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Barkerville.

Gangs of men are at work shoveling snow out of the ditches tributary to the Mosquito creek hydraulic mines. *This work requires to be done* every spring, and in the case of the Mosquito creek claims occupies as much time and is as expensive as the working of the claims during the piping season. This would appear to be a vast waste of experience, as surely some means could be devised to render this large annual outlay at least partly, if not wholly, unnecessary.

Similarly, the Gold Fields Company's men are removing the snow from that company's ditches.

A statement has been going the rounds of the press that the Lillooet, Fraser river, & Cariboo Gold Fields, Co., Ltd., have been operating upon one of the richest quartz reefs in Cariboo. We are not so well informed in Cariboo, for the company with the lengthy title has not yet, as far as we know, expended one cent in this district.

We have not heard that the miners *have protested against the granting* of the privileges asked for in the private bills of the Antler creek and Lightning creek mining companies, who propose acquiring large sections of mining lands with appurtenant water rights in the Cariboo district, with the right to construct a bed rock drain and levy assessments on the owners of claims which would receive benefit directly or otherwise from such drain.

Cariboo miners are given to protesting at the slightest approach to what they might deem an infringement of their privileges as free miners, it is therefore strange to us that they have allowed this excellent opportunity to pass without desiring a voice in the matter.

Without commenting upon the particular bills referred to, it seems to us that if the monopolistic tendencies of some of the large companies now acquiring mining properties in *the district, are not carefully restricted* at the outset, Cariboo will seriously suffer at no distant date.

Speaking of monopolistic tendencies, the following extract from the Kootenay Mail is interesting: "Of all private bills before the Legislature, the most audacious is that of the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Ltd. Franchise hunters—and there are many at Victoria this session—are never over modest in their requests, and this company with the mouth filling name is no exception to the rule. Besides all the privileges and powers of a railway company, telegraph company, and numberless other things, this outfit wants to hold by location or otherwise, any number of mineral claims situated on the same vein, lode or reef, not exceeding ten.' There is another section which reads as follows: 'On making application for leases, the company shall not be limited or confined to *any area, and the gold commissioner* to whom any such application is made may, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, grant such application, notwithstanding that the lands so applied for may exceed in area the number of acres to which such leases are now limited by law.'

All these sections were struck out by the private bills committee, but Messrs Irving and Rogers are making an effort to have them inserted again. On the second reading of the bill, Hon. Col. Baker remarked that the House might as well abolish the mining laws of the province if these laws were inserted."

If the above is correct, well might the Minister of Mines make the remark with which he is credited, and well might Cassiar and Cariboo wonder if their bright representatives (?) are in Victoria to serve their own personal interests or those of their *constituents.*

Barkerville, April 17th, 1896.

Quesnelle.

Quesnelle is beginning to ask itself whether it is to remain an agricultural centre dependent on the mines, or become the first mining camp in Cariboo. Within a few months the success or failure of the nearly completed dredgers will answer the question. Already the knowing ones around town, discussing the pros and cons and putting two and two together, have concluded that the dredging proposition is sound, and acting on their convictions have sent a special expedition to stake off thirty miles of river, commencing 25 miles from the mouth of the Nechaco *and taking in five miles of the Fraser* below its junction with the Nechaco. The part of the river they have taken up has been for many years a paradise for chinamen, yielding, if reports be correct, a far larger harvest of gold than the sections around Quesnelle. A company has been formed and named the "Nechaco & Fraser Rivers Gold Dredging Company," for the purpose of operating the ground.

A mild interest is being taken in politics now that the election is near at hand. Mr. Mara's action in the house, costing, as it very likely will, many of the recent settlers in Cariboo their votes, has been adversely criticised. Quesnelle hopes to see the candidates before the polling day: Mr. Mara to present his record as a politician and Mr. Bostock to smash the record if he can.

Pavillion.

A sad accident occurred here on the 20th inst., in which Mr Frank McKay, one of our best known and *widest renowned residents, met his* death. The mishap took place on the Fraser river immediately below the farm of Mr. C. O'Halloran, of this place.

Mr. McKay had been over on business and was returning in company with Mr. Chas. Scott and wife. The boat was old and had been pronounced time and time again to be unfit for navigation on the river, but people grow reckless through long being fortunate in escaping from evident dangers and thus many lose their lives.

The party had reached the other side in safety with their load of provisions and the boat, it appears, was pretty well filled with water. Mr. Scott and wife landed and were towing the boat up stream by means of a rope towards the landing place, while McKay remained in the boat and kept it from scraping on the rocks by means of a long pole, which he *had done hundreds of times before.* It seems that the boat in crossing the stream, whether from being overloaded, or on account of the water it contained, had been drifted a great deal farther down the current than it had ever been before on any former occasion. In towing the boat up the side of the river she somehow struck the rapid current and Scott began to realize that he could not manage her. He held on to the rope until he was drawn into the river up to the knees and then was compelled to let go. Immediately on being released the boat shot out into the swift current, bearing everything with it. McKay evidently thought he could manage her but all his efforts were useless and he was rapidly carried toward a canon a few hundred yards below. Before entering the canon the boat neared the shore and McKay, seeing that his only salvation was to leap, jumped for a rock, but falling a few *feet short disappeared into the water* and was seen no more by those who were watching from both sides of the river. He never rose to the surface *but was dragged down by that awful* undercurrent which rushes along at the bottom and draws everything into it. Mr. McKay was a man something over sixty years of age and was one of the early pioneers who entered British Columbia in her wild days. He will be greatly missed and much sorrow will be felt for him among his many friends. PROWLABOUT.

English Capitalists.

The party of English capitalists interested in Lillooet and that are understood as intending to invest some millions of English money in Cariboo and Kootenay consists of the following named persons: R. M. Horne Payne, a member of the firm of Sperling & Co., brokers; A. C. Mitchell-Innes, a member of the firm of Montague, Hall & Co.; W. G. Mitchell-Innes, brother of the preceeding, who is largely interested in British Columbia mines, and is a retired captain of the First Royal Dragoon Guards of England; H. Malcolm Hubbard, Mr. Payne's solicitor; R. H. Sperling, third son of Mr. Horne-Payne's senior partner; H. D. Robson, nephew of another partner, and Mr. Bennet, Mr. Horne-Payne's private secretary. There is room enough to welcome all, and this party and several others can be accommodated in Cariboo district, and we will still have mines left. No country in the world offers greater inducements at the present time for capital than does British Columbia.

Mining In Cassiar.

