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### WHAT THE UITLANDERS WANT.

The following brief description of reasons for the present Transvaal trouble and the complaints of the Uitlanders is taken from the "Forum" and is of particular interest. The article is from the pen of Mr. Thomas R. Dodd, Sec. of the South African League and a leader among the Transvaal Uitlanders.

In a few words, Great Britain has been in possession of Cape Colony since 1814; in 1837 certain of the Boers, dissatified with British rule, migrated to the north—the exodus was known as the Great Trek—and set up a Republic of their own. Paul Kruger is about the last survivor of the Great Trek. In 1877 the Republic was at about the end of its tether, with a million dollars of debt, with 12 shillings and 6 pence in the Treasury. Anarchy came and Great Britain seized the country. The Boers determined not long after to regain their independence and in 1881 they succeeded, British arms suffering severe defeat.

As a result self-government was given to the inhabitants of the country: while the suzerainty of Great Britain was practically expressed in the Convention of 1881—reference to which was omitted in the Convention of 1884. The provision, which is still in force, stipulates that no treaty into which the South African Republic may enter with foreign states shall be valid until it has received the approval of Great Britain. The relations created between the Boers—the descendants of the Trekkers—and the Uitlanders—the later comers—may be best shown by the following dialogue, which is an extract from the report of the discussion at the conference which preceded the signing of the Convention:

Mr. Kruger: There will be equal protection for all.

Sir E. Wood: And equal privileges?

Mr. Kruger: We make no difference so far as burgher rights are concerned. There may perhaps be some slight difference in the case of a young person who has just come into the country.

Had this declaration of intention been expressed in the Convention, in set terms, the present trouble could never have arisen. But the Convention was interpreted by the Transvaal Government in a pettifogging spirit, and bit by bit the rights of the Uitlanders were whittled away. The franchise, which, in 1881, was obtainable after a 12 months' residence, was, at the beginning of this year (1899) practically not obtainable at all; for, when at 14 years' residence—including a period of probation, during which he incurred all the responsibilities of citizenship, but did not enjoy all the privileges—had qualified the applicant, the consent of two-thirds of the burghers and the approval of the government were still required. Consequently, it is generally felt by the Uitlanders, that it has been the intention of the government to restrict the franchise to one privileged race.

For some years after the retrogression the country was fairly prosperous, the revenue just about balancing the expenditure. But in 1887, owing to the discovery of gold at Borberton, a decided change for the better began to manifest itself, the revenue leaping from £236,584 for the last nine months of 1895 to £668,433 for the year 1887, from that time on there was a steady increase until, in 1896, the total revenue amounted to £4,462,194.

The discovery of gold, first in the quartz reef of Barberton, and later in in the unique, conglomerate deposits at Johannesburg, rendered the future progress of the Republic certain, and if the rulers had been as wise as nature had been generous there would have been no burning political question in the Transvaal today.

Liberal as were the terms of the Convention of 1891, the Boers were in no wise satisfied with them.

The result of their dissatisfaction was the Convention of 1884, in which there was no mention of suzerainty, and which was generally more favorable to the Boers than that of 1881.

The tendency of the administration from 1881 to 1895 may, perhaps, be best illustrated by quoting the demands made in 1895, by the body known as the Transvaal National Union—an indiscriminate body, composed of capitalists, professional men, merchants and workingmen anxious to secure political reform. Their demands were formulated as follows:

1. A Constitution safeguarded from hasty change. (It had become a common practice to make alterations in the written Constitution, with no more formality than that required for ordinary Volksraad legislation.)

2. An equitable franchise law and fair representation. (The stringency of the franchise law has been already explained. The districts where the bulk of the Uitlanders, and indeed of the entire population, lived, were only given such representatives as the number of resident burghers entitled them to have.)

3. Equality of the Dutch and English languages. (The language employed in over 90 per cent. of the business transactions is English and the same may be said of the conversation, yet the official language of the country is High Dutch, which very few of the burghers understand, speaking as they do, a local patois.)

4. The heads of the government department to be responsible to the legislature. (The members of the Executive have no seat in the Volksraad, and the Minister of Mines—surely the most important official in such a country as the Transvaal—has no seat in the Executive.)

5. Removal of religious disabilities. (Catholics and Jews are not allowed to hold government appointments.)

6. Independence of the courts.

7. Liberal and comprehensive education.

8. Free trade in South African products.

When it is stated that the civil service is utterly incompetent and almost utterly corrupt; that the bribery of Volksraad members was a common practice, and that, in addition to the long-standing liquor, dynamite and railway concessions, others had been applied for, it will be seen how urgently reforms were needed. Petition after petition had been sent to Pretoria, only to be rejected.

Then came the Jameson raid.

A statement of the demands of the Uitlander Council made in June, 1899 will again illustrate how serious were the grievances of the people:

1. Legislation by mere Volksraad resolution to be abolished.

2. Equitable franchise law and fair representation, with redistribution scheme.

3. English and Dutch languages to be official.

4. Reorganization of the civil service.

5. High Court to be independent. (At present the judges of the High Court are required, under pain of dismissal, to respect any resolution of the Volksraad, however hastily it may have been passed. This demand was the direct result of an action in which an American subject obtained damages against the government.)

6. Reform of education.

7. The cancellation of monopolies. (In addition to the long-standing liquor, railway and dynamite monopolies—the last two of which are said to represent a permanent tax of from £600,000 to £1,000,000 per annum upon the country although conducted almost solely in the interest of the monopoly holders—there are now monopolies engaged in the manufacture of cocoa, calcium, carbide, soap, candles, matches, brushes, etc.)

That it should be necessary at the close of this century in any civilized country for white men of education and ability to ask for these rights may well seem incredible. That they should ask for them in vain seems impossible.

Redress having been promised by the British Government, it will no doubt, be secured. And it is only when the demanded concessions are granted that the South African Republic will prove worthy of it name.

### The Generals Said to Be Weakening.

Boston, Sept. 13.—The Post today announced that it has received the following private dispatch from Paris: "Generals Rouguet and Mercier have offered on the part of the army to demand from president Loubet the pardon of Capt. Drefus, if the Jewish committee will drop the matter, and on condition that Dreyfus shall live away from the large cities of France for three years."

### 150-MILE HOUSE RACES.

The following is the program of races to be held at 150-Mile House, Wednesday and Thursday, October 18th and 19th, 1899:

FIRST DAY.

The Chilcotin Stakes.—First, $10, second, $10; about ¼ mile dash; catch weights.

The Provincial Stakes.—First, $75, second $25; apout ½ mile dash; weight for age; open to horses bred and owned in this province.

The 150-Mile House Stakes.—A cup (value, $25) presented by Messrs Doering & Marstrand, and $50 in specie for the first; second, $25; about ½ mile heats, two in three; catch weights.

Polo Pony Stakes.—First, $25, second, $10; for fourteen hands and under; about ¼ mile dash; catch weights.

Indians' Race.—First, $20, second, $5; ½ mile dash; catch weights.

The 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th races are restricted to horses owned in the district of Cariboo or Lillooet for six months prior to date of this meeting.

SECOND DAY.

The Provincial Stakes.—First, $100, second, $50; weight for age; about ¾ mile dash; open to horses bred and owned in this province.

The Williams Lake Stakes.—First $50, second $15; about ¼ mile heats, two in three; catch weights.

The Cariboo Cup.—Value $50 with $75 in specie, presented by the Cariboo Trading Company for the first; second, $25; third, $10; about ¾ mile dash; weight for age.

The Consolation Stakes.—A saddle, value $40, presented by A. C. Foster, for the first; second $20; about ¼ mile heats, two in three; catch weights.

Indians' Race.—First, $30, second, $5; about ¾ mile dash; catch weights.

