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REPORT OF MINISTER OF MINES.

CARIBOO DISTRICT.

(Report of John Bowron, Gold Commissioner.)

In submitting this, my twenty-fourth annual report of the mining industry of the Cariboo district, I am unable to announce any great increase in the yearly gold output; at the same time the actual condition of affairs gives the greatest encouragement that the district is on the eve of a prosperous term that has not been equalled for many years. In former seasons there have been indications of prosperity, but the present year (1898) has given evidence of such positive and substantial character that it is safe to predict a greatly increased activity. Many of the smaller properties, hitherto held and worked by individual miners, have been purchased by strong companies and amalgamated into large enterprises, calling for the construction of extensive ditches, flumes, reservoirs and other works of a most substantial nature. This fact has conduced to the curtailment of this year's output of gold, but when the extensive preparations already under way are fully completed, there will certainly be a large increase in the gold yield of the district. While the number of men employed in mining has not materially differed from that of previous years, probably not more than one in four has been actually engaged in the work of gold production.

It is understood that the following well known placer mines have been either purchased or are held under option by reputed capitalists, who have already begun development work on them on a more comprehensive scale than hitherto undertaken, or purpose so doing as soon as spring opens:

The Alabama and adjoining claims, on Mosquito creek; the Meadows, on Williams creek; the bench claims along Slough creek; the Eleven of England and adjoining claims, on Lightning creek; the Pinkerton claim, on Lowhee creek; the San Juan claim, on Williams creek; the claims on Conklin's gulch and French creek; the Maud claim, on Four Mile creek, and several others in the vicinity of Quesnelle Forks; the Discovery claim, on Shepherd's creek; the Boursin and Fry lease, on Cornish creek; the Birrell and Polleys dredging leases, on Quesnelle river; and many others.

Though, for reasons given, the gold output for the year shows slight increase, I am happy to be able to report that in no case where development work has been started within the past few years have operations ceased through failure to find gold in paying quantities. Several large enterprises have been carried on for several years and are still being pushed, notably the deep diggings on Slough creek and Willow river, and the hydraulic elevator proposition on Williams creek. I append a detailed report on these works, and on others of more recent origin equally promising.

After the exhaustive review of the late mineralogist, Mr. Carlyle, in the annual report of the minister of mines for 1897, of the physical features and geographical nature of the district, I feel that it would be presumptuous for me to attempt any divergence into these fields. I shall therefore confine myself to a description of the work of the different camps.

THE SLOUGH CREEK ENTERPRISE.

Operated by the Incorporated Exploration Company of British Columbia, Limited, London, England.

At the date of the last report, the property of the Slough Creek Mining Company had just been acquired by the above company, who will develop it and other properties adjoining. During the year the development work has been carried on under the direction of Mr. William Thompson, M.E., F.R.G.S., of London, managing director and consulting engineer of the company, with Mr. John Hopp as local manager at the mines.

In order to determine, with all possible accuracy, the depth and location of the old channel of Slough creek, before sinking shafts and running tunnels to it, additional boring was done with hydraulic jetting machines and the depth as determined by former borings verified.

The management has decided to sink a three-compartment working shaft through the rim rock upon the Island Mountain side of the prsperty, opposite the mouth of Nelson creek, and when it has reached the required depth, a bedrock tunnel will be run from the shaft to intercept the old channel. Lumber, for timbering the shaft, is now being prepared and delivered by the Clarke & McIntyre mill, upon Jack of Clubs lake. A large quantity of cordwood, 1,000 cords, has been contracted for, and is being delivered at the shaft site. The necessary machinery for sinking the shaft and running the tunnel, consisting of air compressors, drilling machines, pumps, hoisting engines, additional boilers, etc., has been provided for and will be installed as soon as required.

During the year several new buildings have been added to the company's plant at the mouth of Nelson creek, and a new shaft house will be built upon the site of the proposed bedrock shaft.

WILLOW RIVER.

On a recent visit to Willow river camp, I obtained the following definite information regarding this important undertaking:

Work on this deep ground proposition was begun by Mr. Fred. C. Laird, on July 1st, 1894, and has continued without intermission, except such as was caused by the necessary addition of more powerful machinery. The workings now consist of a drain tunnel to the rim rock, 620 feet in length; a three compartment shaft, 200 feet deep, 100 feet of which is in rock, and a bedrock tunnel to intercept the channel, 650 feet in length. Three openings have been made into the channel wash, but operations were suspended early in the year in order to provide more powerful machinery to cope with the large volume of water encountered.

The new auxiliary plant is now on the ground, and is being installed. The entire plant consists of the following:

Two boilers, developing 115 horse power; two engines, each 50 horse power; one 8 x 10 double cylinder Fraser & Chalmer's hoist; one 9-inch exhaust fan, with 1,000 feet of 6-inch galvanized iron pipe; one 18-inch Cornish pump, with a 10-inch stroke, which will be actuated by one of the engines; one pair geared plunger pumps; one duplex steam pump; one

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Atlin As it Is.

The following statement of Mr. P. Atkinson, of Vancouver, taken from one of his letters to a friend, probably gives about as reliable information of the Atlin country as can be at this time secured:

I like the look of the country, but a lot of lies have been published about it in the papers. Men washing out one and a half ounces of gold per day is pure imagination. It cannot be done with from three to four feet of snow on the ground, and two feet of ice in the creeks. It will be a month yet before much prospecting can be done, and already some are getting discouraged and selling off their outfits.

Our Tobacco Industry.

At Kelowna the tobacco industry appears to be in a particularly flourishing condition and a new factory and warehouse is now being erected for the accommodation of a considerably extended business over that of the past year. Some recent samples of the tobacco raised in the district are sufficiently good to warrant the belief that when further experiments have been carried far enough to demonstrate the best quality and character of plant for the soil, a success may be made of this industry—rather unique in such a northern latitude.—News-Advertiser.

It is certainly worth while for our farmers to look well into this industry and by actual trial show that we can raise tobacco of good quality in this vicinity.

Golden River Quesnelle.

It is announced that in view of the fact that applications for the new mortgage debentures of the Golden River Quesnelle have been received for £2,335, which is insufficient, unless application for a sufficient number of debentures to produce a minimum amount of £5,000 cash are received on or before Wednesday, the 19th inst., the directors cannot recommend the company to continue operations, and liquidation must take place, by which preference shares will forfeit all preferential rights. As a final inducement the directors have resolved to offer the debentures at a discount of 30 per cent., making the return on the investment 14¼ per cent. per annum, in addition to the bonus in fully paid shares, as per circular dated 21st March, 1899.

Linked to the World by Wire.

Skagway, April 25.—The Dominion telegraph construction company is making rapid progress in its work of laying a wire between Bennett and Dawson, and already has the line located as far as the boundary line of the Northwest territory, with poles strewn along as far as the White Horse. They have just completed a large store house at Bennett, dining room, kitchen and sleeping quarters. The line they have already located runs fifteen miles down Lake Bennett. Along the line of the White Pass and Yukon railroad they are going to use the railroad company's poles for their wires.

The company proposes to lose no time but to reach Dawson as soon as possible. The officers of the company predict that before the summer is over the ticking of the telegraph receiver at Bennett will click the latest news of the creeks on the Yukon. By that time, also, connection will have been made with Skagway and Atlin, and with an overland wire through British Columbia to Ashcroft, Skagway will be in direct telegraphic communication with the outside world. As the Dominion government has undertaken this gigantic task, it will not lack capital for its completion, which will be hastened with as little delay as possible.

LAC LA HACHE.

There was a slight snowfall last week throughout the valley. However, it did not last long.

E. E. Bell, Indian agent, of Clinton, passed through the valley this week en route to Williams lake. Mr. A. W. Vowell is also at the 150 on business connected with the Indian department.

The party of American and English capitalists en route to the Peace river country, Messrs. Davis, Stephenson and Tregent, are at the 150 awaiting their supplies, which are now on the way from Ashcroft by wagon.

Cornell, the telegraph operator at the 111, has a new house completed and has moved into it.

The Lake La Hache people are talking of a celebration on the 24th, and it will, if undertaken, be done in their usual good style.