On the steamer Danube, which sailed north on Monday afternoon, was a party of mining men who are bound for Manson's creek, far in the interior of the Cassiar district. The company sending them is the Forty Third Mining and Milling Company, of Ottawa, which has large mining interests in different parts of Canada, and plenty of capital to develop their interests. Colonel Wright, one of the directors of the company, is in charge of the present venture, and when seen gave full particulars regarding it.

Last summer Col. Wright left Ashcroft and went north, visiting the "diggings" on the Quesnelle on his way, and after a good deal of investigation, made 15 locations of claims, nine being bench and six creek claims on Manson creek, Omineca district. Manson creek has, like most others in British Columbia, been worked over with pick and shovel but has still lots of gold in it for the improved hydraulic machine.

In answer to the question "How have the assays and tests turned out, and in what shape is the gold found?" Col. Wright said: "The gold in the bed of the creek is very coarse and I have got some nuggets which are worth from $8 to $10. All the tests which have been made were exceptionally satisfactory and to give you a good idea of the thing, men have been flooded out there when they were making upwards of $30 per day in washing."

The party that left by the Danube consisted of five, who will open up the claims and get things in readiness for work. One Mr. Vallenu will take charge of the operations, and Mr. A. F. Cotton of New Westminster, is engineer. Of course, plenty of ordinary miners can be obtained at Port Simpson. The party will go direct to Port Simpson, and then take the Hudson Bay Company's steamer up the Skeena, from which place Manson creek is about 220 miles eastward.

Col. Wright will leave here in about a *week for San Francisco, where he will see* about the purchase of an hydraulic elevator and a portable saw-mill. With these he will go overland from Ashcroft via Quesnelle, conveying the machinery by *mules. The hydraulic machinery will* then be put in place and active operations begun.—News-Advertiser.

Alaska.

Joe Juneau, the man who located this town, and for whom it was named, has made a big strike on one of the tributaries of Birch creek.

This letter from "Dutch Bill," an old Juneau man, now at Circle City, gives a very fair impression of a miner's life in the Yukon country:

"The mining prospects of this country *are not bad, and if we could only move it* a thousand miles nearer the equator it would undoubtedly be a good one. Mastodon and Deadwood creeks have turned out splendidly, and there are quite a number *of paying claims on each. From one* to six ounces per day to the man has been the yield of these streams. The wages last summer were $10 per day. Last summer gold was discovered in four other gulches, but very *little is known* about the location or whether the deposit of yellow metal will pay to work.

"The drawbacks to the country are many, the actual working season in no place extending beyond three months, and in some unfavorably situated spots, where the ice piles itself up into formidable glaciers, or where the sun's rays fail to penetrate, the ground cannot be worked until very late in the summer. In such places sixty days is the limit of the working season. Frozen gravel is encountered at any time during the summer months.

"The mosquito plague is accedded the palm, and at times is unendurable. During the summer the pest gives the population no rest. The deepest canon and the loftiest mountain top, the open ground or the thickest forest being equally infested. The only relief, if it can be called relief, is when the gentle zephrys waft so strongly that the insects hie themselves to less windy altitudes; but it is not an every day occurrence that the blessed wind blows. They resemble the yellow metal itself apparently; they are absolutely indestructable. I was located on a branch of Deadwood creek, where, on account of the prevalence of too much territory mixing with the gold, I was only able to earn about $7 per day for two months. It will scarcely cover expenses for the next year.

"Now I come to the greatest drawback of the country, the high prices demanded for the necessaries of every day life. Of course a man does not expect to live as cheaply in this country as in most civilized countries, but the charges on everything naturally leads to one conclusion; the merchants are strongly opposed to the gold leaving the country through any channels other than the strong boxes they own themselves."

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The Dominion Elections.

Ottawa, April, 22.—In the senate Sir Mackenzie Bowell made an official statement today prorogation would take place at 8 o'clock tomorrow night, that dissolution would follow the next day and that the nominations would take place on the 16 of June and the general elections on the 23rd of June. The writs are made returnable on the 13th of July and the new parliament will meet on the 14th of July.

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ASHCROFT, B. C., APRIL 25, 1896.

Prospecting in Cariboo.

From the outlook at this writing there will be much done during the year of '96 in the way of prospecting for both placer ground and quartz. Parties are leaving Ashcroft every week and as a rule very well prepared for a season's work in the unexplored parts of the upper country. A favorite section seems to be above Quesnelle along the Fraser, the headwaters of Hixon, Terry and Canon creeks and above in the Omineca country, also the Chilcoten section. Some have already gone into the country of the little Horsefly, Canoe river and other points above. It is yet regarded as early for men with pack animals to go in, and we may expect before June 1st to see the number that have already gone in be added to very largely. A very favorable feature of the season so far is that not nearly so many destitute men have gone in looking for work as heretofore. There has been a sufficient number of laborers gone up to so far more than meet the demand, but as before stated not such a rush as last year and the year before. It is fortunate that such is the case, as last year's experience of the people living on the road from Ashcroft to Barkerville was not a pleasant one. Many men without a dollar wandered along the road and in some cases seemed to think the country owed them a living and did not care whether they found work or not, and in some cases where work was obtained failed to pay the bills which they had incurred for board while waiting for employment, as notably, at Quesnelle Forks.

The country is a good one to prospect and the valuable properties which will be discovered every season for many years to come will be numerous, but no men, as has often been stated in the columns of the JOURNAL should come in with out at least money enough to pay their way for a few weeks. While the cost of living is not excessive it is not a cheap section to live in. Cariboo will welcome all well disposed men who come prepared to do their part toward opening up the stores of hidden wealth of this wonderfully rich country.

Section 4 of the special bill passed by the Legislature for the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company, and Section 6 of the Antler Creek Mining Company's private bill contain the following sensible clause:

The lease or leases hereby authorized shall contain a covenant on the part of the Company that the said Company or its agents will not employ a Chinese or Japanese person in, about, or on the property demised, or any part thereof, or on the work in connection therewith, under sufficient penalty to enforce the observance of the covenant.

This is sensible and meets the approval of the people.

Coal Fields Of China.

There are symptoms indicating that the Chinese near Pekin are awakening to the advantage of employing foreign engineering knowledge and machinery, says a correspondent in the Pekin and Tientsin Times. Considerable coal-fields extend over a vast area of the mountains north and west of the capital, at a distance of about 100 li from it. They have hitherto been worked by the stereotyped, irrational, mole fashion, so characteristic of Chinese. When the natives discovered the coal seams on the sides of the mountains, they commenced digging into them, and in some places they have penetrated as far as 8,000 feet, in others only a few hundred feet, when they were stopped by water, with which difficulty they have been entirely unable to cope, and the mines have consequently, in many cases, been abandoned. We are glad, however, to hear that some rich Chinese, stirred by the railway movement, have entered into contracts with a foreign engineer to develop the mining possibilities of the northern districts.

