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Lytton.

The Van Winkle looks well in the back channel and the owners hope next time to have a fine clean-up and the prospects for this claim are better than heretofore. Mr. Brophy is superintendent and is doing his work in a thorough and business like manner.

Charles Lual has 30 feet of as good gravel as can be found anywhere on the Fraser. A larger plant would work to much better advantage. The present plant only works a 20-inch flume. There is water enough and ground enough for a four foot flume. No doubt in the near future the size of the plant will be increased.

There are numerous benches along the Fraser between Lytton and Lillooet that would pay well for working, but water is hard to get and the most of it is now owned or claimed by Indians as our correspondent says, "no dry salmon with" as of course they make but little use of it, and a bargain made with them is of no avail as the "noble redman" invariably fails to keep to his promises.

North Bend.

The hydraulic company managed by Capt. Garland is at work with a force of men. Contracts have been let for about four miles of ditch. A portable saw-mill to manufacture fluming for the company, is at work near by. Boston Bar was well known in early days and good hopes are entertained that the company now at work in so thorough a manner will score a big success.

Thompson's Siding.

Two capitalists from Chicago, Messrs. McCorkly and Clark are at work with a small force of men on the opposite side of the Thompson from this place on the Pembroke claim. Should the results of their work prove the value of their ground and seem to justify the expense, they contemplate putting in a pump to be run by electric power with which to force water from the river for hydraulicking. The time will come when many claims along the Thompson, Fraser and Quesnelle rivers, now considered worthless on account of lack of water, will be worked at a profit in this or some other way of raising water from the streams below.

Barkerville.

A.D. Whittier of the Cariboo Gold Fields has posters out calling for bids for about six miles of ditch work to be completed yet this season. It will require a large number of men to complete the work within the required time. The tunnel to dry the ground at the point of opening is in over 700 feet.

The Willow river company are engaged on their drainage tunnel preparatory to sinking a bed rock shaft.

Messrs. *Lang, Lowen and Ferguson* made an inspection of the gravel deposits at Valley creek owned by Dudley, Dunn, and Dupont. They seemed favorably impressed and secured a bond on the ground and also secured some quartz propositions. They expect to return within a few weeks.

Island mountain is attracting a good deal of attention and some reliable news of the extensive work to be done will soon be made public. Many companies are doing good work in this vicinity and with the active work on Slough creek will make this district one of great interest *and we look for still greatly increased* activity. The gold is here and money and common sense combined can extract it.

Lac La Hache.

Beautiful weather still prevails and crops are doing well.

Canvas Town, the Road Camp, is stationed at the out of the 103 hill, where they are doing excellent work repairing the hill and road between *the 101 and 104. This camp is under* the able leadership of James Robertson.

The Rev. Mr. Hutton held service yesterday morning at Wm Anan's, Bridge creek and at A. J. McKinlay's, *Lac La Hache*, in the afternoon. Mr. Hutton will hold service next Sunday in Clinton and then will proceed to Barkerville, spending considerable time on the road.

Mr. Morrison, past school teacher of Quesnelle passed through the valley en route for Vancouver, where he contemplates studying dentistry.

C. Rossen's team passed en route for your city.

Mrs. Gillespie and son are visiting their friends in the valley this week.

Mrs. Abel is still improving. It is now only a case of time and patience until the sprain heals and Mrs. Abel regains her usual strength.

Stanley.

The road being in first class shape Mr. St. Laurent decided to lay off the crew for a while.

Quite a number of freight teams are arriving every week. Our merchants however always have a good stock on hand.

Robert Pritchard starts for his claim on Anderson mountain to drive his tunnel several hundred feet this season.

Oscar Brook of Tacoma came in last week. He is looking up a good hydraulic proposition. He has taken an option on some Conkling Gulch *properties*.

Jos. Beedy arrived home from San Francisco, looking well and glad to *get to Cariboo.*

E. R. Brobeck, while coming over Agnes mountain a few days *since picked up a nugget* weighing one and a quarter ounces. Eric thought he was lucky for once *anyhow.*

Gus Lang of Dragon Creek comes to town once in awhile. From the *smile on his face, Gus and his partners* have a good showing.