Wm. Boyd, of Cottonwood, who has lately been in Klondike, passed up the road this week on his wheel. Mr. Boyd thinks Cariboo is a very good country and is willing others should investigate the beauties of nature and the chances for fortunes in the Klondike and Atlin countries.

Thomas E. Higgenson, the "Cache Creek Poet," who has been sojourning in Lac La Hache for the past six months drawing inspirations from nature has gone over to Horsefly to draw a few more.

The West Creek Hydraulic.

Below will be found a letter in full written by C. J. Seymour Baker. The JOURNAL tries carefully to avoid any statements that may do any injustice to mining men in Cariboo or anywhere else. Neither do we wish to encourage any working men to take the long trip to Cariboo looking for work and not be able to find it. It would be a very serious thing to do, as the trip is long and expensive, but when such men as Medlicott, of Stanley, and Betts, of Cottonwood, tell us, as each has done within the past few weeks, that they could not get a sufficient number of men last season to get their work as far advanced as they otherwise would have done and would have employed many more men if they could have secured them, and when they say further to us, as both of the above named gentlemen did, that they would give any men work that we would send them, we do not think it to the disadvantage of the country in general to advise a reasonable number of men to go into Cariboo. As yet very few laboring men have gone in. It will be remembered that many more companies are also doing work on a large scale and new companies are starting up, all of which will draw on the labor market. As to Mr. Baker's defence given below about his employment of Chinese, we have never challenged his right to do with his own affairs as he sees fit, but so long as he has government leases and is doing work of interest to the public in general and from whom he has certainly nothing but the best wishes for success, he must expect that people will talk about his work and newspapers will write of it.

As to the project of drying the bed of the Fraser being impracticable without a dam and that it would dry only five miles instead of seven, as stated by our correspondent, in case of its being successfully done, we presume our correspondent never measured the distance absolutely. We also presume Mr. Baker never did. With reference to the last item, the building of the Quesnelle-Stuart lake road, we will venture to say that the 43rd Mining & Milling Company, the St. Anthony and other companies operating in Omenica will give their opinions, through the columns of the JOURNAL, as they can do from actual experience, which we believe Mr. Baker cannot do, of the value to the country at large of a road opening up the interior to Omenica.

"Quesnelle, Cariboo, April 29.

"Sir: My attention has been called to a paragraph in the last MINING JOURNAL concerning me. The paragraph is misleading as I have no intention of employing more than two white men in running the West Creek hydraulic mine this season. I had engaged Mr. Mack to superintend this and other works, but on my arrival here found that he had made no arrangements and had disappeared. So I had to make the best of matters, and though there are a fair number of men here there are but few miners, and of those hardly one with any considerable experience of working with and saving fine gold in an hydraulic mine. I had, therefore, no option but to employ Chinamen or send down for experienced men, and the season here is so short that this latter was quite out of the question. I consider that I have a right to employ the most suitable men I can get without reference to nationality. Mr. Mack failed to keep his agreement, and he, if any one, is responsible for the results. In consequence of his disappearance my plans are uncertain, but it is not probable that I will have more than four or five white men employed at any time this season and not for any length of time. Will you therefore contradict your statement that I will work a gang of 30 or 40 men? Last year I had to call your attention to inaccurate statements and do not wish to do so this year. I pointed out that if your correspondent would see me I would freely give him information, but that I wished nothing concerning my affairs made public without my authority.

"I think more care might have been taken with the news in the remainder of the letter. Your correspondent evidently knows but little of the proposition alluded to in the last paragraph but one. Only one shaft has been started and it is not down 60 feet and only three men are at work. The bend is five, not seven miles around, and I fail to see how the bed of the Fraser will be dried without a costly dam. The fall through the cut being five times the present grade of the Fraser, will any ordinary steamboat be able to get through? Unless the promoters can prove that it will not interfere with the navigation of the river it ought to be prevented. Has this been considered? Has the point or the river bed ever been properly prospected?

"The whole tone of the letter is to the effect that there will be work for a large number of working men, but I cannot agree with it. There is for a reasonable number of good steady men who can be depended on, especially for good axemen. It is very good to be sanguine, but if propositions are recommended without looking carefully into their merits people will probably be led astray and it will hurt the country. You have been recommending the Stuart-Quesnelle wagon road, but have you ever thought if it would pay for the heavy cost? I am, Yours faithfully, C. J. SEYMOUR BAKER."

In connection with the above we are in receipt of the following letter and as Mr. Leavitt concedes the news item to be correct save for the unimportant item of its being an individual instead of a company proposition, we are led to presume that Mr. Leavitt knows about as well what his intentions are as Mr. Baker does and has very likely given the subject matter as careful consideration. Below we quote Mr. Leavitt's letter and the item that Mr. Baker criticizes:

MR. LEAVITT'S LETTER.

"In your paper of the 22nd, under heading of Quesnelle an article appears, the copy of which I enclose. There is an error in this respect. I represent no company but just myself. I have no intention of going to British Columbia this year but I do expect to send my son in a short time. This of course is immaterial, but I know you like to be as nearly correct in what you print as possible:"

THE OBJECTIONABLE ITEM.

W. A. Leavitt, who has secured for a Philadelphia company several dredging leases on the Fraser and Nechaco rivers, is expected up soon. His company have a large project in view, and it is evidently something more than on paper, for his company have had gangs of men at work during the winter, sinking shafts on a proposed canal about half a mile in length that it is proposed to cut through and thereby create a new bed for the Fraser and drain some miles of the old channel, which is known by all prospectors to be rich in gold. As to how rich this channel is, is mere conjecture, but must contain a very large amount of gold. Two shafts have been sunk, each of which are 60 feet deep, for the purpose of showing that no rock work will interfere with the dredging out of this channel and the ground has proved suitable for such work. It is said to be the company's intention to at once begin the construction of four steam shovel plants to raise this gravel, washing it as it is raised for what gold it contains. No dam will be required, and, while it is a big undertaking and is, we understand, expected to cost in the neighborhood of $1,000,000, the proposition is feasible and the prospect one well worth careful consideration. The work, if completed, will dry about seven miles of the Fraser and millions should be taken out of the old bed. James Deacon has been employed by this company to prospect for them on the bars of the Parsnip, Findley, and Nation rivers during the season, and if found anywhere near as rich as reported, they contemplate operations also on the Omenica river.

Dredging on the Fraser.

It is understood that this year will see much dredging done on the Fraser and other rivers in Cariboo. Dredging in British Columbia has been a failure in the past simply because the proper dredgers were not used. Now British Columbia operators have determined to follow New Zealand in this matter and they are to be commended.

A new Zealand dredging company states its expense to be $268 for six days, as follows: Fuel $48, labor $120, superintendence $100. The dredge handles 90 tons per hour and pays a dividend on gravel containing 1½ grains of gold per cubic yard.

That is good enough for any one and if it can be done in New Zealand it can be done in British Columbia. Mr. W. H. Gallagher, who is interested in dredging on the Fraser, has kindly supplied the following extract from a N Otago paper—Otago is the centre of the dredging industry in New Zealand:

The dredges on the Clutha river between Roxburgh and Miller's Flat are mostly doing well at the present time. The Golden Treasure company, which started operations about the beginning of June, 1894, has all along been a very successful company, their dredge yielding on the average about 2 ozs. of gold a week. The claim extends up the river from Miller's flat about a mile and it is estimated that it will take upwards of ten years more to work it out. The total value of the gold obtained since starting operations is £19,416 9s. and besides wiping off the indebtedness of £1600, which had been incurred before starting and paying £1000 for alterations to the dredge, etc., the company has declared £2 15s. per share in dividends, or a total amount of £7,693 6s. During the last three years the dredge has worked almost constantly, and without a break down of any kind, all repairs being done aboard the dredge. Messrs. Cutten Brothers designed the dredge, which was built by R. S. Sparrow & Co., the power being supplied by one of Marshall & Son's 16 horse-power engines. The ladder is 66 feet in length, and there are 41 buckets of three cubic feet capacity each, the dredge being capable of treating 60 tons an hour on a consumption of 7 or 8 bags of lignite. Six men, working in eight-hour shifts, work the dredge, and the total working expenses, including wages, cost of coal, lighting, etc., will be represented by about £30 a week. The dredge has been improved twice since operations were commenced in 1894. In the first place the size of the cylinders was reduced and the pump shifted, and subsequently a screen and elevator were added to the dredge. At the present time the dredge is in first-class order, and as the claim, including a piece of freehold, comprises upwards of 80 acres, it has plenty of work ahead of it for some years to come. The whole of the ground, it may be stated, is known to be highly payable, having been prospected by a current wheel dredge, which got very good returns, but was unable to bottom the river, and could not work the beaches to advantage. As showing the value of the claim, it may also be mentioned that the shares, which are fully paid-up, have been sold for as much as £3 10s. per share; and, indeed, the claim is looked upon as one of the best investment on the river.