The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th races are restricted to horses owned in the district of Cariboo or Lillooet for six months prior to date of this meeting.

### BARKERVILLE.

The Cariboo Gold Fields are running a drain up from their pit to catch bed rock above and are said to be going through some remarkably good ground.

Gold Commissioner Bowron who has been on the sick list is somewhat improved but not yet well. He was lately visited by the doctor from Quesnelle there being no medical man now in Barkerville.

The Black Jack hydraulic mine washed up, it is reported, about 400 ounces for the season.

John Peebles, of Stanley, was buried on the 2nd after a short illness. Mr. Peebles was known to all here having lived a long and busy life in this section. He was a square dealing, honorable man and respected as such by the community.

The new wagon road leading off from the main road near the Kurtz and Lane ground has been completed to the Odlum and Shepherd mines a distance of about six miles from Barkerville. The road will, it is expected, be continued on down Summit creek to the Hamshaw-Youngs camp which is about 8 miles from the present end of the road, also at Eight Mile lake, or near there a road will fork off that serve Sugar and Stewart creek Eight and Nine-Mile lakes and that section in general. The road will lead up to Summit creek through Downies pass and will be of much assistance to all of the above spoken of section.

At Hamshaw and Youngs on Summit the shaft first sunk was not deep enough to catch the bottom and drifting out so it is being sunk to a greater depth. The sawmill was not gotten in running order as was expected earlier in the season and the lumber for the flumes, etc., was whipsawed by Chinese. It is expected that a run will be made yet this season on their properties.

A syndicate of local people had secured sexeral claims on Summit creek and will arrange to begin work at an early day and will push the same energetically believing that there is good pay in the bed of the creek.

Messrs. Isaacs, Cockle and Anderson are at work on their claims on Sugar creek and have taken out considerable dust this season although only working in a small way. The properties on Coffee creek and around Eight Mile lake are all regarded as good.

On the Odlum-Shepherd claims a thorough prospecting this season has shown conclusively that there is an average of 16 to 25 feet of gravel sufficient in area to last for from 25 to 75 years according to the amount of water used, and that a fair average of this gravel gives results, actually saved, of $1.25 cents per cubic yard. The company now intend running a tunnel to be partly in gravel and partly in rock, some 2,000 feet through the ridge between Downies Pass and the Odlum-Shepherd properties. This will, when completed, furnish a dump for the entire group, or nearly all of it, and there will be water the season through of seldom less than 400 inches, sometimes running nearly 1,000 as it will next year. After opening up it will be a good producer for several life times to come.

### Will Meet on January Fourth.

This week's Gazette contains the proclamation convening the legislature on Thursday, January 4th, 1900. The session of 1899 commenced on January 5th.

### Copper Property Near Ashcroft Bonded.

The copper properties owned by J. Haddock and sons, about 3½ miles from Ashcroft, were this week bonded, through Mr. H. Sheppers, to a responsible mining company with a large capital. Work will be begun on the property within 60 days, and, according to the terms of the bond, must be continuous. The price for which the property is bonded is understood to be fair but not excessive. The outlook is good for a mine of value being opened up. The ledge is large and the croppings give returns of about 5 per cent. in copper, with a little silver and gold.

It will be of great advantage to Ashcroft and vicinity if this property, as now looks probable, turns out well. The owners have done a sensible thing to bond the property at a fair price instead of holding indefinitely for big figures.

### Successful Gold Dredging.

As an instance of what successful dredging for gold means, we notice that the Hartley and Riley-Beach Gold Dredging Co., of New Zealand, on July 23rd paid in dividends $2.50 per share on $5 shares in ten days actual work, being one-half of the capital invested.

Such a tremendous profit as this should arouse dredging men of British Columbia to the importance of the rivers and streams of the province for dredging properties. It seems beyond question that no better field for such work is found in the world than the streams of this province, and this is being gradually brought home to the investors and dredging men of England who have so largely invested in New Zealand.

We believe it is a fact that there have been no failures reported in gold dredging in New Zealand. If practical men take up the business in British Columbia there should be no failures here. So far there has been, unfortunately, too much stock play and not enough actual dredging knowledge in connection, on the Fraser and Quesnelle rivers. It now looks as though more thorough work will be done in this line, and that success will be achieved goes without saying.

### Cobbledick Gold Dredge.

Mr. F. Satchell Clark, designer of this dredge, is now superintending the construction work at Lytton. He visited Ashcroft the early part of this week to attend to clearing the machinery at the customs house. Ten carloads of machinery have already arrived and three or four more are on the way, which will complete the shipment. This machinery, as was noticed in the JOURNAL of last week, was all manufactured in England from Mr. Clark's plans.

Mr. Clark only arrived from England about two weeks ago but has already put his ways into position, on which the pontoons will be built. These pontoons, of which there are two, will be about 13 feet wide, by 110 feet long, and will be placed about 5 feet apart, leaving room for the buckets to operate.

The buckets are made of special toughened cast steel. In point of durability and excellence of workmanship we have never seen anything of this description superior to these buckets. They will run at the rate of 16 per minute and will each contain 6½ cubic feet. Under most favorable circumstances this dredge is capable of handling 5,000 cubic yards in a day of 24 hours, but Mr. Clark informs us that from 2,000 to 3,000 cubic yards will be the actual work done, and not 200 yards as has been reported.

The power will be supplied by two special wood-burning Robey boilers and compound condensing engines developing about 100 h.p. The dredge will not have any propelling power but will be moved by a powerful winch weighing 14 tons, and steel cables. To aid in the handling of the warping lines at night two search lights will be used, operated from a dynamo on the dredge.

A centrifugal pump handling 3,000 gallons of water per minute supplies the water for washing the gravel. The gravel first passes through a huge revolving screen, the fine material being then conveyed onto the gold saving tables, leaving the refuse to be lifted by the elevator and deposited clear of the dredge.

The completion of this dredge should open a new era for dredging for gold. The suction dredges have proved unsuitable for the work and, we think, have been very largely abandoned. The dipper dredges, one at or near North Bend, the other at Big Bar, are, we understand, working successfully. But it appears to us the value of gold dredging leases on the Fraser river should be proved conclusively by the Cobbledick dredge, as it is of the same type as the New Zealand dredges which have proved successful. Local conditions may be entirely different from those of New Zealand, and it may be possible that extensive alterations must be made on Mr. Clark's plans, but a trial of the Fraser river as a profitable investment of capital by Mr. Cobbledick's company with this dredge, will, we think, bring results impossible in any style of dredge at present working in British Columbia.

Mr. Clark has proved the ability of this dredge in New Zealand, and it would seem the only element of speculation to be confidered is, the quantity of gold.

The dredging company which Mr. Clark floated in England is to take up leases held by him on the Thompson river, near Pennies Station, about 15 miles east of Ashcroft. He does not propose to commence operations on this lease for some time.

The Engineering and Mining Journal (New York) wants the address of a certain J. H. Smith, who, it believes, was also known under the name of Geo. Ryall, of Kalispell, Mont. Said Smith went to the Klondike in 1897 and 1898, and left Dawson last December. Anyone knowing his present address will confer a favor by sending same to that journal.

The Rev. Pritchard, who has been spending the season at Barkerville, came down on Thursday's stage, and left for the coast next morning. Mr. Pritchard spent some time recently at the Hamshaw & Youngs' camp, on Summit creek and thinks very highly of the outlook in that section. Messrs. Hamshaw & Youngs have been piping for some days and the returns are very satisfactory and indicate a complete success of their hydraulic mine. They have drifted out from the bottom of their shaft some 80 feet into the old bed of Summit creek but apparently are not deep enough to bottom the creek. The outlook, however, is considered to be good and the water is handled without difficulty. Messrs. Hamshaw and Youngs, and their families, have a pleasant camp home and are passing the time very agreeably, but are putting in hard work and will make this season count.

