge of his office.

Thos. J. Dudley, who has been on the JOURNAL staff for the past two months, after duly celebrating the 4th of July, took a palace (horse) car for the Kootenay this week.

A humble suggestion is made to to the fire company that a practice be held soon. Such organizations require regular practice to keep them in proper shape.

William Walker, president of the Inland Agricultural Association, was in yesterday to attend a meeting of the directors.

The Ashcroft Trading Co's annual sale this month will give you an opportunity to secure bargains.

J. B. Milliken, of Savonas, a former resident of Ashcroft, took part in the Orangemen's services here last Sunday.

M. Dumond left for Lillooet yesterday to look after his business interests for a few days.

D. Nevin, the Hat Creek blacksmith, registered at the Grand Central yesterday.

Reggie Dorrell, of Victoria, came home last night to spend his vacation.

William Crozier attended the 12th of July celebration at Salmon Arm.

John Wilson, of 8-Mile Creek, spent a day in town this week.

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A Bunco Mining Game.

From the land of the midnight sun comes a story which reveals that all of the Dawson miners are not honest. There was one miner there who had a claim which was a weight on his hands, and was so profitless that he desired to unload it. He soon hatched a scheme that proved successful, and which yielded him a large sum. He hied himself to the gold commissioner and told him that he wished to pay the royalty on the output of his claim, and after stating that he had taken out $60,000 in gold dust from the property paid the official the royalty of ten per cent. on that amount, consisting of $6,000. For this he received a receipt, which stated that the royalty on claim numbered so and so and such a creek has been paid for in the sum of just $6,000. Soon an unsuspecting Englishman came along and asked the claim owner if he had anything to sell. The receipt on the royalty paid on the worthless claim was sold to him for $125,000. The Englishman, after he had done two or three days work, realized that he had run up against the worst kind of a bunco game, while the "honest" miner had left for scenes of civilization in order that he might enjoy the fruits of his fraud.

Grave fears are entertained that the smooth prospector who worked the above game was a former Montanian, for the reason that a similar transaction was perpetrated on Mr. Edgerton some ten years ago, while he was president of the Second National Bank, of Helena. A prospector residing in Jefferson county for three years paid taxes on a band of cattle which had no existance, and upon the strength of the tax receipts he secured a credit of eight hundred dollars from the bank and then departed north.—Mining World.

One Great Big Man

The obsequies of the Golden River Quesnel have not been performed but the coup de grace has been given to the undertaking. Had it been earlier judging from events, it would have been better for the shareholders, who seem to be victims of mismanagement and incompetence. It is these very errors that have lowered Canadian mining in the estimation of investors, and which to the country generally, has done incalculable harm. Of course, as spilt milk is unavoidable, little good can be accomplished by unduly dilating on such mistakes, but with the intimate knowledge of British Columbia, possessed by Mr. Forbes Vernon, investors might have naturally expected something better from his connection with the Golden River Quesnel, or the Lillooet, Fraser, and Cariboo Gold Fields Companies. Both concerns are admitted failures, though they commenced work with ample capital and a practically virgin field for their operations. In regard to the Quesnel Co., it may to the uninformed seem monstrous that another company should have the power through its operations to ruin the other. But the close proximity of the Cariboo Hydraulic to the Quesnel Co's. property is due to no design of the Hydraulic Company, who had commenced operations before the other company was promoted, and one would have expected that the directors of the Golden River Quesnel would have had the perspicacity to foresee that the tailings of the Hydraulic Company must inevitably become a nuisance by covering the bed of the river they desired to unwater. The erection of a costly dam to hold back the water while tailings were being dumped on their ground was a brilliant engineering idea. However, rather too much has been made of the alleged damage done by the Hydraulic Company.

They did not cover all the ground exposed by the Quesnel Co's. dam, and if the divers' reports—on which the company was floated—were accurate and authentic, there undoubtedly must have been sufficient gold in the river bottom to repay the shareholders for their enterprising speculation. It is a far cry from London to the Forks of Quesnel, but it would be interesting to know whether the dam, erected at so much cost to the shareholders of the Quesnel Company, is of any use to the Cariboo Mining Syndicate, among the directors of which are to be found some of the gentlemen who have directed the misfortunes of the Golden River Quesnel, the only asset of which is a great big dam.—B. C. Review.

Germany To Send Men.