The Golden Gate Dredging Company, which has a claim lower down the river than the last mentioned company, is also doing well, the dredge returning between 25 and 30 ounces of gold a week. The dredge is about the same size as the one previously referred to, and the working expenses are, of course, about the same. It is the intention of the directors shortly to add an elevator and revolving screen to the dredge to treat the beaches; and they anticipate that when this is done the returns will be even better than they are at present. The total quantity of gold obtained from the claim since the company was formed in 1895 is about 2,850 oz. 18 dwt., of the value of £10,988, and £3,000 has been paid in dividends.

The Otago dredge, which is working on the river between the two previously mentioned, has also been getting satisfactory returns for some time past, and has been paying dividends pretty regularly of from 6d. to 2s. per share. The claim was at one time worked by a small steam dredge, known as Brazil's, which was successful in obtaining something like £2,000 worth of gold in 12 years. The present company, however, put the large dredge on the river which is now working there.

The Golden Run Dredging Company is at present working a hydraulic claim near the Golden Gate claim; but the company has issued 3,000 more shares to the shareholders, and intends to erect a large and powerful dredge, with a bucket capacity of seven cubic feet, to treat its river claim. The dredge will have an elevator attached to it, so as to be capable of working into the high banks at the side of the river, where the original run of gold exists. For the past four months the hydraulic claim has yielded on the average about 50 oz. a week. The total value of the gold obtained since the company was formed in 1891 is £20,793, and £5,193 15s. has been paid in dividends.

On Pringle and party's dredge—a private dredge, which is said to have been doing very well at Miller's Flat for many years—Tyson's patent bucket link is being used, and is giving every satisfaction. The new link does away with the bushing of the buckets, and also acts as a "dipper," catching all the drippings out of the buckets. It is claimed for it that it will last 18 months or two years, where the old link only lasted six or eight months. It is a solid link, and fits in between the buckets with two-thirds more bearing surface than the ordinary link.

C. P. R. Officers.

Toronto, May 2.—The World's Ottawa correspondent says: "There will be important changes in the Canadian Pacific board on Mr. Van Horne's return from California. He is to follow Chauncey Depew's example and become chairman of the board. Mr. Shaughnessy is to be president, R. B. Angus or E. B. Osler vice-president and D. McNicoll, assistant general manager.

Isaac Lehman has been turning out some good wagons of late from his shop on Brink street.

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REPORT OF MINISTER OF MINES.

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7-inch Nye steam pump.

When the new machinery is installed, which it it expected will not be later than January 15th, 1899, the total normal pumping capacity will be 3,000 gallons a minute. With the water under thorough control, it should be a matter of but a few weeks to cross cut the channel. I am credibly informed that operations on this property have already entailed an expenditure of $100,000.

Should this enterprise prove successful, it will prove a great incentive to the development of the vast deep-ground deposits of the district heretofore untouched.

WILLIAMS CREEK.

Operations of the Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited. During the past four years, this company has most persistently and perseveringly prosecuted the work on their extensive system of ditches, flumes and reservoirs, and on the installation of the immense steel pipe line conducting water to their hydraulic elevators. During the past season they made a start in raising gravel. Their plant is the most extensive and powerful of its kind in the world, raising gravel as it does by hydraulic pressure, ninety feet vertically, in one lift. While the trial proved this method of handling the gravel to be entirely feasible and satisfactory, the troubles and set backs incident to the starting of such an enormous work were experienced, and the opening of the pit from the surface to bedrock was necessarily slow. Owing to the short season, the capabilities of the plant were not shown under a steady working test. Enough ground was handled, however, to prove the value of the gravel, which was entirely satisfactory.

When the water supply became too small to further work the elevators, a large force of men were busily engaged until winter set in, improving and increasing the water supply, by widening the old and constructing new ditches, building dams to augment their storage system, and, in the light of their working experience, placing the whole plant in perfect working order for the season of 1899.

A complete description of the huge plant operated by this company, and their immense system of water supply, was given in the report of the minister of mines for 1897.

HYDRAULIC MINING UPON SLOUGH CREEK BENCHES.

English capital, represented by Mr. Sam Medlicott has, during the summer and fall of 1898, built two ditches from Jack of Clubs creek and New creek, respectively, to provide water for hydraulicing a series of bench claims upon the south side of Slough creek, which adjoin the property of the Incorporated Exploration Company of British Columbia, Limited. The Jack of Clubs ditch, carrying 1,500 miner's inches, is over four miles in length, and will furnish water for working the leases acquired between Jack of Clubs and Burns creeks. The New creek ditch, carrying 600 miner's inches, is one mile and a half in length, and will furnish water for working the leases acquired between New and Nelson creeks. The construction work has been under the personal supervision of Mr. Melbourne Bailey, M.E., who has used the latest methods in building the dams, ditches and flumes, and has given them a permanent character. The giants to be used will be ball bearing, and the equipment of both properties will be modern in every particular. The New creek ditch has been completed, and the plant fully installed ready for operation at the opening of the season of 1899. The Jack of Clubs ditch has been completed, and the lumber for fluming is being distributed along the ditch. The plant to operate the leases between Jack of Clubs and Burns creeks is on the ground ready for installation in the spring of 1899. Camp buildings of a substantial and convenient character have been built at the mouths of Burns and Nelson creeks, and will be occupied by the manager and employees of the company.

HARDSCRABBLE CREEK.

The Menominee and Marianette Hydraulic Gold Mining Company purchased the Garibaldi claim from Shaw & Son about two years ago. The company began operations by running a drain tunnel from Willow river, 1,200 feet in length, to tap the deep channel of Hardscrabble creek. Work has been carried on continuously, except when the water supply gave out in the winter seasons; and from the time the workings reached bedrock in the channel, gold has been taken out. Operations have recently been suspended again, on account of a failure of the water supply, but will be resumed early in the spring. The last ground worked was paying, and was improving as the drive advanced.

ANTLER CREEK.

Prospecting work on the property of the Bradford, Cariboo and Yukon Gold Fields, Limited, was continued during the past season. A tunnel 150 feet in length was run on Antler creek, above Saw Mill flat, at right angles to the present water course. Twenty feet from the mouth of the tunnel a blind shaft was sunk to bedrock, a distance of four feet. Ninety-seven feet further in, another shaft was sunk forty-seven feet to bedrock, the last seventeen feet of which was in gravel, in which a prospect of gold was secured. At the face of the tunnel the depth to bedrock was found to be twenty-seven feet. A shaft has been started further down stream, and will tap the bedrock in the channel near the deepest blind shaft in the tunnel.

DEVIL'S CANYON.

Along Devil's Canyon creek are a number of benches which have been worked out, chiefly by Chinese. These benches carried coarse gold, and are supposed to have paid well. Although the gold was followed from the foot of the benches down towards the deep ground, as far as water would permit, the old channel of this creek has never been reached.

A partnership of miners, known as the Devil's Lake Mining Company, Limited, is now endeavoring to exploit the deep ground above the canyon. A rock tunnel has been driven more than three hundred feet: this will be extended through rock about sixty feet (estimated) where it is expected to break into gravel.

FRASER RIVER.

The Cottonwood Alluvial Gold Mining Company, holding hydraulic leases on the Fraser river, near the mouth of the Cottonwood river, suffered, some time ago, a severe setback, by a slide which destroyed several hundred feet of their tunnel, which was run in connection with their 17-mile ditch. In September last a large force of men was set to work repairing the damage, and operations were pushed until frost set in. Work will be resumed in the spring, and it is expected that everything will be in ship shape to take advantage, of at least part, of next season's water.