### HORSE RACES AND SPORTS.

The following is the programme of horse races and athletic sports, in connection with the annual fair of the Inland Agricultural Association, to be held at Ashcroft Sept. 28th and 29th:

HORSE RACES.

FIRST DAY. 1st Race—Purse, $40 to first and $10 to second; 5-8 mile heats, two in three; catch weights.

2nd Race—Purse, $35 to first and $10 to second; half-mile dash; catch weights; for 2, 3 and 4-year-olds; provincial bred horses only.

3rd Race—Purse, $25 to first and $7.50 to second; quarter-mile heats; catch weights; for provincial bred horses only.

SECOND DAY. 1st Race—Purse, $50 to first and $20 to second; half-mile heats; two in three; for provincial bred horses only; catch weights.

2nd Race—Purse: $30 to first and $10 to second; 5-8 mile dash; catch weights.

3rd Race—Purse, $25 to first and $7.50 to second; trot or pace; free for all; half-mile heats; for provincial bred horses.

4th Race—Consolation purse, $20 to first; half-mile dash; catch weights; for horses that have not won money at this meeting.

Indian races will be run each day for fair purses.

Rules—California Jockey Club.

Entrance fee, 10 per cent. of total value of purse.

Weights to be as follows—2-year-olds 95 lbs; 3-year-olds 105 lbs; 4-year-olds 120 lbs; 5-year-olds and aged 125 lbs.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Baseball, Ashcroft vs. Lillooet.

| | PRIZES. 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| Race, 100 yards, open | $5 | $2 50 | |
| Race, 440 yards, open | 5 | 2 50 | |
| Race, 100 yards, boys under 16; open | 2 | 1 | |
| Race, 100 yards, boys under 12, open | 1 | 75c. | |
| Race, 100 yards, girls under 16, open | 2 | 1 | |
| Long jump, running, open | 3 | 2 | |
| Hop, step and jump, running, open | 3 | 2 | |
| Hop, step and jump, standing, open | 3 | 2 | |
| High jump, running, open | 3 | 2 | |
| Obstacle race, open | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Sack race, open | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Three-legged race, open | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Bicycle race, ¼-mile, in three heats | 5 | 2 50 | |

Gymkhana races.

Three entries in each event or no second prize. The decision of the judges to be final.

### Don't Talk Too Much.

Don't talk too much. You were given two ears and only one tongue, that you might hear twice as much as you speak, says the Philosopher of the Boston Transcript, who always knows what he is talking about. People will like you all the more the less you have to say and the more you listen, or seem to listen, to what they say. If you rarely part your lips in company, company may suspect you of being a dullard. This may cause them to pity you, and pity, it is said, is akin to love. Company will be certainly more inclined to love you for keeping your mouth shut than for always having it open. Many a one has acquired a reputation for superior wisdom simply by flattering another's pride by permitting him to talk on without interuption. Many a one, indeed, has left with the monologuist the impression that he is a bright conversationalist, whereas had he attempted to do his share of the talking he might have been declared a bore. Don't talk too much. If you talk too much you are likely to say things which, though you may forget them as soon as they are spoken, will be remembered against you. If another loses his temper, as the saying is, when one's temper is very much in evidence, don't lose yours. At least don't talk back. Silence is your most effective weapon. It will tear his very vitals, whereas if you are an ignoramus don't give the fact away by airing your limited vocabulary. If you are wise you will always keep a bridle on your tongue, and are, therefore in no need of admonition. Be cautious about that which is everyone's family subject, self. Hundreds of things you may say about yourself, and think that they will never be heard from again. But they are almost certain to be repeated, and in such a manner as to make you appear ridiculous or despicable. Don't talk too much. Let others do the talking and be happy. Let others exhibit their weak minds. Let others uncover their shady past and their not overbright present. But you—don't talk too much.

### Passenger List.

The following is the list of passengers arriving at and departing from Ashcroft this week by the B. C. Express Co.'s stages.

DEPARTURES.

F G Vernon, Mr Grahame, Ross Robinson, Dr Welsh, Mrs Comer, Mrs Carson, Miss MacGee, O A McKinley, C Tetley.

ARRIVALS.

E Odlum, O A McKinley, W Chapman, Mr Nelson, Mr Sanders, C W Eagle, A I Perriard, Rev Pritchard, Mr Weeks, Mr and Mrs Sparks, C Seymour Baker, A J Bourdariat.

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### ATLIN IS ALL RIGHT.

"The trip to Atlin is simply a holiday excursion," said Ald. R. B. Skinner, who has recently returned from the new placer fields of the north. Ald. Skinner was north on business, being interested in a saw mill and some hydraulic mining propositions in Atlin, paying a compliment to Capt. O'Brien of the Rosalie, on the excellent quality of the accommodation for passengers, Ald. Skinner spoke further about his trip, He said.

"On arriving at Skagway you take the White Pass & Yukon railway to Bennett. The scenery along this line is unsurpassed for beauty and grandeur. At Bennett you will find the steamer Glenora ready to convey you to Taku, and as this steamer is owned by the John Irving Navigation company, it is unnecessary to give it any recommendation.

'On reaching Taku you cross by the tramway about two miles to Atlin lake and then you step on the steamer Scotia, which conveys you to Atlin City in about 35 minutes.

"I think Atlin is the most perfect townsite I ever saw. The nearest approach to it in British Columbia is New Denver, on Slocan lake. Atlin, like all new mining camps, is largely composed of tents, but there are a great many substantial buildings. In fact, I was more than surprised to see so much building considering the many adverse reports which have been published from time to time in the press of Vancouver and elsewhere.

"But the town is dead. Hotels, saloons and stores are barely making expenses, where they should all be reaping the benefits of a mining boom.

"Asking the cause for this state of affairs, the reply I got from everyone was the same. The place was killed by the alien bill and I truly believe it. Since I have been in British Columbia I have argued that legislation which would shut out the American people would be a great mistake and anyone doubting this has only to visit Atlin to be convinced.

"Had it not been for this bill you would see to-day a population of not less than 25,000 to 35,000 people in the district and where claims changed hands for a few dollars the original owners would have received as many thousands, thus placing them in a position to go and prospect in the deep diggings.

"Dozens of quartz ledges have been located, but in no instance that I know of has any work been done. I was asked to go and look at claims from which the locators obtained good looking samples, but when they told me I could see nothing more than what they had to show, I did not waste the time.

"Now, if the Americans had not been shut out from the placer diggings you would have seen thousands of dollars spent this season in developing the whole district. Pine City, which is situated at Discovery on Pine creek, about seven miles from Atlin, is a typical mining camp, with a population of at least 3,000, all as busy as bees. If you go down to the creek and look up and down as far as the eye can reach you can see scores of water wheels with all the necessary plant to work the creek claims. Spruce creek is the same. I went up to Willow, Surprise, Wright, Boulder and Dominion, but upparently none of them are doing as much as Pine and Spruce, as the diggings are deeper. I did not go to McKee creek, but from all I could learn it will be a big producer.

"Did I see gold?"

"Yes, lots of it. Why one claim above Discovery on Pine, in which I am interested, had a clean up specially for myself and the result was 36 ounces for six men for one day. Since then they have had two more clean ups and the result was a little over six ounces to the man for 10 hours' work.

"On the Caledonia group, consisting of 14 bench claims, in which Messrs. Dunn, Irving, Brackett and myself have a controlling interest, we had a clean up of 66 ounces. I saw one clean up of 135 ounces, which was over 10 ounces to the man, and still there are croakers who say Atlin is no good.

"I think there is no destitution in Atlin. If there is I saw none of it, and the best evidence that there is none is the fact that Mr. Billett, manager of the Bank of Commerce, told me he had money to the credit of the relief committees and no applicant had ever been refused assistance. That the country is healthy is proved by the fact that the hospital is not a financial success.