Berlin, July 3.—From well authenticated reports, the Associated Press is able to state that yesterday, after detailed statements by Count Von Buelow, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, regarding the Chinese situation, Emperor William made up his mind to insist upon full satisfaction for the death of Baron Von Ketteler, for which purpose he resolved to send armed forces, approximately as large as those of other powers chiefly interested in restoring order in China. The precise size of the force has not yet been determined, but it is expected that it will altogether amount to a score of thousands. A considerable portion of the German fleet will be sent also.

THE BOXERS

James Cantlie, in the London Daily Mail, gives the following interesting information as to the Boxers and other Chinese secret societies which from time to time disturb official and commercial circles in China:

We are from time to time reminded of the existence of secret societies in China, by the fact that their members engage in periodical outbursts which often assume fanatical proportions. Even those who possess but a passing acquaintance with the people of China are familiar with the names of the "Triad" and the "Water Lily" societies: but few who do not actually come into contact with the Chinese are aware that every Chinese belongs to a society or guild of some kind.

The majority of these are of a commercial nature resembling the trades union of Europe, but many exist for purely political purposes. The famous wide reaching San-ho hoey, or Traid society, the society of the three united departments of nature—heaven, earth and man—represents, or did originally represent, the Freemasonry of China, having for its professed purpose, "mutual aid and assistance." A political bias has, however, always appertained to it and its suppression has become a creed of successive Chinese governments. The Lien-hwa, or Water Lily society, has for its declared object the restoration of the Chinese dynasty. It has to philanthropic cloak, but all who hold to its tenets and join its ranks are the sworn enemies of the present Manchu dynasty.

They cherish the known decendants of the Ming Emperors much as the Jacobites did the Stuarts, and only await an opportunity to place the present representative of the Chinese or Ming Sovereigns once more on the throne.

Many other societies, with more or less declared political aims, exist, and one of these, the "Boxers" is at present making its presence felt. It is only within the last few months that this society has found itself strong enough to raise the standard of revolt and to attempt to attain its aim and object—namely to uproot the Tartar or Manchu dynasty now misruling China.

Foreigners of all nations also are objects of their antipathy, and "China for Chinese" is their watchword. The name "Boxers" is, of course, an English interpretation of their title, and their Chinese name has not yet reached us. Boxing and gymnastic associations have existed from time immemorial in China, and from the fact that the present rebels possess no arms except what they can steal or "commandeer" from the Manchu soldiers with whom they come in contact, would seem to justify the title they are popularily known by. Every successful invasion of China and there have been many—has advanced through the country the Boxers are now raiding. It is through the province of Shansi, in the extreme northwest, that the Tartar hordes first found their way into China, and now the Boxers are advancing along the same path.

There may be deeper and more cogent reasons, reasons other than political, which have determined the people of this district rising in revolt. The northwest of China is gradually but surely becoming a desert. The uncontrolable water of the Hoang-Ho, the yellow river, is with persistent regularity overflowing its banks, devastating the country and leaving behind a deposit of sand carried down from the Mongolian deserts.

The inevitable consequence is that the whole country is becoming dessicated, and a previously fertile country is now almost treeless and verdureless. The desert is almost in sight of the walls of Pekin, and the district around it will be enveloped by the sand storms of the encroaching desert. It frequently occurs that rebellion is ascribed to political exingencies, when the real reason is found to be in the want of food.

The Boxers as a political faction are but one of the many revolutionary bodies that have come into existance owing to the chaos into which the Chinese government has fallen. It differs from the association to which Kong-yu-wai and Sun-yat-sen belong, inasmuch as these reformers wish to introduce a monarchial or republican form of government based on European principles. Sun-Yat-Sen's mission to this country was to try to indece the British to allow his party to work out their own salvation, which he believed could be done if the British assistance would not be afforded the present government, as happened during the Talping rebellion.

The Young China party dread another "Chinese Gordon" being sent to aid the Manchu, whereby they declare the progress of China was thrown back half a century.

Provincial Board of Health.

C. S. Fagan, secretary of the Board Health, in a letter to the Attorney-General says: As you are aware, we are now surrounded by the dread disease—bubonic plague—San Francisco being the latest. I do not wish to cause any scare, but I think I would be remis in my duty did I not call your attention to the fact that we are in danger, and therefore should prepare.

The experience of infected countries points to the Chinese and Japanese as our greatest source of danger, and I therefor beg to suggest that these people be compelled to live more in conformity with our manner of living.

My suggestions may be radical, and no doubt will cause loss to many, but if we wish to protect ourselves, and save the country from the possible expense of millions, we must take action.