LIGHTNING CREEK DRAINAGE TUNNEL.

The British-American Gold Mining and Trading Company, of Baltimore, are engaged on Lightning creek on a very extensive drainage tunnel. This company acquired the property of the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company. Operations were commenced during the past season on a tunnel through which it is proposed to drain the old channel of Lightning creek. The tunnel was started near the foot of what is known as Wing Dam hill. Twelve hundred feet have been so far completed, most of which is an open cut. Three shifts, of eight hours each, are kept going continuously, and it is proposed to push the work in like manner until the tunnel is completed. It is estimated that the total length of the tunnel and open cut to the bedrock in the old channel will be 8,000 feet. Major Moore, of Baltimore, Md., is in charge of the work.

WAVERLY COMPANY, GROUSE CREEK.

The Waverly Company, of Grouse creek, prosecuted their work during the water season, and made good progress in steadily improving ground. Just before they began the yearly wash up a large slide occurred, permitting a clean up of only a portion of the season's piping.

BLACK JACK COMPANY, WILLIAMS CREEK.

The Black Jack Hydraulic Company has been steadily working during every season since 1861. In 1897 their work uncovered a back channel, and this season, with only half a dozen men employed, a clean up of $10,000 was made.

(To be continued next week.)

Was It Legerdemain, or Hypnotism?

His name was not Roberts, which is good enough reason for calling him that here. There was nothing strange or weird in his appearance or general behavior, says an unidentified Coast paper, but he did one hypnotic turn, as the music-hall phrase is, that mystified his fellow ranchers to the verge of lunacy until they got used to it.

Roberts was one of a little group of college-bred men who, some from choice and some from example, have located claims in Mason County, Washington. There is a post office at Lake Cushman and a tri-weekly mail by stage from the Sound, nine miles distant. "Put" is the postmaster. His name was Putnam, originally, and he is a Trinity man. He has a large ranch at the lake and a summer hotel, where people come for the fishing. Here the men gather for their mail, usually lingering for a smoke and a yarn, and it was here that Roberts began his mysterious performances.

One day when the men met at the post office, the conversation turned to spiritualism, mind-reading, thought-transference, and the like. It was agreed that the whole thing was rubbish—flubdub, as they say in Georgia. If there was anything in it, why didn't spiritualists make millions in wheat and stocks? Why did seers invaribly live in cheap logings which smelled of boiled cabbage? Not one of them ever made a cent except what their weak-minded dupes paid them.

Roberts slid off the table and said he'd be going.

"By the way," he remarked, "I got a $10 gold-piece in Hoodsport yesterday that looks funny. I'm afraid it's counterfeit."

He handed a small round object to the man nearest him. Several heads bent over it, and passed it from one hand to another.

"It's alright. Nothing the matter with that," was the verdict.

"Thanks," said Roberts, taking it back and throwing it on the table. The men then saw that what they had taken for a $10 gold-piece was a common iron washer off a wagon-wheel. It was rusty and battered, and it had a hole in the middle. Of course they declared with one voice that they had been flimflammed.

"It was mere slight-of- hand," they said.

"No, it was flubdub," answered Roberts.

The door opened, and two other ranchers came in.

"Hello!" cried Roberts. "What do you fellows think of this $10 piece? Is it queer?"

He handed them the washer, and they examined it carefully, weighing it in their palms, and turning it over several times.

"Don't see anything queer about that," they agreed.

The trick was repeated a dozen times *with unfailing* success. No one was deceived a second time, and most of them declared that they weren't really in earnest, or the light was bad, or something of the sort. The average victim always has an excuse to offer. The affair was the sensation of the winter and then something else turned up and it became a back number.

The next fall Roberts and two others of the Lake Cushman fraternity ran over to Victoria for a little celebration. One of the men returned from a walk down-down and told Roberts that he had been "stringing old Williams, the tobacconist, about that act of yours with the washer" The said Williams discrediting the story as absurd, he had bet two pounds of tobacco against the retail price thereof that the tobacconist himself would be fooled by the identical washer before the week was out.

Accordingly, the next morning Roberts strolled into old Williams' shop, *where he was not known*, bought a box of Neb kas for $3, handed over the washer, took $7 in change, and walked out.

The British sense of humor, as every-one knows, is sadly deficient, and old Williams, when he discovered the washer in his till, was filled with wrath. He promptly notified the police, and Roberts' friends had to bail him out of jail about 11 o'clock that night.

The court room rang with laughter at the trial next day, and the magistrate said that any man who could'nt tell an iron washer from a gold-piece deserved to lose his money. However, it was his duty to discourage confidence games, and he would have to fine the gentleman $10, the amount representing a kind of poetic justice. The fine was paid at once, the magistrate sarcastically warning the clerk not to accept any old iron by mistake.

The Americans hurried out of the court-room amid smiles. After they had gone, the horrified clerk picked up the iron washer and gave it to the judge without a word. The police found them that evening dining with some English friends at "The Poodle Dog." They were allowed to finish their dinner, but they were notified that the "Charmer" left for Vancouver at half past 10, and that they would have to leave town.

How He Got the Passe.

The Waterloo (Ia.) Creamery Journal relates some very interesting reminiscences of Clayton R. Tinan, editor of the Kimball (S.D.) Graphic, who, the writer says, comes as near being a typical South Dakotan as the state has yet produced. He had come out to the west about fifteen years before on a hunting trip, as a correspondent of Forest and Stream. Favorably impressed with the country, he resolved, after he had made a few acquaintances, to establish a county newspaper at Kimball, and to "hew the line and let the chips fall where they may." He purchased a new outfit, consisting of a few cases of type and a hand press, at Sioux City, and suddenly, without warning, the Graphic was born. In a column of leaded pica Mr. Tinan outlined his policy, and personally told the people that they would have to subscribe for his paper at once and advertise in it liberally or he would expose the fact that every man in the county was steeped in alkali water.

He set his own type, ran off the paper, built the fires, got out the job work, wrote editorials on the beauties of South Dakota by the mile, and worked from daylight to midnight. It was an heroic struggle. There were few people in the country, and among the settlers were many who could not afford the luxury of his always interesting newspaper. Merchants were willing to advertise, but could not afford it; but there was some revenue from legal land notices that helped to keep the wolf from the door.

Mr. Tinan expended the energies of the city editor of the New York World, and lavished the labor of a genius on a country that offered little in return. His paper grew in size and importance, the papers of the state copied his philosophic paragraphs and witty sayings, until finally he traded the old hand press for a power press, bought a steam engine to run it, added more type, and built an office building. Then he got married, and built a handsome residence.

Speaking of the hardships endured in a new country, Mr. Tinan frankly admitted that the years of labor he had performed would doubtless have yielded a fortune in an older country.

"It was this way with me," he said, "I began to publish the Graphic as an experiment, not realizing what it meant to wait for the country to grow up. Then came hard times, and more hard times, and we all had to suffer with our neighbors, until a fellow feeling grew up among us that was so strong that I grew ashamed to think that I had ever been so disloyal as to contemplate turning back toward the east. I stuck, and stayed, and helped make the country, and I am glad of it.

Once, when Mr. Tinan was getting ready to get married, he made application to a St. Paul railroad for a pass to Chicago for himself and wife, with a step-over privilege at three places going and four places returning, where he wanted to introduce his wife to relatives. The general passenger agent replied by sending a curt refusal from a stereotype form kept in stock for Dakota editors. The note said that the road did not care to extend its advertising patronage at present, and that therefore no courtesies could be extended.

Tinan was mad. He hastily wrote the following note to the general manager of the railroad, ignoring the general passenger agent:

"Your passenger agent has refused to send passes for myself and wife. I am about to be married, and to take the step contemplated it will be absolutely necessary for you to send me this transportation. It is nothing short of a d——d outrage for you to say that you do not care to extend your advertising patronage in Dakoto, and your refusal to send me the 'courtesies' is a rare specimen of shameless ingratitude. As a South Dakota editor I have boomed this country traversed by your road for fifteen years. I began printing lies about the fertility of South Dakota soil when one of your hand cars could have hauled all the grain raised in the county, and have kept it up ever since. I have boomed and boomed this God-forsaken country until settlers have come here and made it something besides a howling desert peopled only by myself and your station agent; and now, after showing you all these 'courtesies,' when your rails begin to shine with the wear of frequent freight trains hauling the *immense crops of South Dakota* to the east, you swell up and say you don't care to extend your advertising patronage and that no courtesies will be forthcoming.