"What the output is likely to be is difficult to say. It is only since July that the most of the claims have been worked, but I should say it will be about $1,500,000. The banks put it at $1,000,000, based, no doubt, on what they have taken in during the past month, while I expect this and next month will increase materially.

"Still, even at $1,000,000, considering all the disadvantages under which the district suffered this year, it sets at rest the cry of the disgruntled that the country is no good. I think the first step of the government should be to repeal the alien bill, which is, and always was, in my opinion, most ill-advised.

"Another thing I think that the government should do is to look more closely into the requirements of such a country.

"Laws governing cities like Victoria and Vancouver are not applicable to a place like Atlin.

"Just fancy, in a mining camp all the hotels and saloons are closed on Sunday by order of the government police. Everyone, even the police, knows such a law is obnoxious and in no case is it observed, excepting by the simple formality of closing the front door."—Province.

### Pollution of Water by Cyanide.

The New Zealand "Mines Record" for June says that a complaint having been made by a settler as to the pollution of the Waiomo stream, in the Hauraki mining district, through the discharge of tailings and cyanide of potassium from the Manowai Gold Mining Company's battery and cyanide plant, the inspector was requested by the minister of mines to obtain samples of the water for the purpose of analysis. Three samples of the water were accordingly taken out of the stream, about 300 yards below the place where the Monowai cyanide plant is situated. Two bottles were filled on May 15th, at 10:45 a.m., when there was only a little tailings and a soakage from the cyanide plant finding its way into the stream; two bottles were filled on the following day, at 3:30 p.m., when a settler was discharged into the stream, and after mixing with the water; and two bottles were filled on May 18th, at 11 a.m., 20 minutes after a settler containing tailings treated by cyanide of potassium had been discharged into the stream, there being about three sluice heads of water running into the stream at the time. When the samples were taken the battery was not running, but the cyanide plant was working. Three samples of the water, put into six bottles, were forwarded to the government analyst, who has reported as follows:

"No. 1 is clear, without any sedimentary matter. I did not find any trace of cyanogen in the poisonous form in this water.

"No. 2 is a very turbid, and contains a good deal of silicious sand. This is of a pale green color, owing to the presence of ferro-cyanide of iron, a salt which is, however, quite inocuous to health. This water contains a minute trace of cyanogen in its poisonous form. This is either free or united with potash as the hydro-cyanide.

"No. 3 is a slightly turbid water, containing a minute proportion of ferro-cyanide of iron, but not of cyanogen in its poisonous form.

"These results clearly prove that *Nos. 1 and 3 are not polluted with cyanogen* in its poisonous form, and that even No. 2, which contains a considerable quantity of tailings, can hardly be considered a dangerous water to stock or even to human beings; besides, its great turbidity would prevent stock, etc., partaking of it."

### Smokes "Fourfers" Now.

"I remember," said the man of fallen fortunes, "and not with regret, for I always look on life cheerfully, the time I smoked imported cigars, at twenty cents apiece, and when the idea I would ever have to smoke cheaper ones did not enter my mind. But circumstances changed, and after a while I found I would have to give them up for a time, though I never doubted that I should get back to them again. So just temporarily, I dropped down to ten-centers and they were not so bad.

"I found I could get a pretty good sort of a cigar for ten cents. The time came when the ten-center was as far beyond me as the twenty-center had been, for instead of mending my fortunes continued to fail. Then I took to five-centers and discovered it was possible to buy a very good cigar for that price. So I bought my good five-centers, forgot the taste of the ten-centers and twenty-centers, and was satisfied. It never occurred to me that I could get below that, but I did. I dropped to the stogies, three for five, and a good make, too. I liked the stogies. I smoked them for a time, and then—it seemed as though ways of adapting myself to the situation opened to me as my fortunes declined. I found a place where they sold four good-sized cigars for five cents, and that's what I am smoking now, four for five.

"If I were to compare these with the twenty-centers, it would be to the disadvantage of these, no doubt, but I have come down to four-for-fives gradually, and so I don't note the difference. I could, of course, be more economical still by smoking a pipe; I prefer a cigar and I smoke the fourfers cheerfully, never doubting that I shall in due time climb back again to the fragrant Havanas."

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Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, will be held as follows: Clinton, September 21; Richfield, September 26; Nanaimo, September 27; Victoria, October 4; Vancouver, October 10; New Westminster, October 17; Kamloops, October 17; Nelson, October 17; Vernon October 24; Donal October 31.

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"Will you have a piece of pie, Mr. Goodman?" asked Bobby's mother of the minister.

"Thanks, no," he replied.

"Will you, Bobby?" she inquired.

"No, I think not," said Bobby, rather hesitating.

The minister looked at Bobby in surprise.

"I thought all little boys were fond of pie," he said.

"They are," replied Bobby. "I could eat that hull pie, but ma said if you didn't take any I musn't, and she'd save it for to-morrow."—What to Eat.

### Westminster Exhibition.

In order to swell the influx of visitors to this year's Provincial Fall Fair, the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. have generously agreed to convey all exhibits from Calgary west absolutely free of freight charges, provided the ownership of the exhibits is not changed, and that they are returned immediately to after the show to the points from which they were originally shipped. Live stock will be carried at one fare. The Company have also agreed to greatly reduce rates of fare for visitors to the exhibition, as the following scale will show.

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### The Latest in Executions.

The voice of the humanitarian is being raised just now in indignant appeal against the new mode of execution that Frenchmen propose to adopt in place of the guillotine. The new method consists in getting rid of murderers by piercing their brains with a needle. The criminal is placed in a chair, his hands firmly bound to the frame work, and over his head, fitting down on the shoulders, is placed a huge helmet resembling the hemlet that the deep-sea diver wears. Where the temples of the wearer come are two holes, through which penetrates the points of the needles, these needles being connected with an electric battery. The executioner touches a button. Instantly the two needles leap from their sockets and penetrate through the temples into the brain of the criminal. At the same time an electric power is imparted to the two needles so that they are really the coveyors of powerful alternating current flashes that, it is claimed, rent asunder and destroy so large a portion of the brain cells that death is instantaneous.

The advocates of the death-helmet-killing claim that it is really the most humane in the world, and that the objections to its use are purely imaginative and wholly ill-founded. They point to the electrocution favored in the United States as being less merciful, because it is an electric killing that keeps the condemned in the grasp of the current for some seconds, while the electric helmet method is instantaneous, for with an electric needle through the brain no one can live for even a fraction of a second.

### Strike on Caribou Creek.

According to the Dawson News of the 11th ult., a strike has been reported on Caribou creek, which enters Dominion at No. 27 below upper discovery. The find was made on bench opposite No. 9 on the left limit.

As soon as the strike had been made, the prospectors came to Dawson and recorded several benches. As is usual, the find was only whispered to a chosen few and a quiet stampede was inaugurated. By Sunday and Monday the whole creek in the left limit had been located clean to the head and perhaps further.

It is claimed that on a bench opposite No. 9 pay dirt to a depth of three feet had been struck, averaging ten cents to the pan. This was called a conservative statement, but it was subsequently asserted that the pay dirt was worth from 50 to 75 cents to the pan. The former figure is nearer correct, probably, than the others.

Mr. Ross, one of the claim stakers, says that on discovery claim a shaft has been sunk fourteen feet to bedrock and fair pay has been found, averaging, he thought, about ten cents a pan.

A year ago Caribou creek claims sold well. As much as $10,000 and $12,000 was received for individual claims. Considerable development work has been done but no pay streak has ever been found in the creek, which is probably five miles long. As there was nothing found in the creek claims it was concluded that the pay streak must be in the hillside and the result of prospecting was the location of pay opposite No. 9, about 200 feet up the hillside.