We know that should the plague develop among them we would hear nothing of it till it assumed such proportion as to be impossible to conceal. I may add I have good ground for suspecting that leprosy now exists among these people, but is concealed.

The following regulations would I think fairly well protect us:—

1. All Chinamen and Japanese to present themselves for medical examination every six months (or every month in time of such danger as at present). Certificates of health to be granted; such certificate to be produced, on demand, to the constituted authorities.

2. Private houses and lodging houses to be registered. Such register stating full particulars as to owner, tenant and other occupants, and complete plan of building and sewerage connection.

3. All buildings occupied by Chinese and Japanese to be of proper size for number of occupants, with adequate light.

4. In cities all Chinese and Japanese houses to have cement floors in basement, and under no conditions will more than one cellar or room be allowed lower than the street level. Such room to be cemented and used only as a cellar.

5. No pigs or fowl to be kept nearer than fifty feet from dwellings.

6. All dwellings already in existance to be brought to above stated requirements, otherwise to be destroyed after one notice to owner, or agent.

As you are aware Japanese and Chinese arrive here in batches of as many as eight hundred or a thousand at a time. They are all examined by Dr. Watt at Williams Head, who is a most careful and efficient officer, but I consider one man is entirely unable to handle so many in the short time the boats stop there. I also understand that Chinese from San Francisco are examined and passed in, if found healthy. Now, this should not be allowed, as the short distance from San Francisco to Victoria does not allow sufficient time to elapse from the date these people left an infected port. I would, therefore, advise that steps be taken to have all the Asiatics quarantined till thorough disinfection is carried out, and until time of incubation is passed.

I would further advise that all Japanese and Chinese arriving from across the Pacific be quarantined, so that a thorough and complete examination can be effected, and disinfection in its most complete form be carried out.

I would also advise that a more efficient protection from vermin (rats and mice) be established regarding boats coming from infected ports.

Lawyers and Experts.

Lines read by Dr. R. W. Raymond in response to the toast, "Lawyers and Experts" at the banquet given to the A. I. M. E., San Francisco, Cal.,

There was a man who had grown old
In digging prospect holes for gold.
Right often in his pilgrimage
He dreamed he had the long-sought ledge,
Yet every time with spirit saddened,
He was obliged to own he "haddened,"
And every time he cried, "You bet
I'll hustle on and find her yet!"

At fast he struck it; staked a claim;
Laid out a townsite round the same;
Sunk, drifted, stoped and crushed away,
And showed the thing would surely pay
Fondly he thought that never more
He would be luckless as before.
Alas, his troubles were not ore!

One dismal day his happy labor
Was interrupted by a neighbor,
Who cooly told him coubis had risen
Whether the ledge was "his" or "his'n"
And challenged him without excuse,
His legal "apex" to produce,
"Apex! What's that?" he cried in woe.
"I cannot tell you," said his foe,
"But I presume the lawyers know.
And this much I can say is true:
Without it, all is up with you;
Nor is the apex all. You see
You must have 'continuity,'
And side and end lines, suited quite,
To fit your 'extralateral right;'
And it is further understood
A tunnel in the neighborhood
Will make your title far from good.

Then, other lodes may make connection,
Taking the space of intersection,
Or even unite with yours, and so
Gobble whatever is below.

Sure many such things may combine
To make your mine not yours, but mine.
If you don't buy me, fear the worst!"

That miner eloquently cursed,
And said, "I'll see you elsewhere first!"

Thus was begun the famous case
That filled the journals of the place,
And thither called a mighty host
From all the wide Pacific coast—
A dozen lawyers on a side
And eminent experts multiplied;
Maps of the biggest and the best,
And models till you couldn't rest;
Samples of rock and vein formation,
And assays showing "mineralization,"
And theories of that and this,
And revelelation of "genesis,"
And summings-up of sound and fury
Poured out upon the judge and jury.
No matter now which party lost—
It took the mine to pay the cost;
And all the famous light who saw
Beheld, with mingled pride and awe,
What science breeds when crossd by law.
—Mining and Scientific Press.

Goods imported under the British Preferential Tariff since the 1st of July are subject to one third reduction in duty instead of one-fourth, as before. This will have a very strong tendency to increase imports from Great Britain.

Orders are out that all landing waiters and customs officials in the civil service of Canada must wear uniforms. There will be no need whatever for the fresh young man to get funny and say: "They toil not, neither do they spin, yet was not Solomon in all his glory, arrayed as one of these."