"Is this right? Who made your road what it is today in Dakota? Your officials? Or Divine Providence? Or the South Dakota editor?"

In a reasonably short time Mr. Tinan received a note from the railroad manager as follows:

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Dated at Ashcroft this 23rd of February, 1899.

42tc C. W. EAGLE.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to Sheriff John Stevenson, of Barkerville, Cariboo, British Columbia, and to any other claimant against the "Sidney Gold Mining and Development Co.," that I am the sole owner of the engine and boiler being used by said company on their boats on the Smokey River, B.C. Said property has been mine since 1895, and was loaned to the Sidney Mining Co., they having no title to them whatever. Anyone attempting to levy, sell, or disturb my rights to said property will be prosecuted by law.

MRS. CLARA HAWKS WOODRUFF,

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company to construct and operate a railway from a point at or near Ashcroft or Kamloops or some point between same, thence in a northerly direction to Barkerville, in the District of Cariboo, and thence by the most feasible route to Glenora, on the Stickine river, with such other powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the working or for the purposes of the undertaking.

Dated at Ottawa this 22nd February, 1899.

GEMMILL & MAY,

4519 Solicitors for Applicants.

NOTICE.

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

150-Mile House, Friday, 16th June, 1899.
Soda Creek, Monday, 19th June, 1899.
Quesnelle, Thursday, 22nd June, 1899.
Richfield, Monday, 26th June, 1899.

Court opens each day at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

By Order,

JAMES McKEN,

Registrar, County Court of Cariboo.

Barkerville, B.C., 7th April, 1899. 50t11

In the County Court of Cariboo

HOLDEN AT ASHCROFT STATION.

Between

W. B. Bailey & Co., of Ashcroft, forwarding agents, Plaintiffs, and

G. C. Leask, late of Horsefly, Cariboo District, B.C., Defendant.

To G. C. Leask, the above named Defendant:

TAKE NOTICE that a plaint has been entered and a summons issued against you in the above named County Court by W. B. Bailey & Co., of Ashcroft, B.C., for the sum of $181.11, for goods sold and delivered and for money advanced, and an order has been made that the publication of a notice of the entry of such plaint in the B.C. Mining Journal for three successive issues shall be deemed to be service of the summons upon you.

And further take notice that unless you enter a dispute note in this action at the office of the Registrar, Ashcroft Station, on or before Monday, the 16th day of May, judgment by default, pursuant to said order, will be entered against you herein.

Dated this 29th day of May, 1899.

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No. 124.

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies' Act, 1897."

GOLD POINT HYDRAULIC MINING COMPANY.

Filed the 21st day of March, A.D. 1899.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Gold Point Hydraulic Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate in the City of New York, U.S.A.

The amount of the capital of the Company is $500,000, divided into 100,000 shares of $5 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Quesnelle Forks, and William Polleys, Miner, whose address is Quesnelle Forks aforesaid, is attorney for the Company

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JACKSON'S END.

"I tell you, fellows, 'tain't no fun to swim a bunch of steers when the water is as cold as it is now."

The speaker was a short, thickset cowboy, whose fiery red hair had gained for him the sobriquet of "Colorado," the Mexican name for red, which was frequently shortened to "Colly" among the "punchers."

"J'ever have any 'sperience at it, Colly?"

Colorado by this time had finished rolling his cigarette and was waiting for the cook's pothook, which he had thrust into the campfire, to get redhot to light it. Having done this and taken a few preliminary puffs, he answered: "Yes, I hev, an a mighty tough one it was too."

"Tell us about it, Colorado," said the cook. "Whar was it, an how did it happen?"

"Yes, Colly, le's hear the story," chimed in the Kid.

"I was workin fer the 'Diamond' outfit up in Utah, 'bout three years ago, an the old man he come off down here into Arizona an bought a bunch of steers to take up thar. He had written his wagon boss to come down with an outfit big enough to handle 2,000 head, an we struck the Little Colorado river 'bout the mouth of the Canyon Diablo wash, where we was to receive the herd 'long in June. We didn't have no particklar hap'nin's comin down, an we got the herd turned over all right an built a 'squeeze shoot' an branded 'em all before we started back, so as if any got lost the outfit could claim 'em on the brand, an 'bout the last of June we pushed 'em off the bed ground one mornin, 'bout daylight, an pulled our freight for the home ranch.

"The cattle were all good to handle an didn't give us no trouble to hold nights, barrin one or two little stampedes, an we drifted on down toward Lee's Ferry without any mishaps, 'ceptin one night it were a-rainin like all possessed, an I wakes up a feller named Peck to go on guard. Peck got up an put on his slicker, walked over to where his pony was tied an mounted. We was camped on the banks of a wash called Cotton Wood creek, an along there the wash had cut down into the 'dobe flat some 10 or 15 feet deep. Peck he's 'bout half asleep an gets off wrong fer the herd an rides straight up to the edge of the creek, thinkin all the time he's a-goin out on the prairie to the herd. His pony sort of balked on him an give a snort, but Peck, bein a crossgrained sort of cuss an only half awake, just bathed him with his quirt an jabbed his spurs into him. The pony give a jump an landed in the middle of the creek, with six or eight feet of muddy water runnin in it. Lord, didn't he wake up sudden like an squall for help! We all turned out in a hurry, but he swam across an, the opposite side bein sort of slopinlike, the pony scrambled out. Then Peck was afeered to cross back in the dark an stayed over thar all night, a-shiverin an a-shakin an a-cursin like a crazy man. When we got up for breakfast that mornin at 4 o'clock, it was clear an cold an dark. The cook he goes down to the creek an hollers to Peck sort of sarcastic like, 'Come to breakfast, Peck,' an Peck he gits mad an swears at the cocinero pretty plenty an said ef he didn't go back he'd turn loose on him with his six shooter, an the cook, bein pretty rollicky hisself, he goes back to the wagon an pulls his Winchester an starts fer the creek ag'in, when Jackson stops him an turns him back. When it come daylight, Peck went down the creek a mile and finds a place to cross whar it wa'n't so deep an so gits back to camp jist as we was pullin out.

"The Big Colorado were a powerful stream when we reached it, bein all swolen by the meltin snows up in the mountains, an we all kinder hated to tackle it. The old man told the wagon boss afore he left to ferry the outfit an horses over in the boat, but to swim the steers.

"You know how Lee's Ferry is. The river comes out of a box canyon above, an the sides break away a little, an then a mile below it goes into the box ag'in, where the walls is 3,000 feet high an the current runs like a mill race. It was shore a nasty place to swim a bunch of steers, an Jackson, the wagon boss, he knowed we had a big job on hand when we got there. Jackson was the best wagon boss I ever see or worked under. He was a tall, slim chap, could outwork any two men in the outfit, wa'n't afeerd of nothin, an, though he couldn't read nor write, I tell you, boys, he saveyed cows a heap. What he didn't know 'bout cows wa'n't worth knowin. He didn't let the steers water the day before, so's they'd be powerful dry an take to the river easier.

"We fust got the chuck wagon over on the ferryboat, which was a big concern, long enuff to drive a four horse team on to, an which was rowed by six men. The cook he was mighty skeery 'bout goin on to this here boat, 'cause he said 'bout a year afore that he'd been a-punchin cows in southern Arizony, an a feller there shipped a lot of cattle up inter Californey to put on an island near Los Angeles. They loaded 'em on to flat scows with a high railin round 'em, an put 'bout 50 head on each scow an a puncher on it to look fer 'em. Goin over to the island the tug what was a-towin 'em by the horn of the saddle, so to speak, busted the string, an thar bein quite a wind a-blowin an big ole waves a-floppin around, the four scows began to butt an bump up ag'in one another like a lot of mulley bulls a-fightin, an the cattle got to runnin back an forth an a-bellerin an a-bawlin, an them punchers, they shore thought their very last day had come. The cook he never expected to see dry land ag'in, an he jist vowed if ever he got back to the prairie that he'd punch no more cows on boats.