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An exchange says: "Why do they have church bells? What good are they? Men go to the bank or a store at the proper time without a bell. Women open up their millinery stores on time without being rung up. People in the country, where there are no bells, get to church on time. The fact is, church bells are a relic of ancient times. People have them because it is customary. They do no good. Really, they are a nuisance."

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Capt. Shimmon, of the bark Eagle Craig, which arrived at Queenstown from Portland (Oregon), for orders, reports that on August 1 last, when seventy miles west of the Fastnet, a large blue carrier pigeon flew on board the vessel. The bird was greatly exhausted and was easily caught, and being cared for a little became again lively and strong. On examining the bird an India-rubber band was discovered on one of its legs. The letter B and 444 were stamped on it.

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## NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Malcolm McLachlan, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by an order made by His Honor Judge Cornwall, Judge of the County Court of Cariboo, on the 12th day of August, 1899, letters of administration were granted to John A. Fraser, of Quesnellemouth, B.C., official administrator of the County of Cariboo, to the personal estate of Malcolm McLachlan, deceased intestate, late of Ashcroft, B.C. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount due by them to the said John A. Fraser or the undersigned forthwith. All persons having claims against the said Malcolm McLachlan are required to send full particulars thereof fully verified and of the nature of the securities (if any) held by *them to the said J. A. Fraser or the under*signed on or before the 17th day of November, 1899. After the 17th day of November, 1899, the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated the 12th day of August, 1899.

DENIS MURPHY,
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THOMAS MELDRUM, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the estate of Thomas Meldrum, late of Soda Creek, deceased, to send the particulars in writing of their claims or demands to me, the undersigned, on or before *the 10th day of October, 1899, after which* date I will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which I shall then have had notice.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1899.

F. C. COPELAND,
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Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Thursday, Oct. 5th, 1899, for the purchase of the following mineral claims: A tender may be for any number of claims.

"Dominion," situate near 80 mile post, old Cariboo road.

"Cracker Jack," 5½ miles east of Ashcroft.

"Dufferin," 7 miles below Ashcroft, near 100 mile post, old Cariboo road.

"Gold Bug," about ¾ mile from Botanie creek and 1¼ mile from Thompson river, adjoining "Monarch" mineral claim.

"Noonday," about two miles from the mouth of Thompson river on the north side, adjoining "Albana No. 2" mineral claim.

"Tam O'Shanter," undivided ⅔ interest, on Basque ranch, near 100 mile post, old Cariboo road.

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All of said claims being the property of the estate of the late Malcolm McLachlan.

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| 9 | Inland Sentinel, most prizes in grain and seeds " " " | 2 00 |
| 10 | Inland Sentinel, most prizes in Division E " " " | 2 00 |
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| 12 | Weiler Bros., best loaf of bread ..... Arm Rocking Chair | |
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| 14 | The Columbian, exhibitor taking most prizes in fruit ..... (Weekly Columbian one year, value) | 2 00 |
| 15 | The Columbian, best loaf of bread (Weekly Columbian one year, value) | 2 00 |
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The flag of crime in the dark unfurled
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For after all has been done and said,
Pages written and sermons read,
The world resolves itself into this—
A woman's smile, a lover's kiss.
And those two souls in true union wrought
Give *to its bigness no passing thought.*
Little they care for the surging throng.
Crowds never will in their world belong.
They hear the sob and note the sigh
And crime and starvation alike decry.
Yet the tiniest planet in infinite space
Would to them be equally as great a place.
Love, the magician, has changed it all,
And to them always the world seems small.
—Philadelphia Times.

## TWO STAY AT HOMES.

"If wantin to was doin an there weren't no weemen, I'd a ben in Sandyago long ago," said Abner Rickaback. He rolled a nail keg close to the stove, seated himself upon it, dipped a handful of crushed tobacco leaves from his cont pocket into his pipo and lighted the odorous weed with a sulphur match. Then he wagged his beard at the assembled company and repeated, "Yessir, I'd ben in Sandyago long ago."

"Weemen ain't much on fightin away from home," observed Samuel Snuffer, biting a cubic inch out of plug of Agriculturist's Charm which he had borrowed from the man who was sitting next him on the counter. The charm had passed half way around the circle, *and the remaining cubic inch of it had* been restored to its owner, when Abner, not catching the full intent of Mr. Snuffer's remark, replied: "Yaas; they's a heap o' truth in that there. Weemen is sot ag'in furrin wars. Leastways my weemen is. Now"—

"Do they prefer the domestic kind?' asked the drummer of notions, who was packing up his sample case preparatory to leaving the store.

"Not at all—not at all," said Mr. Rickaback. "Ye see, my missus passed thoo sich terrible times back in 1860, when I was a-bangin away at the rebels down in the Wilderness, that when this here Spaynish war broke out she sais to me, sais she, 'Ye just shan't go.'

"'Marthy,' sais I, 'I'm a weteran. The governor o' Pennsylvania has call for 10,000 men, an he don't name me, but he means me jest the same. Be every mortal an jest right, I bein a weteran am included in that 10,000."

"With that I puts on me blues an gits down me musket an kisses the little ones all aroun an starts fer the door. Well, sir, you uns never seen sech a time ez was raised when they see I was off to fight the Spaynyards. Mary Alice, the eldest, jest th'owed her arms aroun my neck an bust out with tears. The seven others begin to bawl, 'Pap, pap, you'll git shooted!'

"'Children,' I sais, sais I, 'your papa's a weteran an a experienced soldier. Duty calls, an he obeys.'

"The missus didn't see things thet way. She jest gets me be the collar an sets me down in an armchair, draws me boots, walks off with them an me musket an hides 'em. She wern't goin to have no foolin round the shanty, she sayd.

"Marthy seemed to think thet thet there settled it, but she didn't know me, fer all the evenin ez I set there be the fire so meeklike I was a-thinkin. Scenes wasn't to my likin, so I concided I'd jest let on like I hed give up all idea o' fightin Spaynyards, wait tell the family was asleep an then vanquish.

"At midnight I sets up in bed. The moon was shinin thoo the winder, jest half lightin the room, so I could move aroun without trippin over the furniture. The missus was a-snorin gentlelike, an overhead in the attic I could *hear a soft sniffin jest like a thrasher* engine when the men has shet down for dinner. It was the children asleep. I climbs out over the footboard an looks aroun for me boots. There they was stickin out under the missus' pillow. Knowin I couldn't git 'em without wakin her, I concided to vanquish barefoot. But they was one thing ag'in this, and thet was thet the door was locked an some un hed took the key. I tried the winder, but thet hed been nailed shet. Then I gits mad—thet there kind o' quietlike mad when ye boils up inside an hes to keep yer mouth shet. It's the meanest kind o' mad too. It seemed like there was a smile a-playin aroun the missus' face, an thet made me sourer 'an ever an kinder spurred me on.

"Well, sirs, ez I stood there in the middle o' the room thinkin what I'd do next and wonderin whether I hadn't better jist slip back to bed, me eye *ketched sight o' an old comf'table that* filled a hole in the wall where the daubin hed fell out from atween the lawgs. Thet put me in mind o' a scheme thet I wasn't long in kerryin out, fer the hole was pretty good sized an I'm a small man an wiry. In less'n no time the comf'table was outer thet hole, an I was in it. I staid in it, too, for jist as me head an arms an shoulders got out o' doors I felt a sharp prickin in me side. I pushed back an a great big splinter jagged me. I tried to go on for'n'd, an it jagged me again, so bad I 'most yelled. So I staid right there—one-half outen the house an the other half in. Seemed like time begin to move awful slow then, an it 'peared a whole day 'fore the moon went from the top o' the old lone pine tree in grandaddy's chestnut, which is jest 20 feet. Then me feet an legs was bakin over the stove an the cold Apryl winds was a whistlin down me neck.