China's coal-fields are exceeded by none but those in America, and in a more distant time they will have equal effect on the commerce and manufactures of the world. The cost of sea freights has been low enough to allow the coal to be carried to distant countries and sold more cheaply than coal from nearer sources; but the construction of railways, the improvement of navigable rivers and other means of transport are, in many countries, entirely altering the conditions of the coal trade, and in Japan, India and Australia the native coal is rapidly superseding the imported coal, and the same change will eventually take place in South Africa and in China when the coal deposits are developed.

Pavillon.

EDITOR MINING JOURNAL.—Sir: We as a community, think it but just and right that you should know fully, how much we appreciate your noble and broad efforts to bring to the notice, by editorials and otherwise, of the people, the rising star in our midst. Owing to your efforts, people now recognize the fact that born genius will show itself, and yet shine forth to dazzle an admiring world. In our ignorance we had suggested, that you start a rock-slide, or use ten stick of giant, something physical, but we now see, that after all, the editors ways are best. Therefore we desire to dedicate to this genius the following humble ditty.

ODE TO GENIUS.

At Pavillion it was, at the sanctum there
That Burns, the "poet?" sat alone one night.
There came to his burning soul some thoughts
Beyond the power of man to write.

To his mighty mind there came the thought
Of the things that might be, more's the pity
And he wrote, "if we had ten thousand here
We'd have enough to make a city."

The years rolled on and his tap root brain
Swelled and rose, like a wart on a toad
His genius sublime reached the very stars
Still, he drove slow freight on the Lillooet road

From the "Mall" on the Mount to the "Valley of Flowers"
Came this Homer incog. with his mobile face.
His genius to show, the "Spooner" to act
To enlighten? that part of the human race.

When with marvellous tact he had acted his part
He retires from the world, he must needs have a pause,
Meekly to tell to the world, through the up country sun,
How he was received with such "thundering applause.

But the clouds of despair, hang over his soul,
"The liver turns torpid," the choler doth rise.
When they danced on the 4th, alas! not the 5th
And told such a blundering "fame lot of lies."

But darkness must flee, and glad morning break,
When the star, of "born genius" is rising alone.
Though editors frown and give "dynamite hints,"
He will ever shine on, though the whole valley groan.

But the sky leans dumb on the vale, one's pity doth turn into gaul.
When the Monday mail comes people moan with delight
That a man was "the belle" of a ball.

O Muses nine, O Orpheus great,
To thee we now implore
That thou wouldst't take this ghost of Burns
To thine own celestial shore

For his "Ode to Spring" was so mighty a thing
That it reached the resounding shore
Of the frozen north, cut loose the wind, ten degrees we now deplore.

Therefore in love, O mighty Thor
Wilt thou not smite him sensible?
For his rhymes are like these, and, if you please
Their doggerelaterially incomprehensible.

DRIVEL-ABOUT.

The First Quartz.

In 1862 the B. C. government offered a bonus of $5,000 to anyone who would discover a gold quartz mine and prove that it would pay at a depth of 25 feet. S. T. Walker now a resident of New Denver, while on his way from Cariboo to Yale in the fall of '61 found a quartz claim on Bald Mountain, between the forks of Keithly and Antler ceeks, assays of which went $27 in gold. Thinking to obtain the bonus he returned with some men to where he had found the ledge in July '62. Breaking through eight feet of snow they reached the ground on the 8th of July and commenced work. After paying $16 a day wages and sinking a shaft 15 feet the pay streak disappeared, and Mr. Walker was out $3,200. As it was the first attempt in the province to develop a quartz mine Governor Douglas was in favor of paying the $5,000, but the government voted it down, and Walker received nothing except the satisfaction of being the first man to open a gold quartz lead in British Columbia.—Ledge.

Works saving gold in the black sands is being erected at New Westminster. It is claimed that it will save every particle of gold in black sands and will also save rusty gold. The owner of the patent sold the rights for England for $160,000.

Assayers are too generally the butt of practical jokers in new mining camps. Many of the old timers will remember how the boys up in Utah years ago got hold of a piece of a Mormon's grindstone and worked it off on the camp assayer. The assayer made it go $300 to the ton in silver, and he was run out of the camp. This is said to be a true story. In the early days the Mormons made their grind stones out of what afterwards was known the world over as Silver Cliff. That cliff was a sand carbonate and it was eventually discovered to be a wonderful deposit of silver ore. But that was too late to help the poor assayer who assayed the grindstone.—Western World.

Struck It Rich.

Word has been received from the Gray Eagle mine, Three Forks, that a splendid strike has been made on the extension of this claim, and on the same ledge as the mine. The strike was made in the shaft and is a two foot ledge, which assays 1,400 ozs. in silver. Last fall some of the workmen on the Gray Eagle located an extension of its ledge. The work now being done is the first development on the claim and the strike is on the same ledge and only a few feet from the surface. These claims are near Three Forks. A two-foot ledge is about the average in width in that section of the country and not only gives a splendid prospect to the finders, but also materially increases the value of the Gray Eagle. Neither the name of the property nor the owners can be learned, but the latter are thought to belong to Spokane.

Something In It.

The fourth of the series of lectures on mining which are being given by Mr. Carlyle, the provincial mineralogist, is published in the last issue of the Mining Record. Having no doubt carefully perused the subject, the Advance says: The lecture is full of interesting and instructive data, but so long as these lectures are only listened to, and do not reach much beyond an audience composed mainly of Vancouver office boys and clerks, naturally their utility must be very much limited. Why in the name of common sense should the provincial mineralogist reside hundreds of miles from where alone his experience and knowledge might prove practically valuable? Under the present circumstances Mr. Carlyle would have appeared just as useful and very nearly as ornamental to the province were he still in quiet possession of the professorial chair in Montreal. As well establish an experimental Farm upon the dump of the Hall mines at Nelson as appoint an official mineralogist whose duties do not take him beyond the precincts of the coast cities.

British Capitalists.