"Well, bimeby the tug got a new lariat on to 'em ag'in an corralled 'em all safe enuff at the wharf, but the cook 'lowed he war a dry land terrapin an wouldn't ever ag'in git into no such scrape, not ef he knowed hisself. Howsumever, he did get up 'nuff spunk to tackle the ferry an went over safely. After we got the wagon across we went back an started the cattle down the side canyon what leads into the crossin.

"Jackson's idee was to get the hosses ahead of the steers an let 'em follow the hosses. You know hosses swim anywheres, an the cattle will allers foller 'em. So he puts three men in a little boat, two to row an one to lead a hoss, knowin the balance would foller him right across.

"The hoss wrangler led the hosses all ready, an jist as the leaders of the herd come down to the water's edge the boys in the boat pulled out, a-leadin a hoss, an the other hosses followed right in an was soon a-swimmin. Then, when they was all strung out an doin fine we crowded the steers into the water after 'em. They was all powerful dry an took to the water easy 'nuff, an afore the leaders knowed it they was a-swimmin in fine shape. Jackson wouldn't let us holler or shoot till we got 'em all inter the water, an then we jerked our six shooters an began to fog 'em an yell like a bunch of Comanches.

"You all know that's only one thing to be afeerd of in swimmin a lot of cattle, an that's when they gets to millin. Jackson had swum cattle across the Pecos in Texas an the Yellowstone in Montana an saveyed exactly what to do. But this here Colorado at Lee's Ferry is a bad place to tackle, for you're bound to get out on the other side afore you get into the box canyon, or your name's Dennis, 'cause once a feller gets into the canyon he's got to go on clean down about 100 miles afore he can strike a level place big enuff to crawl out on.

"Soon as the cattle got well strung out Jackson began to undress hisself. He took off all his clothes but his shirt, an then he buckled his six shooter belt around him an pulled the saddle off'n his hoss.

"I says, 'Bill, you ain't a-goin to try to swim it, are you?' an he says, 'No, not 'less I have to; but if they gets to millin out thar we'll lose the whole herd, an the only way to break it up is to ride out an shoot among 'em an skeer 'em. He knowed it were risky, fer if anything went wrong he was shore to be carried into the canyon an drowned. But Bill Jackson wa'n't the sort of a wagon boss to stop at anything to save the herd, an sure 'nuff, 'bout the time the leaders got fairly into the middle of the river, 'long comes a big cottonwood tree a-driftin an whirlin down stream right into 'em. That skeert 'em an turned 'em, an 'fore we knowed it they was doubled back on the balance an swimmin round an round, for all the world like driftwood in a big eddy in a creek. This was what Jackson was afeerd of, an he pushed his hoss into the river an takes his six shooter in his hand. He was ridin a little Pinto pony they called Blue Jay, one of the best all round cow ponies I ever see.

"Old Blue Jay he jist seemed to save what was wanted of him an swum 'long without any fuss. When Jackson gits out close to the millin steers, he begins to holler an shoot, an he called to the fellers in the boat to come back an try to stop 'em. Now, you all know what a risky thing it is to go near a steer a-swimmin in the water, for he's sure to try to climb up on you. Jackson knowed this, but he swum Blue Jay right slapdab inter the bunch an tried to scatter 'em an stop 'em from millin.

"Just how it happened we couldn't tell, but first thing we seen Jackson was right in the middle of the millin critters, an in a minute they had crowded pore old Blue Jay under, an all we seen of Jackson was his hands went up, an then he was lost in the whirlin mass of horns that was goin round an round. A man had no chance at all to swim, 'cause their hoofs kep' him under all the time, an they was packed so close a feller couldn't come up between 'em, anyway.

"The boys in the boat tried to do something, but 'twa'n't no use, fer he never come up, an when they got too close one big steer throwed his head over the side of the boat an purty nigh upset 'em, so they had to keep away to save themselves. But they kep' up a-shootin an a-hollerin till the leaders finally struck out fer the shore, an in a few minutes the whole herd was strung out fer the opposite side, an sooner than I kin tell it they was all standin on dry land an not a single one missin.

"Meantime the boys in the boat had watched everywhere fer pore Jackson's body, but they never got sight of it, though they went clean into the mouth of the box canyon. They was lots of big trees an drift a-runnin, an we guessed his body had been caught in the branches of a floatin tree an carried down with it. Pore old Blue Jay come floatin past 'em, an they tried to catch him, but the current was so swift they couldn't do it. All they wanted was to get Jackson's silver mounted bridle off'n him, 'cause 'twas easy 'nuff to see that the pony was quite dead.

"Well, the rest of us crossed in the big ferryboat an rounded up the steers, which was grazin up the canyon on the other side, an moved 'em out a couple of miles to camp. Shorty, bein the oldest hand in the outfit, took charge an sent two of us back to the ferry to try an see if Jackson's body could be found, but the feller what run the ferry said 'twa'n't no use lookin for him, 'cause the swift current would carry him miles an miles down the canyon without ever lodgin anywhere. So we went back, an Shorty gave it up an decided to push the herd on next day. We was a blue ole crowd that night around the campfire, I tell you. All the boys liked Jackson, an besides they was a-thinkin of his wife an two kids what was a-waitin for him at the headquarters ranch up in Utah.

"Shorty sent a letter from the next settlement to the ole man, a-tellin him what had happened, an we come along up with the cattle, arrivin safely at the ranch without any more misfortunes."

"An didn't they never find Jackson's body, Colly?" queried the Kid.

"Waal," said Colly, "that's a singular thing too. When we gets back to the ranch the ole man he was orful cut up about it, an hated to think that the body wasn't found. He'd been down in the Grand canyon the summer afore with a lot of fellers, an he said he believed he could find it 'bout 100 miles below the ferry, 'cause thar were a place thar down in the canyon whar the walls widen out fer some 20 miles, an thar was quite a wide valley with grassy meadows an trees. So he takes one of the boys an a pack outfit an goes off down thar. They had to leave everything on top of the canyon an climb down a-foot an pack their stuff on their backs. The walls was 6,000 feet high thar, an they had a hard time gettin down. Course it was *jist a scratch, but I'm blest if after four or five days'* hunt they didn't find it lodged in a pile of drift along the river. 'Twas easy 'nuff to tell Jackson's body, fer he'd had two fingers of his left hand shot off in a fight once. So they takes it to a place in the valley whar it was safe from flood, an buries it as well as they could, an the next fall, when 'twas cold, he went back an packed the remains out of the canyon an took them clean to the ranch an buried 'em jist as if it was his own brother. I tell you, the boys was ready to swear by the ole man after that."

But Colorado's story was finished, and as it was about 10:30 the second guard men began putting on overcoats and heavy gloves preparatory to two hours and a half of watching the herd.

The stars were shining clear and bright, the bells of the horse herd came softly over the prairie, making a tuneful chime on the frosty night air, and as I untied the rope that bound my roll of bedding and kicked it out on the ground I could not keep from thinking of poor Jackson's death and wondering if the morrow held a like fate in store for any of us.—Will C. Barnes in Argonaut.

The Costliest Fur.

The most expensive fur is that of the black fox of Kamchatka, the skin of which when dressed becomes a very attractive blue. A single skin is worth as much as $1,000. A pelisse worn by the Emperor Nicholas lined with this fur cost $10,000.

An Instance.

"Isn't it peculiar how some men can feel proud of their misfortunes?"

"Yes. I know one man who went around bragging until he became a positive nuisance just because his wife had presented him with twins."—Indianapolis Journal.

A Sample of His Nerve.

Buck Taylor, the showman, was a great friend of Captain William O'Neill, the rough rider who was killed at Las Guasimas, Cuba, in the Spanish-American war. O'Neill was sheriff of Tucson, A. T., when Taylor became acquainted with him, and on more than one occasion the cowboy rendered the easterner a service.

"Did O'Neill deserve the reputation he held for nerve?" Taylor was asked.

"Well," he said, and then hesitated as if careful to choose the right words, "I don't think there was anything that Bucky O'Neill was afraid of. Once he went into a den where ten of the pals of a murderer and train robber he was after were gathered, laid his hand on the man's shoulder and walked him out. He had not a friend or ally within sight or hearing. Was that nerve?"