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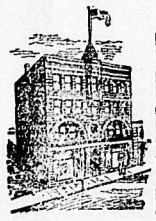

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Ruskin's Collars.

A prophet indeed has no honor in his own country. An English gentleman who had gone to Brantwood on an outing tour, finding himself in need of books in order to beguile a heavy hour or two, stepped into a bookstore of Ruskin's village and asked the lady attendant if she had any of the thinker's books. "Yes," she replied. "There were some, but they were not often asked for."

Having obtained the book he desired, he asked her what she thought of the great critic and teacher. Her ideas of Ruskin's personality were very vague, however, and she excused her ignorance on the ground that the people about there did not seem to trouble much about him. As for herself, she only knew him as "the old gentleman who only had a clean collar once a week."

Pat's Happy Wish.

Judge—So the prisoner hit you on the head with a brick, did he?

McGinty—Yis, yer honor.

Judge—But it seems he didn't quite kill you, anyway.

McGinty—No, bad 'cess to him, but it's wishin he had OI do be.

Judge—Why do you wish that?

McGinty—Begory, thin OI would have seen the schoundrel hanged for murther!—Chicago News.

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HARRY FOOKS,
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ASHCROFT, B. C., May 26, 1900.

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When earth will not seem fair to me.

If I may see the arching sky,
With fleecy cloud wind floating by,
A tree with green, uplifted head,
And clover in its shadow spread,
Or see a river's stately flight,
Its ripples dancing in the light,
Though keen my sorrow, deep my woe,
Yet happiness my heart must know.

Or if to sightless eyes no ray
Should enter from the brightest day,
If I might smell a violet,
My darkened way I should forget
And in my fancy see once more
The woodland aisles, with boughs stretched o'er,
And gathered thickly round my feet
The bending wild flowers, fair and sweet.
Or if my hand might hold a rose
The garden gates would swift unclose,
And rank on rank there'd bloom for me
Far fairer flowers than now I see.
The ocean waves would sing for me
Their mournful vigrant symphony;
And when in organ tones arise
Storm voices grandly to the skies,
My puny woe, ashamed to stay,
With them would quickly pass away,
And in the deep succeeding calm
My soul would join in nature's psalm.
—Ninette M. Lowater in New York Sun.

LIBERTY OR WHAT?

A Story of Love and War.

The day was drawing to its close. Already the sun had begun to tint the western sky with a soft crimson glow. The windows in the weather beaten barracks caught and held the rosy light as though loath to let the brightness go, and even the little thatched cottage under the hill was bathed in the glory.

Within the little cottage under the hill preparations for the evening meal were being made. Back and forth across the room a tall, straight figure moved, full of that supple grace of the southern woman.

"Zoritsa, have you heard what decision has been made?"

"*No, mother,*" answered the girl. "Captain Newcombe told me today that they were all on the tiptoe of expectation, but determined to fight it out and win, no matter what happens."

"The captain is very gallant. If all the men were as brave as he, there would be no doubt about an American victory."

"I am afraid your criticism is unjust, mother. You are letting ten come under the ban of your displeasure because you chance to know the merits of one. Captain Newcombe thinks all his men brave."

"Well, we need not complain of Lieutenant Hope's courage, for he certainly displayed perseverance, at least, before he won you, after many rebuffs."

"Oh, yes, Lieutenant Hope is exceedingly brave, if you call persistence in a love affair 'bravery.' I wonder if in war a besieged army is ever worried into being captured. Really, I feel like a prisoner of war since"—

"Hush, Zoritsa," came softly from the corner. "You are hasty. It is no less than treachery to"—

"Treachery!" interrupted the girl impetuously. "I think your definition and mine differ. But forgive me, dear," suddenly softening and laying her flushed cheek against her mother's soft hair. "I am tired tonight. And, mother, do not ask me why. I have craved my liberty as no one ever did before, and tonight I'm free, mother, free! Do you understand what that means to me, dear? I have broken my engagement with Lieutenant Hope."

"It may be at the risk of your happiness, dear."

"I have gladly taken that risk and rejoice in my liberty. Ah, mother, liberty! I wonder not that men's lives are lost for liberty."

The widow Juahiquez and her daughter were in the little cottage making bandages and otherwise busying themselves with work for the army.

"It is strange, mother, that Captain Newcombe did not come in as usual this evening."

"Yes. He said yesterday he would come up as soon as his duties were performed. I do not understand his absence."