The party of British capitalists en route to British Columbia will likely arrive at the coast this week were a few weeks will be spent in examining the electric railway systems in which they are largely interested. As soon as the roads allow the whole party, with the addition of two very eminent mining engineers, one from Washington and another from Cape Colony, will go into the interior of British Columbia and make a very thorough inspection of all the mines. They will be "up country" most of the summer. The syndicate represented by Mr. Horne-Payne controls ten mines in British Columbia, and it is the intention of the party to thoroughly post themselves on the country before returning. Mr. Horne-Payne thinks that British Columbia has a bright future. He is so sure of it, in fact, that he and his companions will invest two and a half million dollars in the province this year.

"The progress in British Columbia gold mining," said Mr. Horne-Payne, "has been slow in the past, but it is commencing to be more rapid now. We simply have been prospecting on our properties, but this year will commence to produce and will work every mine. I expect the output will be large, as I have every confidence in the richness of the country. There is as much gold in British Columbia as there is in Africa or Australia. The cost of working the mines is much smaller in British Columbia than either of the other places as we have all the water and power we want right at the mines. On the other hand, these necessities are very hard to obtain in Africa or Australia. British Columbia gold mining will be as that of South Africa was. It is now as the latter country was in 1888, and it took Africa some time to recover. As you see, she recovered with an earnestness this year that made the income of every financial man in England who invested in African securities ten times its usual size. British Columbia will have the same course, and as it is as rich as South Africa, it need not fear the result.

We shall have ten mines operating this year and open some others. The company which at present holds them is composed of forty five members, and as these are leading men in all the European markets we have a good name and when we wish to increase our stock there will be no difficulty in doing so. When we put the mines in good mining order we shall form a joint stock company, take stock to the amount of our investment and sell the rest of the shares. In this way we shall interest a great many people in the mines."

Our Up Country Climate.

With reference to climate in the vicinity of Alexandria H. S. Palmer says: "The altitude of this district is frequently quoted as rendering it unsuitable to agriculture, but the highly satisfactory results obtained at Williams and Beaver Lake, two of the most advanced farms in the colony, where it's elevation of 2,100 and 2,200 feet, varieties of grain and vegetables are yearly raised in great perfection and abundance, indicate the fertility of the soil, and the country under discussion, large tracts of unoccupied land, where the soil rivals that of the farms above mentioned, and where much of the ground is literally fit for the plough."

Of the portion lying between Alexandria and Thompson river, Captain Parsons writes: "Bridge creek flows into a large stream which is said to be a tributiary of Horsefly creek. Troughton's boiling point thermometer showed a temperature at the level of the house of 205° on the 29th August, and 203 4-5° on 31st August, indicating altitudes of about 3,119 and 3,054 feet, respectively, or a mean of 3,086 feet above the level of the sea; nevertheless the temperature of the air in the shade at 8 a.m. of the 29th was 57°, and of the water of the creek, 54°. On the 31st, at 7 p.m., the air was 60 75°, and on the 1st September, at 7 a.m., it was 48° of Fahrenheit.

EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATE IN ASSAYING.

Bureau of Mines,
Victoria, B.C., 8th April, 1896.

On having learned that many who desire to obtain the above certificate do not feel sufficiently prepared for the examination it was proposed to hold here during the last week of this month, the Hon. the Minister of Mines has decided to postpone said examination until the autumn, when it may be held at two or three places in the province for the better convenience of the candidates; due notice to be given of the time, places, and examiners appointed by the minister.

An excellent book on assaying, embracing most of the best and latest methods for all the metals required for this examination, Furman's "Manual of Practical Assaying," $3 00, John Wiley & Sons, New York, is strongly recommended. WILLIAM A. CARLYLE,
4950 Provincial Mineralogist.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that at the next sitting of the Licencing Board at Ashcroft B. C. I intend to make application for a transfer of the retail Liquor License now held by me in the premises known as the "Cariboo Exchange," to Andrew Walters of Ashcroft B. C., the business to be still carried on in said "Cariboo Exchange" building. W. R. PUCKETT.
Ashcroft, B. C. March 3rd, 1896. 48-51

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, doing business in Ashcroft under the name of C. H. Gibson & Co., has this day been dissolved by mutual agreement. The business will be continued by C. H. Gibson who will assume all liabilities and to whom all accounts due shall be paid.
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G. NURSE,
B. VANCE,
C. H. GIBSON.

Dated at Ashcroft 6th day of April, 1896.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease 40 acres of land for the purpose of cutting hay thereon. Said land being situated as follows. Commencing at the north west corner of my preemption claim thence north twenty chains, thence east twenty chains thence south twenty chains to the north boundary of my preemption, thence west along said boundary to point of commencement.
48-51. SIDNEY WILLIAMS.
Quesnelle B. C. March 25th, 1896.

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TABLE.

Showing the Dates and Places of Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery for the year 1896.

SPRING ASSIZES.

Nanaimo	Tuesday	5th May
New Westminster	Tuesday	12th May
Vancouver	Tuesday	19th May
Clinton	Monday	25th May
Victoria	Tuesday	26th May
Kamloops	Monday	1st June
Vernon	Monday	8th June
*Nelson	Monday	15th June
*Donald	Monday	22nd June

*Special Assiz. 49-7

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Yale "	G C Tunstall	Kamloops
Yale "	C A R Lambly	Osoyoos
East Kootenay	A P Cummins	Donald
West Kootenay	N Fitzstubbs	Nelson

MINING RECORDERS.

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New Westminster	C Warwick	Westminster
East Kootenay	S Redgrave	Donald
"	F G Lang	Golden
"	G Goldie	Windmere
"	C Edwards	Fort Steele
West Koootenay	J D Graham	Revelstoke
"	W J Goepel	Nelson
"	A Sproat	New Denver
"	J C Rykert	Rykerts
"	J Kirkup	Rossland
"	T Taylor	Trout Lake
Cariboo district	W Stephenson	Quesnelle
Yale "	W Dodd	Yale
"	L Norris	Vernon
"	C A R Lambly	Osoyoos
"	W McMyn	Rock Creek
"	H Hunter	Grantie creek
Lillooet district	C A Phair	Lillooet

ASSAYERS.

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INFORMATION.

Post Office at Ashcroft.—Mails exchanged daily with train mail clerks east and west. These mails close week days at 7 45 p. m. Money order and registration branches close at 7.30 p. m.

Cariboo and Intermediate points—Registration closes at 7.30 Saturdays. Other matter for these points may be mailed at the office up to 2 a. m. Mondays.

Clinton and Intermediate—Registration closes Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7.30 p. m. Other matter mailed up to 5 a. m. Wednesdays and Fridays and 2 a. m on Mondays will go forward.