The first expedition to the south pole took place in 1567.

OUR BROKEN WALLS.

Over a winding wayside wall
Ragged and rough and gray
There crept a tender and clinging vine
Tirelessly day by day.
At last its mantle of softest tint
Covered each jagged seam
The struggling wall, half broken down,
Became with that lovely, tinted crown
Fair as an artist's dream

Oh, for the kindness that clings and twines
Over life's broken wall,
That blossoms above the scars of pain
Striving to hide them all!
Oh, for the helpful, ministering hands,
Beneficent, willing feet,
That spread rich mantles of tender thought
Over life's hard places till time has wrought
Its healing—divine, complete!
—Lanta Wilson Smith in Youth's Companion.

A SEWING CROW.

The Marvelous Patience and Ingenuity Displayed by the Bird.

Perhaps of all my birds the one I called the sewing crow was the most amusing. It was a glossy black bird about the size of a thrush, with pale yellow tail and wing feathers and curious light blue eyes with very blue rims. It was brought from Venezuela, and its local Spanish name means "the ricebird," but it never specially affected rice as food, preferring fruit and meal worms. I had several of these crows, but one was particularly tame and rambled about the house seeking for sewing materials. I found it once or twice inside a large workbag full of crewels, where it had gone in search of gay threads with which it used to decorate the wire walls of an empty cage kept in the veranda outside my own sitting room. The extraordinary patience and ingenuity of that bird in passing the wool through the meshes of the wire can hardly be described. I suppose it was a reminiscence of nest building, because it always worked harder in the springtime.

It had a great friend in a little "moriche," black and yellow also, but of a more slender build and with a very sweet whistle. The "moriche," too, was perfectly tame and flew all about the house, and it was very comic to watch its efforts at learning embroidery from its friend. It arrived at last at some sort of cage decoration, but quite different from that of the crow, who evidently disapproved of it and often ruthlessly pulled the work of a laborious morning on the "moricho's" part to pieces. Now the "moriche" knew better than to touch the crow's work, though he often appeared to carefully examine it.

One day the crow must have persuaded the "moriche" to help him to roll and drag a reel of coarse white cotton from the corridor of the workroom, across the floor of my sitting room, into the veranda. I saw them doing this more than once and had unintentionally interfered with the crow's plans by picking up the reel and returning it to the maid's workbasket. However, one afternoon the crow got rid of me entirely, and on my return from a long expedition I found both the crow and "moriche" just going to roost in the empty cage, which was really only kept there for them to play in. I then perceived what the reel of cotton, which was again lying on the veranda floor, had been wanted for.

The crow had sewed a straw armchair with an open patterned seat securely to the cage by nine very long strands and was sleepily contemplating the work with great satisfaction. It was quite easy to see how it had managed, once a start was made with the cotton, but it must have entailed a great deal of flying in and out with the end of the cotton, for it had not been broken off. Of course I left the chair in its place, and it remained untouched for some months, but I always had to use it myself lest any one should remove it too roughly and so break the connecting strands which had cost my little bird so much labor and trouble.—Cornhill Magazine.

His Denomination.

At the close of service one Sunday morning the pastor of a city church went down the aisle, as was his custom, to greet the strangers in the congregation. "You are not a member of our church," he said to one of them.

"No, sir," replied the stranger.

"Do you belong to any denomination, may I ask?"

"Well," responded the other hesitatingly, "I'm what you might call a submerged Presbyterian."

"How is that?"

"I was brought up a Presbyterian, my wife is a Methodist, my oldest daughter is a Baptist, my son is the organist at a Universalist church, my second daughter sings in an Episcopal choir, and my youngest goes to a Congregational Sunday school."

"But you contribute, doubtless, to some one church?"

"Yes, I contribute to all of them. That is partly what submerges me."—Youth's Companion.

AN INFERNAL MACHINE.

The Deadly Work It Did In the Bremerhaven Explosion.

The greatest fatality ever caused by an infernal machine is known as the Bremerhaven explosion, and it occurred near the end of 1875, when a fellow who called himself Thomas and was said to be an American took up his residence with his family in Bremen. His finances were at a low ebb, and to replenish them he conceived the idea of sending to America some worthless but highly insured packages of goods. By the same vessel he intended to ship an infernal machine, which was to have exploded a few days after the vessel had left port. The explosion occurred, however, just before the package was put on board, causing terrible loss of life.

Thomas, whose real name was said to be Alexander, charged his machine with nitroglycerin, which he had procured in America, and purchased the clockwork and the case containing the machine in Germany. The hammer of the clockwork, which was to act in six days after leaving port, was to strike a blow of 30 pounds weight. In his confession later Thomas said that when casting the clockwork the hammer smashed a mahogany table.

He sent the contrivance to Bremerhaven to be shipped on the Mosel for New York via Southampton. He himself took passage to the latter port, where he had arranged to ship his cases of rubbish for New York. The Mosel was to leave Bremerhaven on Saturday, Dec. 11, and on that day the infernal machine was sent to the dock, which was crowded with porters, passengers and their friends. For some reason that has never been explained the heavy case slipped from the crane on to the wharf as it was being lifted up the ship's side, and the charge was instantly exploded. Death and destruction were dealt around, 128 men, women and children being instantly killed, while 56 others were terribly wounded.

Thomas was waiting on board the ship to receive his case and see it stowed away in the hold, but right after the explosion he went to his cabin, locked the door and shot himself in the head with a revolver.

He lingered for several days in the hospital and made a full confession before he died.

His One Chance.

Mother (coming swiftly)—Why, Willie! Striking your little sister!

Willie (doggedly)—Aunt Frostface made me.

Aunt Frostface—Why, Willie, I said if you did strike her I would never kiss you again.

Willie (still dogged)—Well, I couldn't let a chance like that slip!—Boston Journal.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Beginning with Vol. 5, No. 1, this issue, of the fifth year, this paper will be known as the ASHCROFT JOURNAL instead as heretofore the B. C. MINING JOURNAL. There will be no change in managment. Within the past four years Ashcroft has improved much and increased largely in population. Many more business houses have been established; a splendid water and electric light service installed, and many other improvements are under considertion. What the JOURNAL has done towards helping to build up the town to its present importance, we leave the readers to judge for themselves. Towards the improvements and immense developments under way in Cariboo and Lillooet districts, we think we may in all fairness claim a share of the credit.

We have tried faithfully to chronicle events as they have occurred. Having full faith in the future, we have kept the immense resources of the above named districts as much before the public as possible. We have published no scandalous articles and have endeavored to give our readers the local news in as good shape as possible. As a local paper is read by people of all political faiths we have avoided political questions, and although the establishment of a publication at Ashcroft four years ago was looked upon by many as the result of poor judgment, events have not shown this to be the case, as, owing to the very liberal support we have received, we have been able to continue the publication, and have demonstrated, we believe, the fact that Ashcroft is a good point for the gathering of news of interest to the reading public. We shall continue to make a specialty of Cariboo and Lillooet mining news.

Cordially thanking the public for the support given us for the past four years, and expecting, so long as we deserve it, to retain such support, we issue this the first number of the ASHCROFT JOURNAL.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

The B. C. X. will run a coach through to Quesnelle on Friday, the 12th inst.

Tenders are called for the completion of the Lytton-Lillooet road. See notice in another column.

Copper properties near Cherry Creek are showing up well and it now seems assured that there are mines of value in that section.

Fred Nelson, of the Cargile House returned on Tuesday night from a trip to Vancouver. Fred says the Vancouver firemen are all right and can dress and hitch up in quick order when an alarm is given.

Mrs. Brown has begun to furnish the town with milk, which will be delivered regularly twice a day during the summer and which will be pure, fresh milk. The cows will be kept up and well fed. She will no doubt secure a good patronage.

The reports of the Gold Commissioners for Cariboo and Omenica to the Minister of Mines, published in part in this issue it will be remembered, were made before last November and much has been done, particularly in Cariboo, since.

Mr. Heffell, at present manager of the Ashcroft bank, is a success as a fisherman. On Tuesday, as the result of an hour's fishing in the Thompson, he brought in a beautiful string of trout, the largest weighed about 7 pounds and the smallest about 3 pounds.