Zoritsa glanced quickly at the still girlish figure bending over her work. Was that a flush softly creeping over the fair, youthful face? She caught her breath. *Did her mother care?* She had not thought of that. But, then, why not? Was not the "senorita" the belle of the village? And yet the thought had never come to her that it was still possible for a man like the captain to win her mother's love. Why, even the idea was absurd. Did she really care for Captain Newcombe? Surely his interest at least was no more than friendship. When he hears that she is not bound to Lieutenant Hope, will he not show her it is she whom he loves?

Great excitement seemed to prevail in the village next morning. At every other door groups of people were standing, the men angrily gesticulating, the women crying. In front of the cottage were two or three villagers talking to "Irish," as he was familiarly known in camp.

"Yis," he was saying, "thim sphalpeens up there," jerking his thumb toward the barracks, "were too busy enjoyin av thimselves to be bothered *wid the thrubles av a handful av poor divils.* But ye'll niver be afther catchin Captain Newcombe a-nappin, and ez soon ez he heard the fuss he offered himsilf and his men to go and help thim.

"Yis, we wint, but how many hev come back ag'in? The dirty sphalpeens made a ragged edge of our company—the finest ye'll see anywheres—and the captain himsilf has been killed entoirly. Ah, 'twas a sorry day that brought Paddy Malone to this God forsaken country!"

The two women within, so dear to each other and yet each seeming to stand in the way of each other's happiness, strained their ears to listen. Almost unconscious of the other's presence, they both ran out at the man's words and stood there with drawn faces, deathlike in their awful pallor, while he repeated the news that made desolate many a happy fireside and veiled with tears the light in loving eyes.

The widow's lithe form swayed and trembled, and she would have fallen had not Zoritsa suddenly seemed to realize that her mother was there. With a quick catching of the breath and a dry, choking sob in her throat, she reached out her arm and caught her.

Each read with anguish the truth in the other's eyes, and in each heart was a momentary struggle for the victory. The painful quietness of despair seemed to envelop the young girl, and, with eyes heavy with unshed tears, she half blindly led her mother into the house.

This, then, was why Zoritsa had claimed her freedom. Oh, why had she not told Zoritsa before that the captain had already confessed his love for her? And it was only last night they were to have told her of their happiness. Today he is dead—dead! Unable to control herself, she broke into passionate weeping.

"Dearest," the girl said, drawing the golden head to her breast, "did you then love him so much?"

"Love him? Better than life!"

"*There may be—there must be some* dreadful mistake." She did not know her mother had seen the love light in her eyes and had rightly interpreted it. Though there was not a quiver of an eyelid, her heart was breaking. Already her light had gone out. Her world was a world of darkness.

Night came on. One by one the stars appeared. A solemn hush lay over all. Even the camp seemed deserted and naught save the occasional screech of a whippoorwill broke the dread silence.

Yearning for the sympathetic stillness of the night and the companionship of the broad, calm sky, dotted with its myriads of stars, Zoritsa drew her shawl about her, and with a heavy heart went out into the darkness.

What was that? Sounds of rejoicing? How they grated upon her now! But what were they saying? Hush!

"Captain — alive — prisoner — escaped"—

Could it be true? Her heart gave a great leap. Yes, there was a loud "*Hurrah!*" *It was true! He was not* killed after all, then, and perhaps not even wounded! Ah—but she was not to think of herself. Yet why should she give up the hope hidden in her heart so long and make the little mother unhappy? With a moan more heartrending than sobs, she threw herself upon the ground.

"God, God! Thou who didst teach us to love! Why didst thou give me this chalice, only to withdraw it as I stooped to drink?"

In an agony of soul she wrestled with her own desires, her own love—and it seemed to her her very life—and conquered.

Quiet, resigned and calm, she found her way home, softly unlatched the door and went in.

The bright moonlight streamed in a silver bar through the long, low window, and there in its brightness, with upraised face, almost transfigured with happiness, was the "senorita" clasped in the captain's arms.

Without having been seen and stifling a sigh, the noble girl turned away.

"And this is liberty? Aye, liberty to follow thee, O Christ, to be bound to thee with the chains of thy love—liberty to serve thee in serving others, to spend and to be spent in thy service!"

On the field, in the hospitals and in the filthy prisons her presence seems *to radiate a peace that the world cannot give.* In her face can be traced the story of a battle fought and a victory won in the almost forgotten past, but her quiet services tell of the outpouring of a heart of love to the sufferers of the present.—Chicago Times-Herald.

His Queer Way In Church.