Lillooet—Registration closes Tuesdays and Saturdays 7.30 p. m. Other matter mailed up to 5 a. m. on Wednesday and 2 p. m. on Monday will go forward.

ASHCROFT CHURCH DIRECTORY.

St. Alban's Episcopal—Rev. F. Yolland Incumbent. Services every alternate Sabbath at 11 o'clock a.m., and 7 o'clock p.m.

Zion Presbyterian Church—Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday school (union) at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. M. McKee Presbyterian, and Rev. James Turner Methodist clergymen, preach on alternate Sundays. All are cordially invited to attend.

In Mining Interests.

The formation of a mining association composed of those who have a thorough and practical knowledge of the art of mining is an event which augurs well for the future of British Columbia. The eastern Provinces have for some years had kindred organizations and have found them of the greatest possible service in promoting the well being of the mining community. People in distant localities reading of the progress of the mining industry in this country will be more apt to believe in statements which are authorized by such an organization as the Association of Mining Engineers that to give credence to the rumors which emanate from time to time from those who are not fitted to judge the prospects of mining. Moreover, the interchange of views between the members will lead to improved methods of working our deposits and those who masquerade as mining experts, without having any real knowledge of the art, will be subjected to such a sharp fire of criticism that their real ignorance will be exposed. Arrangements will be made to arrange for meetings in conjunction with other technical societies from time to time and two meetings will be held yearly for the purpose of discussing mining matters. One of these will be held near the coast and the other in the Interior each year, but the place of meeting will be fixed to suit the convenience of the members. The next meeting will be held at Nelson in about six weeks. Some very interesting papers will be discussed at it. The officers elected at the first meeting are: President R. C. Campbell-Johnson, M. E of Vancouver and Rossland; vice-president, S. Robins of Nanaimo; committee, Howard West, M. E., A. R. S. M., Sandon; A. H. Holdich, Halls Ltd., Nelson; J. Newlands, Kootenay; A. J. Colquhoun, Vancouver; H. E. D. Merry, Rossland; and H. R. Bellamy, Vancouver; Secretary-Treasurer, G. F. Moncton, M. E., Vancouver. Two more members of the committee will be elected at the Nelson meeting. It is always difficult to get a society of this kind under way at first, but the number of those who have given their adhesion to the scheme already has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its promoters, and there is no doubt that the society will be a great power. There are three honorary members, Dr. G. M. Dawson, Hon. Col. Baker and B. T. A. Bell, Secretary Canadian Mining Institute. The society comprises members who must be professional mining men, associate members, which class will comprise all those interested in mining, students and honorary members. Those who have not yet joined and wish to do so should communicate with the secretary.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Commissioner of Cariboo district for permission to lease one hundred and sixty acres of land situated in upper Chilcoten. NORMAN LEE.
Hanceville, P. O., Chilcotin, B. C., March 27th, 1896. 45-51

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NOTICE.

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

150-Mile House,	Wednesday,	17th June, 1896.	
Soda Creek,	Friday,	19th	" "
Quesnelle,	Tuesday,	23rd	" "
Barkerville,	Friday	26th	" "

Court opens each day at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, by order, JAMES McKEN, Registrar C. C.
Barkerville B. C., March 27th, 1896. 48-59

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NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court of Cariboo will be held at the Court House Clinton, on Thursday the 23rd day of April next at the hour of ten in the forenoon, and at the court house Lillooet on Monday the 27th day of April next at the hour of ten in the forenoon. By order
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Several very promising quartz bearing locations are also being developed in the Lillooet district, and as machinery capable of treating the refractory ore on the most improved methods will soon be imported, the excellent results already attained are attracting miners and mining men in large numbers.

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20-Mile House	20
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CLINTON	32
59-Mile House	44
61-Mile House	46
70-Mile House	55
83-Mile House	68
87-Mile House	72
100-Mile House	83
105-Mile House	90
108-Mile House	93
111-Mile House	96
115-Mile House	100
117-Mile House	102
122-Mile House	107
127-Mile House	112
134-Mile House	119
139-Mile House	124
141-Mile House	126
145-Mile House	131
150-MILE HOUSE	135
Soda Creek	165
Alexandria	183
Moffat's	189
Australian Ranch	198
Bohanon's	200
Quesnelle	220
Cottonwood	241
Beaver Pass	265
Stanley	270
Barkerville	280

Places below, Roads branch from 150 mile House but the distances are from Ashcroft.

Big Lake	159
Beaver Lake	167
Quesnelle Forks	191

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LOCAL NEWS.

Robert Walker and family of Cache creek spent Sunday in town.

Mr. S. Tingley left yesterday for a tour of inspection along the stage line.

DIED.—On the 15th inst., at Clinton, B.C., the infant daughter of James B. and Mary Cren.

Miss Jeannie Dougherty of the Maiden creek ranch spent Saturday and Sunday in town visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Minnie Rumming who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Muir, left for her home in Nanaimo Sunday night.

Mr. Gillis of Victoria, manager of the B. C. Cattle company shipped two carloads of fine cattle from Mr. Semlin's ranch Saturday last.

The late William Morrison, of Cariboo, remembered the British Columbia Protestant Orphan's Home in his will, bequeathing to that admirable institution a sum of $250.

A. W. Smith, M.P.P., of West Lillooet accompanied by Mrs. Smith returned to Lillooet Monday from Victoria, where Mr. Smith has been attending legislative duties.

Our readers will please take notice that we have a prize winner for correspondent. At the Dog Creek tournament he was a four-time winner, beating time, sprinters, horse and mule. Whose correspondent can beat ours.

We are in receipt of March number of the Western Field and Stream. To those who are lovers of the rod and gun it is interesting reading. The paper may be obtained by addressing Field and Stream, St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Glencross has taken the management of the Cariboo Exchange restaurant and will doubtless do well. Her previous experience in this same restaurant showed that her knowledge of this kind of work was thorough and satisfactory to her patrons.

Mrs. Walter B. Gladwin is expected back soon to Ashcroft. Mrs. Gladwin has been spending the past year with friends in San Francisco. Her health has improved with change of residence and she contemplates making California her home in the future.

D. A. Stoddard, M. P. P. returned from his winter quarters at Victoria last Sunday night and took stage the next morning for Clinton. Mr. Stoddard is one of the prominent members of this section, and has the reputation of looking closely after the interests of his constituents.