"I took to countin jest to pass time, an I low I must a counted 15,000,000 afore I heard footsteps up the road. A man come outen the woods an inter the moonlit clearin, where I could see he was ole Hen Bingle. I whistled agin an called softlike to him. He sneaked up to the gate an looked agin.

"'Hen, help,' I whispers.

"'Who is you a-growin outen the side o' Ab Rickaback's shanty?' he calls, kinder hoarse and scared. *With that* he pints a musket at me werry threatenin.

"'Hen Bingle,' sais I. 'Don't you dast shoot! It's me, Ab Rickaback, an I want you to pull me out. I'm goin to war.'

"Then it dawned on him what I was up to, an he come over an looks at me. I seen he hed on his blues, too, an I knowd ez he had given his woman the sneak an was off to fight Spanyards. He wanted to laugh, but I told him it were no time fer sech foolin, but jest to break off that splinter an pull me loose.

"Now, Hen's an obligin, patriotic kind o' a feller, an tho, as he sayd, he hadn't much time to waste, ez his woman was likely to wake up any minute an find him gone, he reached up an broke off the splinter. But I fit the hole so tight I couldn't budge, an he sayd he'd pull me out. So he gits upon the wall o' the well which was *jist* below me an grabs me be both hands an drawed. I'd moved about an inch, when he kicked out wildlike an hung to me like a ton o' hay an gasped an groaned. I thought thet yank hed disj'inted me all over, an yells, 'Let go!'

"'Don't you dast let go!' he sais, lookin up at me kind o' agonizin.

"Then I see that neither me nor Hen Bingle was ever goin to fight Spaynyards, fer he'd stepped off the wall an was hangin down into the well.

"Splinters! Why, I'd ruther hed a splinter stickin in every inch o' my body 'an ole' Hen Bingle's 200 pounds a-drawin me from my natural height o' 5 feet 6 inter a man o' 6 feet 5. Thet's what it seemed like. Hen, he asts how deep me well was, an when I sayd 40 feet, with 15 feet o' wotter at the bottom, he sayd he'd never speak to me ag'in if I let go my holt on him. I sayd I guest he wouldn't, *an he let out* a whoop thet brought the missus an the little ones a-tumblin outen the house.

"Marthy stared at us a minute. Then she sais, 'Abner, where was you a-goin?'

"'To fight Spaynyards,' sais I, sheepishlike.

"'An you, Hen Bingle?' she asts.

"'Same,' gasps Hen.

"'Does your wife know you're out?' sais the misses, stern as a judge.

"'No,' sais Hen.

"'Then I've a mind to go over to your place an git her,' sais Marthy.

"'It's two miles,' Hen groaned, 'an I'll be drowned ag'in you git back. Lemme up now, an I'll go home an stay there.'

"Marthy turns around quietlike, walks inter the house an comes out with the family Bible.

"'Hen Bingle,' she sais, solemnlike, holdin the book to his mouth, 'does you promise to tell the whole truth an nothin but the truth an not to go to war?'

"Hen didn't waste no time in kissin that book so loud I could hear an echo of it over along the ridge. I kissed it pretty loud meself, to be sure. The missus lifted Hen outen the well, an he slipped off home. His woman never knowed nawthin about the trouble tell she met my missus two weeks later at protracted meeting over to Pine Swamp church. *Ez fer me, but fer a splinter* I'd be in Sandyago now."—St. Louis Republic.

### What the Bishop Thought.

Sometimes profanity is profane, and then there are deliverances of that sort that do not sound profane. It depends a good deal upon the lips whence the words flow. Not long ago a bishop of the Episcopal church from a northern state—a cleric with a well developed *sense of humor—made a flying visit to* Washington, stopping at the home here of a gentleman who used to be one of his parishioners. This gentleman is addicted to sulphuric speech. He has prayerfully resisted for many years his natural impulse to wither up the air upon the slightest occasion, but cuss he will, and he can't help it. One day, while the bishop was at his house, the host found that something had gone wrong in his stable, and he let out on the coachman in his customary lurid style. After he had singed the atmosphere in the neighborhood of the stable for five minutes he started back for the house, and he was somewhat chagrined to see the bishop standing in the yard, looking at some flower beds. The gentleman knew that the bishop had heard him.

"I know it isn't right," he explained to the bishop, "but you know me, and you know that I call a spade a spade."

"Do you?" inquired the bishop, with a quizzical smile. "Now, I should have thought that you'd call it a —— shovel."

### A Modern Mrs. Malaprop.

An interesting volume, "With a Palette In Eastern Palaces," by E. M. Merrick, tells amusing stories of many climes. Of the western world was a modern Mrs. Malaprop, pretty, amiable and rich, who sat to the author for her portrait. "She told me," he says, "that her husband 'hobnobbed' with everybody and told such 'cotton wool' (cock and bull) stories; that a girl she knew was training to be an 'archdeacon' (deaconess); that she was obliged to part with her coachman because he was such a 'gay Othello;' that she had india rubber 'tiles' put on the wheels of her carriage; that a man she knew was a regular 'marmoset' (martinet) in his own house, and a certain title always descended from uncle to nephew, as they invariably died 'childish.'"

Among the numerous celebrities whom Miss Merrick met in India was Lord Roberts, whose antipathy to cats gave rise to a little story of metempsychosis. On one of his homeward voyages Lord Roberts "asked to have the cat removed when he came on board ship, and a stranger, not knowing who he was, said to Lady Roberts, 'Don't you think that little gentleman over there must have been a mouse in a former state?'"—Household Words.

### In the Boarding House.

Gazing dreamily at the "God Bless Our Home" pastel on the wall, the boarder with the freckles on his nose continued, "Yes, it really gives me great pleasure to notice that the butter is convalescing!"

The man with the barb wire beard looked unhappy, and an expression of contempt, not unmixed, however, with curiosity, flitted across the face of the landlady.

"Convalescing!" she replied. "What do you mean?"

The man with the yellow whiskers smiled expectantly.

The man with the freckles on his nose nerved himself for the ordeal and replied, "Because it grows stronger every day!"

During the excitement that followed the man with the double chin helped himself to the last slice of bread on the table.

### His Great Sorrow.

"Hard luck!" groaned the fashionably dressed young man on the hotel divan, shifting his feet to the rungs of the chair opposite. "Hard luck—that's my name."

The young fellow at his side, in like attire, kept sympathetic silence.

"Yes, if it hadn't been for my tough luck, I'd have all sorts of money," he went on, pulling his hat down over his eyes and sending a puff of cigarette smoke up against its brim. "I was dead solid with a pretty little girl—cashier in one of the big hotels. She wanted to reform me, make a man out of me, she said. Twice I came in to see her when I wasn't steady on my feet, and she told me that if she ever learned of me getting too much again it would be all day between us. Well, one night I dropped into the hotel when I couldn't tell the floor from the ceiling. She hasn't spoken to me since."

"Can't see anything so bad about that," commented the friend. "There are lots of others."

"Yes, but"—the young man was *shaking his head and his voice was sor*rowful—"but it was just the next week that an old uncle died and she came in for a cool $60,000."

Again the young fellow at his side kept sympathetic silence.—Chicago Journal.

### Poison In the Blood of the Eel.

It has been known for years that the blood of eels contains a highly poisonous principle. A dog inoculated with a dozen drops of eel's blood dies in ten minutes. This discovery was made about ten years ago by two Italian brothers name Mosso. The poison is readily destroyed by heat and by mere lapse of time, wherein it differs from a snake poison, which long retains its virulence. Moreover, eel serum is harmless when taken with food, it invariably succumbs to the processes of digestion. If serum be taken from an animal that has been rendered immune to snake poison and injected under the skin of an eel, the poisonous property of the eel's blood is thereby impaired. Serum taken from an eel is naturally about three times as poisonous as the serum of the most vicious viper.