The most original character we meet in the "Memoirs of the Princess Mary" is her father, Duke Adolphus of Cambridge. He was a strong churchman, but "his religion sometimes took rather an unconventional form." On one occasion, after the officiating clergyman had repeated the usual exhortation, "Let us pray," the duke was heard to reply, "By all means."

During a very dry summer the vicar read the prayer for rain. At the close the duke joined fervently in the "Amen," adding, in exactly the same tone of voice, "But we shan't get it till the wind changes!"

One Sunday, when the words, "Be*hold, the half of my goods I give to* the poor," were read, he astonished his fellow worshipers by rejoining, "No, no. I can't do that. A half is too much for any man, but I have no objection to a tenth."

Again, on hearing the text, "For we brought nothing into the world, neither may we carry anything out," he ejaculated, "True, true—too many calls upon us for that."

Masterly Stratagem.

Two gunners, one a young Irishman unaccustomed to handling a fowling piece, the other a sharpshooter, were in quest of ducks in the marshes just south of Marcus Hook. They had floated their decoys and were patiently awaiting the coming of the game when, on a sudden impulse, the disciple of the shamrock put gun to shoulder and fired both barrels into the midst of the floating flock of mimic ducks. In answer to an expostulation from his companion the offender replied:

"It's yureself that hoz no sagacity at all. Faith, when the birds see what a bad shot I am they'll think you're no better, and it's a boatload ov ducks we'll be afther takin home, d'y mound?"
—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Look Before You Leap.

Once upon a time there was a young man who believed what the books said. He left the farm and came to the great city to make his fortune and to climb the ladder of fame. The books said a great deal about the ladder of fame, so the young man exercised himself on copybook morals and poor Richard's almanac in order to be able to chin himself up a round at a time.

He was especially strong on runaway horses, and one day, to his gratification, he saw a mad steed plunging down the crowded street. He could not see any fainting maiden attached, but still he knew this was his opportunity. He sprang for the bridle, but *hit the front wheel instead* and was projected with violence into the gutter. Six months later, when he came out of the hospital, he was sent to the Home For the Feebleminded for trying to stop a fire marshal in the performance of his duty.

Moral—Get your opportunities labeled.—Dartmouth Literary Monthly.

Malaga usually has about 16 rainy days a year and at least 200 days when there is not a cloud in the blue sky.

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MALCOM C. ROSS.
CHILCOTIN, B. C., May 29, 1900.

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JOHN BOYD.
Cottonwood House
May 29, 1900.

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HARRY FOOKS,
Returning Officer.
ASHCROFT, B. C., May 26, 1900.

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CANADA.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

THE ASHCROFT JOURNAL.

SATURDAY, JULY 11th 1900.

Daniel O'Hara was in this week.

W. Morgan is painting the English church.

See the notice of Hoffercamp & Johnson in another column

Mrs. E. Dougherty and children were in Ashcroft this week.

Savonas is a pleasant place to spend these hot months.

Mr. Whitehead, of North Bend, was a visitor at Ashcroft this week.

School at North Bend has closed for the year after a very successful session.

J. R. Felker is now residing in Clinton, having moved his family up there lately.

John Wilson shipped 5 cars of splendid beef cattle from Savonas on Wednesday.

F. J. Hall, traveller for Turner, Beeton & Co., called on his customers here on Wednesday.

See the notice of the Clinton fall races. Everybody has a good time at the Clinton track.

Mrs. Charles Gibson has returned home after a few pleasant weeks spent visiting her sister at Lillooet.

Bryon and Stevenson will keep the flies off the other fellows between now and November in the States.

Archdeacon Small passed through Ashcroft this week on his way to England for a four month's visit.

The Ladies of the Methodist church are arranging for a children's concert, to be given at an early date.

R. T. Ward, of Horsefly, has gone to San Francisco on a business trip. He expects to be absent about a month.

A. W. Haddock and N. Stevenson are doing the development work on the former's claim three miles above town.

E. D. Webber has elected to be tried at the fall court of Assize. His bail was set at $2,000, which he stated he could obtain.

There is powder enough going up the road to paralyze any anti Protective people that live along the road if there are any such.

F. H. Spriggs is doing a nice business. He is a practical watchmaker, prompt and attentive with all orders intrusted to him.

The local lodge of Orangemen attended service at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and in the evening at the Methodist church.

J. C. Barnes has been elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Inland Agricultural Association caused by the death of Charles Pennie.

Crops throughout Cariboo are in fine condition. Everything is doing well and if wet weather does not prevent, a large quantity of hay will be put up.