Judge Griffith, of Tacoma, came up as far as Ashcroft to meet some of his associates in the Main Quesnelle Gold Mining Company. On the way up country. The Judge expects to visit Cariboo in the near future and reports that much interest is taken in the mines of British Columbia by people in his section.

We are in receipt of a fine sample of copper ore sent down from the Copper Creek country, where Jack Hardy and party are now doing some prospecting. The section referred to has not been well prospected and it is the belief of many old timers that north of the Thompson river and up the North Thompson good paying mines will yet be discovered.

The Y. P. S. C. E., which is held every Wednesday evening in the Presbyterian church is gradually increasing in membership. An hour spent one evening in the middle of the week can well be afforded by all, as these meetings are instructive both spiritually and mentally. It is to be hoped the interest in this work will continue in this vicinity.

The World after quoting the article appearing in last weeks MINING JOURNAL in regard to Mr. W. H. McNeal and the Stanley Smith cinnibar mine, adds: In connection with the forgoing it may be well to state that the aged father of the deceased Stanley Smith, who lost his life in connection with the reported cinnibar find, is in the city looking after his son's interests in this matter. It is understood that such representations have been made to the government in connection with Mr. Smith's death as will result in the claim staked out by him being recognized and his heirs justly dealt with.

Alec McArthur, one of Barkerville's old and respected citizens, who has been spending the last year in Victoria is at the Ashcroft awaiting Monday's stage, when, if his health will permit, he intends to return to Barkerville to again engage in business. Mr. McArthur says that after a man has lived, as he has for the past 25 years, in a mining camp, he need not go to a city and expect to settle down quietly and do nothing, for it soon becomes so monotonous that a man cannot endure it. Work, Mr. McArthur says, is the only way to keep the mind and body both employed and preserve the bodily health as old age approaches. To hear the description of Mr. McArthur and other old-timers of the sights to be seen on bed-rock on Williams creek in the early '60's, or the wash-ups on Lightning creek during the early '70's, would make almost any man long to be a miner. Of the old-timers who perhaps took out of the country more than any other one man, Cariboo Cameron, with a supposed amount of $400,000 in dust, leads the van, loading several pack mules, the weight being some 1,200 to 1,500 pounds. In 24 hours out of one claim, two shifts of two men each, were taken 202 pounds of gold. Things are different now, and the men who were then young and hardy are now, if living, old men. Cassiar, Omineca, and Peace river, Juneau, Silver Bow Basin and the Yukon can all show the work of the old Cariboo miner. As a rule they were worthy men and good citizens.

Duck shooting at Williams Lake is reported as good.

McDonald's Bridge crew are now at Thompson's siding at work.

"Jim" Wright has now charge of the work train working west of the town.

Mayor Lee and E. A. Nash of Kamloops were at Ashcroft a few days this week.

George Ogle made a flying trip to Kamloops the first of the week visiting friends.

Miss Trodden of Lytton arrived in town Wednesday and will remain the summer.

The easter services held in the Episcopal church last Sunday were well attended.

Captain J. Martley of The Grange, spent a couple of days in town on business this week.

A. D. Whittier, of the Cariboo Gold Fields Co., went up on last Monday's stage to Barkerville.

A fire at Kamloops on Wednesday burned the building occupied by Percy Jenns and others.

Wm. Downie, assistant superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R. was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Walker of Penticton has disposed of the famous race horse, Reciprocity, to a purchaser at Ashcroft.—Advance.

E. Choate bridge inspector was on a tour over his division this week and stopped off at Ashcroft for a day.

Jack Wyness, of Clinton, is now at the Ashcroft and it is rumored will officiate as night clerk. Mr. Wyness is capable and has many friends.

A B. X. special took out several passengers yesterday, among them being Mr. Claflin, who goes up as book-keeper for the Horse Fly mine.

Andy Walters, of the Cariboo Exchange has just had his fire proof cellar completed. Andy has also got in a few "schooners" for the summer trade.

J. H. Clements and C. B Deans received a bicycle from the coast on Wednesday, and will take turns in viewing the surrounding country at their leisure.

Mr. Jones, of Barkerville, is still at the Ashcroft and is much improved in health. He expects to again resume mining operations at Williams creek within a few weeks.

Mr. Claflin late of New York, started yesterday from Ashcroft to the Horsefly Gold Mining company's camp. Mr Claflin will probably spend some months in the Cariboo.

It is expected there will be through stages twice a week from now on carrying mail both ways. Will leave Ashcroft Mondays and Wednesdays, returning Tuesdays and Thursdays.

E. J. Duchesnay and his staff of engineers are doing good work along the line of railway. Mr Duchesnay is an experienced engineer, having done some fine work on railway surveys.

John Wilson, the cattle man, who has been seriously ill for the past few weeks, drove into town Thursday accompanied by his daughters. His many friends are glad to see him about again.

It is reported, but not authoratively, that a change will be made in the time arrival of passenger trains at Ashcroft, the train going west to reach here about 8:30 a. m. and the train going east about 6 p. m.

One of the old landmarks of Kamloops has passed over to join the great majority. Mr. W. J. Church, or, as he was more familiarly known, "Doc." Church, died on last Wednesday morning, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. The funeral took place on Friday, the remains being followed to their last resting place by most of Kamloops' prominent citizens.—Sentinel.

A presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs C. H. Smith on Thursday, April 16th., in the Odd Fellow's Hall, by the Y. P. S. C. E. and I. O. G. T., in the shape of two volumes of commentories. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will be greatly missed in Ashcroft, as both have taken an active part in church matters. Mrs. Smith expects to leave for Soda Creek in a short time, where Mr. Smith has been for the past month.

C. A. Semlin returned from his long stay at Victoria this week and is glad to get back home. The legislative session has been a long one and the duties of a conscientious member as is Mr. Semlin are arduous. No member from any district in the province has a firmer lot of friends and supporters than has Mr. Semlin, during his long service and being as he is the leader of the opposition, he has returned the confidence of his supporters and the respect of his political opponents in all cases.

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE ROOMS.

KAMLOOPS, B. C.

The above rooms are open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. daily, and the committee extend a cordial invitation to all visitors to the city. The secretary will be in attendance and afford inquirers every information.

Captain R. G. Tatlow of Vancouver is spending a few days in town.

Charles Haddock of the firm of Collins & Haddock drove 25 head of horses from Kamloops on Friday. They are fine lot of horses and people going into the Cariboo country can do well by getting their outfits from this firm.