Although diluted eel serum may protect an animal from so deadly a poison as viper venom, the converse does not hold good; the serum of vipers is no protection against the poison of eels' serum. Serum obtained from animals gradually trained up to withstand fatal doses of serpent venom differs from ordinary serum in the astonishing rapidity of its action. Not only its protective, but also its undoubted curative power has been established.—Good Words.

### Hair Toothpicks.

"Of all the curious articles of commerce that you have ever mentioned in print I have never seen one more strange than a 'line' I regularly send to China, to the Brazils and in very large quantities to Russia."

The speaker was a "foreign merchant," and he was addressing a contributor who has made a specialty of paragraphs dealing with out of the way occupations. "The articles I refer to are toothpicks that are made of walrus whiskers. Vast quantities of the stiff, thick whiskers of the walrus are shipped, from Alaska chiefly, to myself, and to some others in England. Those who send them pull them out one by one with special tweezers, and after the whiskers have been trimmed and stiffened here they are made up into bundles and sent abroad.

"The higher class Chinese seem to use no other kind of toothpick, and the more wealthy of the Russians always use them at their clubs and hotels. I send out some thousands of bundles yearly, and, though to the buyer they are much dearer, as well as more ornamental, they leave plenty of profit to the dealer."—Exchange.

### An Old Marriage Bond.

Below we print a marriage bond as used in Georgia many years ago. The copy we have is quite an old looking, faded paper:

Georgia, Jefferson County.—Know all men by these presents that we, Henry Brown and Walter Stone, are held and firmly bound unto the court of ordinary of Jefferson county in the sum of $857.14, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this 17th day of November, 1820.

The condition of the above obligation is such that, whereas there is a marriage intended to be solemnized between Henry Brown and Susey Wright. Now, if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the same, then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of John G. Bostick, depy. clerk.

His
HENRY X BROWN
Mark.
WALTER STONE.

—Louisville (Ga.) News and Farmer.

### The Sheet Anchor.

"That was my sheet anchor"—i. e., my best hope, my last refuge; the sheet anchor of a ship, which, in stress of weather, is the sailors' chief dependence. The word sheet is a corruption of the word shote (thrown out), meaning the anchor "thrown out" in foul weather. The Greeks and Romans said, "My sacred anchor," referring to the sheet anchor, which was always dedicated to some god.

### Joke on the Major.

The major, just returned from Boston, tells in strict confidence this story:

"I had engaged my berth and was standing on the rear platform five minutes before the train pulled out of the Park square depot, when a middle aged woman and a handsome girl, both ladies, passed me and entered the car, accompanied by a gentlemanly looking chap who carried their baggage. A moment later this fellow rushed up to me and said he was in a most embarrassing position, had his sister and mother aboard and had lost his mileage book. He would introduce me to them and give me any security for $35. I said I needed neither introduction nor security, but would give him $10—all I had to spare. He insisted on giving me his diamond scarfpin, and then rushed into the station to see if he could get more cash. As the train pulled out without him he came running wildly after it, but had to give it up.

"Then the porter approached me tentatively. 'Was that man annoying you?' he said. I told him no. He insisted on carrying the baggage of two ladies inside, sah, an—an—did he get any money out of you?'

"'Of course he didn't,' said I, but I took the first opportunity of examining that pin. It was worth about five cents."


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## LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

Wm. Allan, formerly of the 100-Mile House, is shipping cattle to the coast this week.

The libel suit against the ASHCROFT JOURNAL was dismissed last Saturday by Justices Lehman and Webb.

Kruger is of all things human. He suffers from that great failing of wanting things just because he can't have them.

S. Hemans is sojourning with his family on the Semlin ranch at present. Mr. Hemans is usually a busy stock man and certainly deserves a few days rest.

The Kamloops cornet band will be in attendance at the Ashcroft Fair for two days or more. Come to the fair and bring exhibits. This means everybody.

The August returns from the Alaska Treadwell are: 540 stamps crushed 59,599 tons of ore, the estimated realizable value of the bullion being $93,024. Saved 1,319 tons sulphurets, the estimated realizable value of which was $52,553. The working expenses were $28,500.

A grand literary and musical entertainment by Miss LaDell, assisted by local talent, will be given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church, on Thursday evening, September 21st, in the town hall. Admission 50c. and 75c.; reserved seat plan at Clements' drug store.

Some splendid samples of fruit grown by Mr. Langley on the Basque ranch were received in town this week. For plums or pears we have found none yet this season so well flavored. Mr. Langley would do the Agricultural Society a favor if he would exhibit this season in fruits and in stock.

Hon. F. C. Cotton, minister of finance in the Semlin government, is in Nelson. He does not look as though he had been through the threshing machine that his government has been run through so often of late by the Victoria Colonist. Mr. Cotton says the legislature will meet on January 4th, and that the government will be prepared to transact business expeditiously and successfully.—Tribune.

Attorney Murphy is away on a business trip to the coast in connection with the water right cases affecting some of the ranches laying south of the town. J. C. Barnes is also away to the coast, and while away will consult, at his local physician's request, an oculist. He has a serious trouble affecting one of his eyes, a disease known medically as glaucoma, being a hardening of the eyeball and requiring radical and prompt treatment to prevent total loss of the eye.

Sam Adler, who crossed the Thompson river on his way down from Cariboo 40 years ago this fall, having gone up via Lillooet and the Fraser, spent a night in town this week. Mr. Adler has within the past two years visited Atlin, Dawson and the northwest in general. He has, probably, done what no other man alive ever did. Forty years ago he rocked out of Cariboo the gold to make a wedding ring for the lady he afterwards married. Twenty years ago in Granite creek, he rocked out the gold that was made into his daughter's wedding ring, and this season in Atlin he again set to work with a rocker and rocked out enough gold to make a wedding ring for his granddaughter and presented it to her at her recent marriage. Can anyone equal this record?

Some of the Barkerville passengers describe the entertainment given at that town last week by Prof. Cooper, the blind phrenologist. He advertised that the most popular man in town would be presented with a baby at the close of the entertainment. Of course Mr. S. A. Rogers' friends pushed him into the breech and the baby, which proved to a baby pig in full dress made of gunny sacks, was duly presented to the bachelor merchant. Mr. Rogers, however, had a little the best of the joke, for the pig had only been purchased a few hours before from one of his men and now the pig reposes in its accustomed pen and the five dollars is being sported by Mr. Rogers. The lecture tour of Prof. Cooper has proven a decided success financially as all who saw the unfortunate blind man in Ashcroft will be glad to learn.

Mr. Alex. Bourdariat, of Paris, a mining engineer who has been examining the Columbia group of mines on Quesnelle river, known locally as the French claims, returned Thursday to Ashcroft and left this morning for Vancouver. He has had a force of from six to ten men employed for the past two months sinking shafts and prospecting the above named properties. He has been fortunate enough to have had the assistance of Mr. Warner, of the Cariboo mine, for a few days in looking up the water problem and thinks the company can get a sufficient quantity of water for successful hydraulicing from Beaver river and its sources. As to the report he will make or his recommendations regarding purchase of the above properties, Mr. Bourdariat does not state, as his reports are not yet made up and submitted to his principals, but he speaks highly of the country in general and intends to again visit the Cariboo country.

G. E. Johnson expects to be home about the 22nd. He is still seriously sick.

Seymour Baker, a mining man from Quesnelle, passed through town this week.

J. Wilson, the cattle king of the district, is this week looking after his interests in the Alkali lake section.

It is all right to treat your friends, but when you don't like musk melon and the pears are not ripe, we fail to see the joke.