C. E. Tisdall, the leading dealer in sporting goods in Vancouver, visited his Ashcroft customers the fore part of the week. The legislature of B. C. lost a good man when Mr. Tisdall dropped out.

John Campbell, of Spatsum, was here this week attending to the shipping of his cattle. Mr. Campbell states that the feed on the range is first-class and the indications are that it will be good well in to the winter.

W. A. Thompson, the well known Australian Mining Engineer and manager of the Cariboo Consolidated and other Cariboo properties, lately arrived from London and went up to Barkerville last Monday.

Since the baseball team have returned from Kamloops several of the boys are frequently noticed walking about with a far away look in their eyes. Particularly the one who is so fond of humming "In the Green Fields" etc. They have our sympathy.

The local branch of the Bank of British North America is daily increasing its business. Cariboo mining companies and business men are opening accounts and it should not be long before nearly all the banking business of the district will be done here.

The Nelson Tribune, the editor of which, Mr. John Houston, is a newly elected member of Parliament, says: The newspaper mouthpieces of the defeated ones do not like the idea of the Kootenay and Yale members of the legislative assembly voting as a unit. Notwithstanding, they will so vote. There will be a "solid nine," and the two interior districts of the province will no longer play second fiddle to either Victoria or Vancouver.

R. Felker is driving for F. W. Foster.

E. Choate, C.P.R. bridge inspector, was in Ashcroft Thursday.

Superintendent Downie spent a few hours here this week.

There have been several cases of a difference of opinion in town this week.

Mrs. Sullivan and daughter, of Clinton, registered at the Ashcroft Hotel this week.

F. C. Hamshaw, of the Colonial Mines Development Company, came down last Tuesday.

Mr. Potter, one of the party of gold seekers of a year and a half ago, left for England this week.

Water in the Thompson River is rapidly falling, four feet in four days is the record this week.

War in South Africa, war in the Philipines, war in China and occasionally a battle in Ashcroft. Such is life.

The thanks of the JOURNAL staff is given to Mr. D. W. Rowlands for a beautiful boquet of sweet peas. Some of them are very choice.

Ashcroft merchants are fairly busy, although there is not the usual amount of trade going on owing to the quiet state of matters in Cariboo.

James G. Bain spent a few days in town this week. He incidently saw the game of baseball, Bloomers versus Kamloops, on Wednesday.

Charlie George, a local cattle buyer, shipped two cars of beef cattle to the coast this week. They were from the ranches of I. Lehman and Campbell & Wood.

The efforts made to catch the bloomer girls as they flew through Ashcroft, for a game, were not successful and now we will all wait for the Dog and Pony show.

The Legislative Assembly meets at Victoria next Thursday for the transaction of business. The best wishes of the country go with them that they may do something.

W. W. Brown, of Newark, N. J., was a passenger to Lillooet on Monday. Mr. Brown intends to reside permanently at Lillooet and will shortly be followed by his family.

C. H. Gibson, of the Ashcroft market, does not say very much but he ships and sells a lot of beef every month just the same. Beef cattle are held for a good price by the stock men of this vicinity.

The Ashcroft Water, Electric and Improvement Co. have put in another pump in place of the big irrigrting pump that was lately badly injured. The crops that were being irrigated were not injured owing to the recent heavy rains.

Mr. John Murphy, his bride and Denis Murphy, M. P. P., arrived from the east on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have gone to their home at the 141-Mile House. They have the best wishes of the district for a long and happy life.

Mr. Geo. M. Bronson, of Providence, R. I., who has been a visitor at the Cariboo mine for the past few weeks, left Ashcroft for the east this week. Mr. Bronson is favorably impressed with the country in general and with the Cariboo mine in particular.

The hay crop in the vicinity of Ashcroft is good this year but a few more days of sunshine are wanted. Did anyone, who has lived here previously to the past three seasons, ever think that we would ever wish for hot dry weather in Ashcroft?

Sixty thousand pounds of powder was loaded this week at Ashcroft for the Cariboo mine. It will be exploded about August 15th in a shaft and drift across the face of the bank above the workings of the mine, for the purpose of breaking down and shortening the high gravel bank.

The members of the newly formed gun club should make good rules for each member to follow while on the grounds. At a shoot, guns should not be loaded until the shooter steps up to the score, etc., and these rules should be closely enforced. Deplorable accidents may be avoided by so doing.