The people of Clinton and along the road, Cache creek and the Bonaparte and others living within a reasonable distance, should make it a point to visit Ashcroft on the night of May 2nd., and hear the McKenzie troupe. It is seldom that an opportunity is given to hear a concert of this class. Tickets, reserved seats, etc., may be secured at the Drug store. The hall should, and no doubt will, be filled.

An injunction against the transfer of the Beaver Mouth properties to the English parties buying, was gotten out in Victoria on Wednesday of this week, Col. De Loynes claiming to have an option on the same. After a hearing yesterday it is reported that the injunction was dissolved by the court. It is regretted by all parties interested that any misunderstanding should have arisen over the property.

Late Up Country News.

SPECIAL TO THE MINING JOURNAL.

BARKERVILLE, April 24th.—Work is beginning on all of the hydraulic claims. Weather is fine and snow fall gives a promise of unusually good supply of water for the season.

QUESNELLE, April 24th, 1896.—The Main Quesnelle Dredging Co., E. J. Fader, manager, about twenty miles up Quesnelle river from here and who has been making preparations for the last two months has now everything in readiness and started dredging on Wednesday last, and the prospects are better than were anticipated. Mr. Fader's dredger is a patent of his own called the Fader dredging bucket, and he is with very good reasons quite elated over its success. He expects by the beginning of the week to have it thoroughly tested and everything in operation. His machinery will handle over 400 yards per day.

Mr. Law returned last week with Mrs. Law and is sinking a shaft across the river down as far as possible and it promises to be a great success, it is now the deepest shaft ever sunk in Cariboo. He is also building a wagon road to his claim and getting things in shape for a big proposition.

Weather cold, river coming up very slowly and no one expects to see very high water this year in the Fraser or Quesnelle.

Savonas

A small town on the Canadian Pacific Railway main line about 22 miles east of Ashcroft and 25 miles west of Kamloops. The name Savonas was derived from an old settler, an Italian, who established the first ferry early in the '60's. For the size of the place one would never think there was so much activity going on in and around it. It is from here that John Wilson, the cattle king, ships considerable of his beef cattle for the markets of Vancouver, Victoria, Westminster and Nanaimo. It is also from here that several large shipments of quicksilver have been made, the output of the Cinnabar Mining Company of B. C., the only quicksilver mine today under the British flag, and which promises to be one of the greatest in the world. A large force of men are employed by this company under the able managment of Col. Lightner, an old and experienced cinnabar miner from California, as is also the foreman, John Veitch. This company have erected on their ground a retort for the treatment of the ore, capacity about 2,400 pounds per 24 hours, which will be superceded by a more extensive plant in the near future. The company's mines are situated almost opposite Savonas on Copper creek. The Tenderfoot claim, mentioned in your last issue, is also located on the east side of Copper creek, opposite the Cinnabar mine.

The Lake View Hotel, owned and managed by Mr. Adam Ferguson, affords first class accommodation for guests, the worthy host always making it a point to meet the requirements of the traveling public.

There are numerous visiters to Savonas in the summer, some personages of note even coming from California. The lake affords splendid trout fishing and the climate is superb and as a health resort takes high rank. The mountains in the immediate vicinity are the sportsman's paradise, deer being very plentiful.

The general store of the town is owned by Mr. John Jane, a pioneer of British Columbia, who keeps everything, from a needle to an anchor. First class goods can be bought here just as cheap as at any of the coast cities.

Mr. Woods, Indian Agent, is down from Kamloops attending to the wants of his department on the reservation.

The Rev. Mr. McKee held afternoon services in the school house last Sunday. There was a good attendance.

Mr. John Wilson is back from Kamloops as hale and hearty as ever. Everybody here was glad to see him back again.

The new discoveries of cinnabar ore on Deadman's creek were made by Aleck Hardie, an old pioneer and a practical miner of many years experience.

Dredging.

Mr. Beadling, of Beadling Bros., coal mine owners of Pennsylvania, went up to Quesnelle by last Monday's stage. Mr. Beadling is largely interested in dredging on the Quesnelle about 25 miles above the mouth. He reports the Fader dredger as nearly ready for work and expresses himself as having good hopes of success. He was accompanied by his son and expects to spend the summer on the river. It will be remembered that the dredger referred to is to be operated by a stationary engine, with two buckets drawn across the river suspended from a cable, the loaded bucket being dumped in a flume on the bank which is supplied with water by a pump run by the same power that operates the buckets. Mr. Fader claims for his patent that he can raise and wash 400 yards per day with ease, and that in his prospecting with a small plant last summer on the North Fork the ground did not pay less than 30 cents per cubic yard. If these figures can be relied on there is no question of the value of the proposition, as the working expenses of the plant are not over $20 per day and the output should be at the minimum $160 per day. The quantity of river bed held by this company is practically inexhaustible. The total cost of the machinery etc., is about $15,000. The next few weeks will serve to show what this company can do and the result will be of general interest to people of this section as well as mining men in general.

Port of Entry

EDITOR B. C. MINING JOURNAL,—Sir: The Hon. J. F. Wood, Controller of Customs replying to my application to make Ashcroft an outport of customs writes to me as follows:

"I am in receipt of your letter enclosing petition from business men of Ashcroft and strongly recommending the same for the creation of an outport of customs at that place. I shall be glad if it be possible to oblige you in this matter, and in order that the facts may be presented to Council I am asking our inspector for a statement of the volume of business that would likely be performed at Ashcroft annually. If this action should be taken I shall have to obtain provision in the Estimates before anything can be done in the matter of the appointment of your nominee, Mr. Oliver."

I may state that my reason for recommending Mr. Oliver is that he is not in any way connected with business; as any one having an interest in a store or importing goods would be precluded from holding a customs position. Before making the recommendation I consulted with Mr. Tingley of your town, who considered that Mr. Oliver's appointment would be acceptable to the people of Ashcroft, Lillooet and Cariboo. I will follow your application up and I think I can safely say that Ashcroft will be made a customs outport before very long. Yours faithfully,

J. A. MARA.

McKenzie Concert Company.

The music loving people of Ashcroft and vicinity will be offered a rare treat on the night of May 2nd, when the well known McKenzie Grand Concert Company will give an entertainment in the Town Hall. It is the chance of an extra night before reaching the coast, that induced the advance agent to bill Ashcroft for one entertainment, as the company were not due in Vancouver until Monday and decided to stop off here. As showing the appreciation of the audiences before whom this company have given entertainments, we quote:

Miss McKenzie has really a wonderful voice, and one that will win her fame. She is but 21, and has a magnificent physique. No such singer as Miss McKenzie has been produced, it is believed, in the Northwest, and a great future is predicted for her.—Minneapolis Journal, May 22.