W. Allen, of Bridge creek, I. Lehman and J. C. Barnes shipped several cars of cattle to the coast this week, in charge of C. George.

There is a most suggestive and wholly libellous arrangement of notices on one of the exhibition buildings. The visitor reads. "Press," "Beware of Pickpockets."—Star, Toronto.

The Commercial Hotel, at Vancouver, is now under new management and is securing a good patronage. It has always been a favorite stopping place for people from this section.

Mrs. Carson, of Pavilion Mountain, registered at the Ashcroft Hotel this week. Mrs. Carson has been visiting at the coast and is on her way home accompanied by her sister, Miss Magee.

Mrs. Davis, of Victoria is visiting Mr. D. Murphy and his sister. This is Mrs. Davis' first visit to the upper country and she intends visiting the 141-Mile House in company with Miss Murphy.

Archie Clements left on Monday for Grand Forks to take charge of the Company's business at that point. Mrs. Clements, who is now in Vancouver, will join her husband in a few weeks.

Property owners are objecting to the dangerous habit, much too frequent in Ashcroft, of burning waste paper on the street. Even in wet weather this is not a desirable practice and should not be continued.

It now looks as though the curlers would curl and the skaters skate when the proper season arrives. Arrangements to that effect are being pushed along by Messrs Gillard and Bremner, of the committee.

Remember the Clinton races and don't forget the 150-Mile carnival and continue to bear in mind the fact that Ashcroft will have a fair on the 27th 28th and 29th. Good music, good races, and a good time generally.

Mr. W. Morgan has been acting as mixologist at the Grand Central for the past week. "Billy" says that he has not quit slinging the brush and that all orders for painting or paperhanging at any time will receive prompt attention.

From Clinton comes a line as follows: A little daughter arrived at the home Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bell, in Clinton, Friday, Sept. 8, which was warmly welcomed by both families, senior and junior. Accept the congratulations of your many friends, Ed.

Mr. Leslie, of North Bend, has been appointed station master at Ashcroft and has been installed by the auditor. Mr. Leslie is well known in Ashcroft where his wife's people reside and is well thought of by the business men and community in general.

The Occidental Hotel, at Quesnelle, is notwithstanding the slow times doing a fairly good business this season. The building was entirely refitted last year and is now well furnished. Hoffercamp & Johnson, the proprietors, are popular with all classes of travelers through the quaint little town of Quesnelle.

Superintendent of Indian Agencies Vowell is now in the Chilcoten country with a survey party laying out reservations for some of the interior tribes. Mr. Green is in charge as chief surveyor and the time estimated for completing the survey is about two months. The party went through Ashcroft last week.

The Imperial Brewing Co., and the Inland Cigar Manufacturing Co., of Kamloops, are each an industry that is a credit to Kamloops. They are the means of quite a large force of men being employed, and this of itself means much for a small city like Kamloops. Both of the above concerns, by means of good goods and fair treatment, have built up a good trade.

The Nelson Tribune of the 13th says: "Hon. F. C. Cotton, the mainspring of the Semlin government, is in Rossland. If his programme is not interfered with, Mr. Cotton will visit Nelson today." Mr. Cotton has announced his intention of taking a Cariboo trip, and as Minister of Lands and Works he will find much of interest in that section. Cariboo needs liberal appropriations for roads and is justly entitled to them.

Prof. E. Odlum, who has been engaged developing the Odlum Shepherd mines near Barkerville this season came down on Tuesday's stage and left the next morning for the coast. Mr. Odlum thinks that the region surrounding Barkerville will again yield heavily in gold in the near future and from his knowledge of the section spoken of he should be regarded as speaking advisedly, this being his second season spent at or near Barkerville.

### CARIBOO.

The Cariboo mine has made a small wash up, but it will not be sent down until the big wash up is made, which will be before very long.

Ten thousand dollars was cleaned up at the Ward mine a few days ago. It is said to be the result of only six days work. Whether this report is true or not, it is taken from very rich ground, and the mine will make a record this season that will please all interested in Cariboo mines.

Senator Campbell at last reports was down 320 feet and everything is looking very favorable.

The Golden River Quesnelle will begin washing the first of the week with 30 or 40 men and more soon to be added.

The Gold Point Company are at work and are taking water from the North Fork for their pumps.

Nothing definite has been learned from the Newell Gold Dredging Co., which is at work on the Quesnelle.

C. B. Deans and wife returned this week from a trip to the coast. Mr. Deans, as one of the firm of the Ashcroft Trading Co., is busy fifty weeks in the year and surely should have two for recreation.

All three of the dredges in the vicinity of Quesnelle, two on the Quesnelle river and one on the Fraser, are at work. It is too soon as yet to ascertain particulars of their operations, but the outlook seems good.

Receipts at the Customs House will total, for the last eight days about $800. This does not take into account the Cobledick dredging machinery of which there is eight or ten car loads, being shipped to Lytton. It will also be entered here.

The gravelling of Railway Avenue by Stewart & Crozier, under the direction of Government Agent, J. W. Burr, is progressing satisfactorily. The teams are now working south of Fourth St. and in a day or two will have completed a much needed work.

Assist the base ball team in every way possible that they may have plenty of practice for the game with Lillooet on the 28th. This will be the best exhibition of the game ever seen in Ashcroft and the boys should have all the encouragement we can give them.

Grass lawns, and flower gardens are greatly improving the appearance of our residental properties. Brink St. from S. Tingley's residence to Sixth St. having more ornamental and shade trees than other parts of the town presents a most pleasant and homelike appearance.

A letter from Dexter & Son, requesting that their mail be forwarded to Grand Forks, states that they expect to be in Ashcroft about November, being now at work in Grand Forks. The baseball team will miss young Dexter in their match with Lillooet during the Fair.

M. P. Stewart, of Stewart & Crozier, has returned from a visit to the coast. He reports that a large quantity of hay and grain will be lost on the lower Fraser owing to continued rains. Vancouver he found progressing as usual. Black Jack (we mean the horse) is not seriously injured and will pull through.

Mr. D. W. Rowlands and Miss Grace Brown were married at St. Alban's church, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., in the presence of quite a concourse of friends. They left on the east bound train for a short trip and on their return will keep house in the Hawthorne residence, on Brink street. The young people's numerous friends wish them the best of success on their journey through life.

Miss Campbell's flower garden on Fourth St. is the best example of the possibilities in this line. Dr. Williams and J. H. Clements, on Railway Ave., have very fine lawns. Vegetable gardens are also in evidence as they never have been before owing to the want of water. This want has been efficiently attended to by the Ashcroft Water Works Co., all parts of the town being reached by their system.

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"Cracker Jack," 5½ miles east of Ashcroft.

"Dufferin," 7 miles below Ashcroft, near 100 mile post, old Cariboo road.

"Gold Bug," about ¾ mile from Botanie creek and 1¼ mile from Thompson river, adjoining "Monarch" mineral claim.

"Noonday," about two miles from the mouth of Thompson river on the north side, adjoining "Albana No. 2" mineral claim.

"Tam O'Shanter," undivided ⅔ interest, on Basque ranch, near 100 mile post, old Cariboo road.

"Suter Johnny," on Langley mountain, near 100 mile post aforesaid, two-thirds interest.

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| Nanaimo | September | 22, 23 |
| Okanagan | September | 26, 27, 28 |
| Ashcroft | September | 27, 28, 29 |
| New Westminster | October | 3, 4, 5, 6 |
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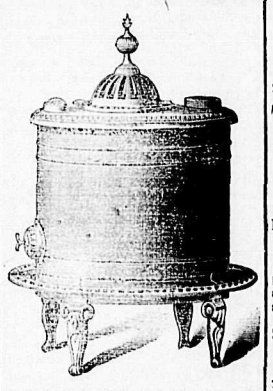

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