The business outlook for this section is somewhat better than for the past few months. Capital is wanted to develop mines in the Cariboo, Lillooet and Yale districts. With a government that will encourage such investments, as we believe the present one will do, we may look forward to a better condition with confidence. No more Anti Alien legislation.

A certain Chinaman in this town, commonly called "Din" appears to be the guardian of all the new chinamen that want work as cooks. He is evidently a union man, and advises his pupils not to do anything which is not connected with kitchen work. A late experience with one of them urges the suggestion that anyone who wants a Chinaman to be of any use, must keep clear of Din's followers.

PASSENGER LIST.

The following is the list of passengers arriving and departing by Ashcroft stage lines:

B. C. EXPRESS CO.

ARRIVALS.

Dr. Noxon, Barkerville.
Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, Stanley.
M. Karamoto, 150 Mile House.
Pierce Desermeau, 150-Mile House.
E. Billinghurst, 111-Mile House.
Mrs. Sheppard, Clinton.
A. C. McDonald, Clinton.
D. Nevin, Hat Creek.
F. T. Hamshaw, Barkerville.
Miss Watson, Hat Creek.
Mrs. Gibson, Lillooet.
R. A. Fraser, Lillooet.

DEPARTURES.

W. W. Brown, Lillooet.
F. S. Reynolds, Lillooet.
M. Dumond, Lillooet.
R. Hume, Lillooet.
L. Gervais, Martley,s.
G. H. Hooper, Cottonwood.
W. A. Thompson, Barkerville.
R. G. Miller, Clinton.

PARKER'S STAGE LINE.

ARRIVALS.

James Bain, Bullion.
Mr. Brenton, Bullion.
Wm. McRae, Bullion.
Mrs. and Miss Sullivan, 21-Mile House.

DEPARTURES.

James Walker, Clinton.
John Crozier, 131-Mile House.
J. Murphy and wife, 141-Mile House.
Allan McIntosh 120 Mile House.
Geo. Munroe, Soda Creek.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

W. B. Dwight, dyer and cleaner of ladies' and gentlemen's clothing, has done considerable work for many of our citizens and has given good satisfaction. Try him when you want any clothing cleaned or dyed.

E. G. Prior & Co., of Kamloops, have just received a carload of Massy Harris Brantford mowers and Tiger & Sharp's rakes, also a full line of extras for all machines handled.

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Below will be found the date of departure, teamster and destination of freight shipped north by Ashcroft forwarding agents:

July	11	J R Felker, Clinton....	5,500
"	11	F A Johnson, Chilcotin.	2,200
"	11	Gilpin, Chilcotin.....	2,400
"	7	W. Patrick, Barkerville.	11,000
"	7	H Smith, Barkerville...	11,000
"	7	J Walker, 150-Mile H....	16,000
"	10	W Eagle, Beaver Lake..	5,000
"	12	Ket Sing, Quesnel.....	3,600
"	12	A Facault, Bullion.....	14,000
"	12	H R Lewis, Bullion....	12,000
"	12	G Courvette, Bullion...	9,000
"	13	A Switzer, Bullion.....	14,000
"	13	R K Evans, Barkerville.	5,000
"	13	R McDonald, Soda Ck..	11,000
"	13	T Gagne, Bullion.....	9,200
"	13	J Bishop, Bullion.....	8,700
"	13	M Botterill, Bullion....	8,400

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J. S. PLACE.
Dog Creek, B. C., June 30th 1900.

NOTICE.

The undersigned give public notice that we shall not be responsible for any debts incurred by Charles Shepperd for Charles Shepperd & Co., meat dealers, of Quesnel, B. C., as said business is and has been since June 3rd, 1900, under the management of
HOFFERCAMP & JOHNSON.
Quesnel, B. C., July 7th, 1900.

NOTICE.

All debts due the estate of the late A McNaughton must be paid to me within sixty days. All accounts against the said estate must be delivered to me properly certified to.
Mrs. A. McNaughton, Executrix.

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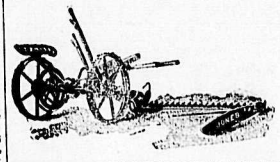

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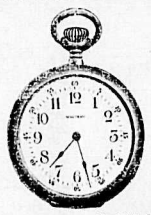
Quesnelle, B.C — JAMES REID, Manager.



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Quesnelle, 4.
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Beaver Lake, 3½.
Alexandra, 2½.
Horsefly, 3½.
Soda Creek, 3.
158-Mile House, 2¾.
115-Mile House and 150-Mile House, 2½
Above the 100, 2¼.
100-Mile House, 2.
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