Tears came to many eyes as she sang the last stanza of the "Maid o' Dundee." Her clear, pure, sympathetic voice went straight to each heart. Not one of her tones is harsh, but all are sweet, strong and under perfect control.—Daily N. W., Grand Forks, N. D., October 15, 1895.

Miss McKenzie's rendition of the air from Verdi's "Traviata" held the audience spellbound. Her pure tones, her freedom from affectation, the apparent ease in producing her tones and her faultless phrasing placed her at once above the usual concert singer. "Bonnie Dundee" and "Annie Laurie" she rendered with true pathos and expression.—Evening Dispatch, Michigan City, Ind., February 13, 1896.

Miss Fellows, the new young violinist, made an exceedingly good impression; her tone is beautiful and her intonation is well-nigh impeccable. She plays, too, with a great deal of style.—Boston Transcript.

Miss Elise Fellows' violin solos and accompaniments were greeted with enthusiastic approval from a critical audience of our music loving citizens. We doubt very much if Miss Fellows has an equal as a lady violinist on this continent; that her handling of the king of instruments is marvellously fine will be readily conceded by all who were present at the concert on Friday evening.—Petrolia Advertiser.

Miss Bertha O'Railly, the pianist, charmed her audience by her various selections. She is a pianist of rare ability and fully maintained last night the high reputation that had preceded her.—Evening Banner, Chatham, Ont.

For just and conscenecientious execution, Chopin's Etud. Op. 25, No. 11, was the finest exhibition of clear, crisp touch that has been seen in the city for years.—Free Press, Winnipeg.

Freight Shipments.

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

April 18,	J. Gannon, Clinton	4,802
" 18,	T Smye, Lac la Hache	4,700
" 18,	A. H. Martley, Lillooet	2,308
" 20,	H. C. Rayson & Co Clinton	600
" 20,	T Maxwell, Quesnelle	3,700
" 20,	W. H. Keatley, Lillooet	4,773
" 21,	H. C. Rayson & Co Carptr's Quesnelle and Soda creek	15,800
" 22,	W Peebles, Churn creek	2,500
" 22,	W Elmore, 150	4,826
" 22,	J. McYoung, 108	4,000
" 22,	M. J. McCarthy' 150	7,000
"	A Tressario, Dog creek	9,463
" 23	J. Gannon, Clinton	5,285
	Total	69,714

Lillooet.

For Lillooet is bound to shine
And people all must know it,
Her mines are rich the scenery fine
And what a land for poets.

Bad man with gun that looks for fun,
We'll head him towards the river
And when he reaches Lillooet,
He'll make those poets shiver.

With gun at eye and knife in boot,
He'll read the leading lines
And make them promise then and there
They'll give up "making rhymes."

Such rhymes will drive the men all daft,
The children and the ladies
And make us wish the poets there,
Were driven off to Hades.

Dog Creek

The first opening season's tournament of the Athletic club was held yesterday at the Athletic grounds of the Club. The first notable feature was the open reward of ten dollars by Charles Lee (the long distance champion runner) to any one who would cover the 100 yards in twelve seconds. J. N. J. Brown accepted the proposition. In the first heat the sprinter made a poor start. A dispute arose as to the time, the time keeper contending that it was twelve. A by-stander said it was over. The time keeper offered to back his statement with $10. This was not accepted, so J. S. Place was requested to be time keeper. In the second heat the sprinter accomplished it in less than twelve seconds, lacking two seconds and three quarters to equal the world's record. He was then matched against a mule, distance 100 yards. This he won with ease. He was then matched against a horse for 50 yards. The first was a dead heat. In the second heat the footman won by a foot. Last of all "Jim" conceded 15 feet in a hundred to Alex Haller. This he also won. Then came the Club's display. 50 yards, first, Jas. Kirkpatrick; running long jump, Jas. Kirkpatrick; standing jump, F. Gaspard; hop, step and jump, F. Gaspard; shoulder stone, F. Gaspard. Rain began to fall, which ended the day's gathering.

A. Tresierra leaves for Ashcroft for some freight for Lee Poe, amounting to 7,000 pounds.

Jas. Kirkpatrick also leaves for Ashcroft with four horse teams, to load principally with fence wire for H. O. Bowe and Mr. Gaspard.

J. Miller, wife and sister of Churn creek, spent a couple of days in town.

The latest news concerning the cinnabar at Tatlow lake is that the party who travelled up the road and crossed at Chimney creek, is fully 160 miles ahead of the party that came by way of Canoe creek, although the latter is fully 100 miles shorter.

A two night's dance took place at Big Bar at the marriage of Mr. L. Vedan and Miss E. Grinder. Miss Grinder is the youngest daughter of Mr. F. Grinder and is an accomplished young lady and highly respected by all. Mr. Vedan sent a special invitation to the members of the Athletic Club, to which he belongs, but owing to the dance coming off on Good Friday the boys failed to toe the mark.

J. Walker, who once handled the "ribbons" on the Dog Creek, was around this evening giving the boys a shake of the hand.

J. N. J.

April 15th, 1896.

Chilcoten.

The spring is still cold and backward.

Chas. Skinner, who has a large meadow near Tatlow lake, is visiting around Risky creek and reports quite an excitement over the quartz mines. Mr. Skinner visited the ledges and reports that twelve men are in there now. Cinnabar, quartz, and copper are the minerals found there. He says that there is most too much snow on these ranges of mountains for much prospecting.

The Arthur Brothers have started out to where they have taken up a meadow, some 40 miles from Risky creek. They intend to put up some buildings.

M. Minton is putting in a large crop, about 130 acres. He has four teams going.

T. O. Hantz is also busy with his crop.

Mr. Hartle has completed Mr. Beaumont's flour mill. Mr. Hartle is a first class workman. He is a miller by trade.

E. D. L. Hart and J. S. Ross paid Chilcoten Falls a visit.

J. D. Prentice is around with his cow-boys. They drove over about 400 yearling steers from the south side of the river.

J. Brown and B. Jamieson have a contract to put up a house for Louis Vedan.

W. Pinchbeck has returned from Chimney creek.

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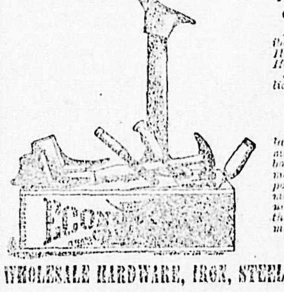

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