A Dominion government survey party in charge of Mr. O'Dwyer, will leave Ashcroft in a couple of weeks for the northern country. Mr. O'Dwyer has been here, but is at present away on business. He will take quite a party from here and will spend the season in the north.

Col. Wright, superintendent of the 43rd Milling and Mining Co., of Omenica, is in town getting everything in readiness for a start with the pack train to Omenica. Mr. McMartin, of Westminster, has charge of the train. This is the fifth season that Col. Wright has left Ashcroft for the north and this season he hopes to be able to make a showing of the value of the company's holdings. He hopes to have the hydraulic elevators running within a few weeks after his arrival at Manson Creek.

Matt Stewart and J. B. Bryson, who are interested in some copper properties in the Nicola country, paid that section a visit last week and found the mining outlook very promising. They brought home some very promising looking samples of copper ore from one of their properties on which development work is now being done. It looks as though the Coal Hill and Cherry Creek belt reaches down through the Mammet lake, Nicola and Highland Valley country and the boom will be through that section within a few months.

H. Trim, of New Westminster, is in town.

The road gang have completed the repairs to the road near Cache Creek.

Everyone turn out to the baseball game this afternoon at 3 o'clock sharp.

Col. Wright's pack train leaves today for Clinton where they will load for Quesnelle.

The English prospecting party are still here, not having as yet completed their arrangements.

A bicycle race is to take place at 7.30 this evening, between Walter Gow, Rod Atkins and Arthur Dexter.

Subscribers knowing themselves to be in arrears will greatly oblige us by remitting us the amount of their indebtedness.

John Hawthorne has not yet entirely recovered from the effects of his late fall from the scaffolding at the Cariboo Exchange.

Mr. F. W. Foster is reported as being in better health and will soon be at his usual summer headquarters in Ashcroft or Clinton.

J. T. Wilkinson, of the Province, spent a day in town this week. Mr. Wilkinson is a good canvasser and a thoroughly good fellow.

The Misses Wardell are to leave soon for Chilliwack, where they will remain some time. The Ashcroft young people will miss them much.

"Billy" is now on the engineering staff at the pump house and in consequence the tank sign makes a lower bow to the audience each day.

Mrs. Wm. Lyne gave a pleasant dance in the Ashcroft Hotel dining room last Monday evening. Dancing was kept up until 2 o'clock and a good time reported.

Bicycle and foot races have been in order every evening this week. One thing about them is that the conditions are favorable for racing, no crowds in the street to obstruct, etc.

Mr. M. DeKeyser-Verbeist left for the coast on Thursday morning, and while there will transact business in connection with supplying the Gold Point Company with his gold saving machines.

Miss Roberts, who left last evening for Victoria, bears away with her the good wishes of all of Ashcroft. We hope again some time in the future to see her return. Miss Dalby, of Victoria, takes Miss Roberts' place as teacher of the primary department of Ashcroft's public school.

Wm. Lyne sold one of his driving horses this week to the Hon. Alexander, the price paid being $125. It makes a fine saddle horse and struck the fancy of Mr. Alexander, who proposes to ride it on his long trip with the English party, which trip will begin as soon as they get their arrangements completed. It will likely take some time yet.

Two offers for the Copper King property at Cherry Creek have been refused recently; one of $75,000 practically in cash, the other of a bond of $150,000. Offers like these show that mining men have faith in this camp, and are willing to come in if given anything like reasonable opportunity. It is stated that the owners of the Copper King would accept a bid of $150,000, provided 20 per cent., or $30,000 were paid down. This is too much to expect any individual capitalist or company to deposit on an unproved property.—Sentinel.

Mr. Charles Ramos paid a visit this week to the copper mines on Kamloops lake and to the cinnabar mines in that vicinity. Mr. Ramos states that the showing for a cinnabar mine is, in his judgment, good, and that the copper properties of Mr. Redmond and others in that vicinity are more than promising. There is a large quantity of ore in sight richly sprinkled with native copper, and with proper development work there will be mines of great value on Kamloops lake, at least this seems almost certain. Trial shipments of the ore have been made and the results are most gratifying to the owners.

In a recent letter received by J. G. Collins from Henry Cargile, who has been for the past two months in Atlin, Mr. Cargile does not express himself as too sanguine of the future of the Atlin country. He states that on Pine creek one mile above discovery and two miles below, the ground is good. He had sunk two shafts on Spruce creek but failed to find gold in paying quantities. Of most of the creeks but little is known, but they are staked from source to mouth. A man named Hensley committed suicide in Atlin the day before Mr. Cargile wrote, by blowing out his brains with a rifle. Indians report a good find on Horse creek, forty-eight miles from Atlin. Of people from this section in Atlin are O. Sweeney, Macaboy and wife and Allison Woods. Macaboy had just come in from an outside creek and reported that he had done very well. Money is scarce in Atlin and business not booming. The letter was written April 17th. Mr. Cargile states that he will remain through the season and will do some prospecting for quartz as he has seen fine samples that were found in the country.

THE ALIEN EXCLUSION ACT.

Philadelphia, April 22, 1899.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Dear Sir: I hope you will pardon me for asking a favor of you, but knowing no other place to seek the information I desire, I thought probably you could give it to me.

To what extent does the Alien Act passed by the B.C. Legislature affect Americans intending to go into the Omenica district?

As the law is generally understood here it only applies to the Atlin Lake country, but as it reads it affects the whole of British Columbia. We intended to go north this spring by way of Ashcroft, but owing to that law we are undecided what to do. In giving a reply you will do me a great favor.

Yours respectfully,
W. E. HOFFMANN.

In reply to the above, one of the many we have received on the same subject, we believe that the Alien Act is exempted in its provisions from interfering with hydraulic leases or dredging leases, and, although the Act does not so specify, we are informed by the government that deep diggings or drift mining is held to be hydraulic where it is undertaken on a large scale, as in Cariboo. The intent of the law is to prevent aliens from securing ground rich enough so that it can be successfully worked by hand, as by sluicing, such ground being only leased to British subjects in 100-foot claims. The worst feature about the law, as we understand it, relative to its effects in Cariboo and Omenica, is that, it being "hostile legislation," aliens will long hesitate hereafter before investing largely in hydraulic mines, fearing further legislation detrimental to their interest.

Our advice to Mr. Hoffmann is that he can with perfect safety prospect the Omenica country for hydraulic mines or for quartz, and it is a country possessing many such mines of value We do not believe the Alien Act has so far proved so successful that more legislation of a like nature may be looked for. On the contrary, if the minds of the voters could dictate the policy of the government, we believe it would at an early day undo its past legislation of this nature. The law in no manner affects quartz mining, so far as ownership is concerned or in prospecting, as anyone, whether a British subject or not, can locate quartz mines legally.

Perils of Pugilism.

Albany, May 2.—An autopsy held on the body of Frank Martin, killed in a prize fight at the Whitehall Athletic Club on Monday night, revealed the fact that his death was caused by a spasm of the heart. Frank McHenry, the other principal, was arraigned in the police court and committed on a charge of manslaughter in the first degree.

PORT SIMPSON.

Port Simpson has been quite lively the last few days, and is going to continue so. The boats going up north all leave quite a number of passengers bound for the Omenica district. The hotel is overcrowded, and the Caledonia, which leaves tomorrow for Hazleton, will have a large crowd on board.

There are staying here now Mr. F. W. Valleau, the gold commissioner of Manson creek; Mr. R. Hall, of the Hudson's Bay Company; Mr. More, of the St. Anthony Development Company; Messrs. Davidson, Venosta and others interested in Omenica.—Colonist.

The weather in Ashcroft is now fine; not too warm, but pleasant.

See the dates set for county court throughout Cariboo. The notice appears in another column.

Several teamsters are considering a trip to Penticton to look over the road with a view of engaging in freighting from Penticton to Camp McKinney and Greenwood.

Edward Bowden, the partner of Wm. Hocking and Smith & Bryson in the Bonaparte mines, and who spent the summer two years ago at work on the Bonaparte, died at Butte, Montana, of typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Bowden's death has delayed the return of Mr. Hocking.

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