G. A. Hocking an old time Butte *miner left for the Lower country this* week. Mr. Hocking intends to return soon and start work on his *claims on Van Winkle creek.*

Dundar Flat above town was the scene of some excitement last week. *A large Vancouver company's claim* was encroaching upon the Urquhart claim. However no blood was *spilled, and after a conference the* matter was amicably settled.

Archibald Johnson expects to open *up the old Snowden claim soon.* Mr. Johnson is one of the few successful miners in the upper country.

D. McGillivray, Thomas Dunn and several other Vancouver capitalists have taken up several claims *for deep mining on Lightning creek*

Mr. Van Wort and wife, of Slough creek were over last week visiting Stanley. Mr. Van Wort is the capable engineer of the Slough creek company.

S. H. Timmons is getting ready to work a force on the Enterprise claim on Timmon creek.

A semi-weekly mail and express is greatly needed, and it is to be hoped the JOURNAL will soon be able to persuade the government to grant this need.

The hotel Stanley under the management of Louis Morgan is doing a fine business now. The rooms are well kept; and this is one of the few places where no overcharge is made. Mr. Morgan keeps the MINING JOURNAL and the leading papers on file.

K. A. RIBOU.

The Fair at Ashcroft.

The officers of the Agricultural Association have decided that the date of the fair shall be Tuesday and *Wednesday, October 1st and 2nd* 1895. The latter part of the week would have been preferred but the *association at Kamloops had arranged* their date for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th and Westminster for the following week. It was considered to late to place the date in the 3rd week of October for fear of frosts, and September too early. The conflict in dates with Kamloops is for only one day and will not seriously interfere with either. The Ashcroft fair has always been a success and no effort will be spared this season to have the exhibition among the leading agricultural exhibits of British Columbia. The prize lists and full details will be issued shortly.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

(SPECIAL TO THE MINING JOURNAL.)

150-MILE HOUSE, July 13.—Horse Fly mine still cleaning up. The manager appears to be well satisfied with the results so far as obtained. *Piping goes on night and day in pit* No. 2. The giants will resume in pit No. 1 as soon as the clean-up is *finished. It is expected to connect* the two pits in about 30 days piping, when a continuous face of over 1000 *feet will be gained. It is expected* the ditch at the Cariboo will be finished first week in August. The *ditch will be 18 miles long.*

Judge Cornwall is rapidly getting better from broken rib and other in*juries and is on his way home from* Quesnelle.

Freight Shipments.

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

July 4, J. Gannon, Clinton		5,143
July 4, W. Reynolds, Barkerville		
Soda Creek		9,340
July 5, A. Martley, Lillooet		3,876
July 6, P. Gangan, Pavilion		2,200
July 8, W. Keathley, Lillooet		4,500
July 8, S. *Tingley, Horse Fly*		13,350
July 8, Chai Come, Quesnelle		20,050
July 8, Ah Chee, Quesnelle Forks		12,000
July 9, J. Gannon, Clinton		5,100
July 10, B. C. X. company, Clinton		2,500
July 10, J. R. Forker, Lac La Hache		
70-mile house		8,250
July 10, J. Chenall, Quesnelle Forks		10,700
July 10, Jean Cam, " "		12,000
July 11, J. Young " "		6,000
July 11, J. Shermer " "		10,300
July 12, J. H. McLennan, Horsefly		12,000
July 13, F. Plante, Clinton		2,486
Total		130,858

ONWARD RANCH RACES.

The sports advertised to take place at the Onward Ranch race course went off with a great deal of enthusiasm. The *weather was perfect and the people good* natured and jolly. Many people came long distances and all the better enjoyed themselves for the hard trip they made to get here. People as far down the Cariboo road as the 100-Mile House and some from the Fraser river and Dog Creek *regions joined in the festivities.*

A straight track at the Onward ranch had been prepared and a number of very fair horses competed for prizes offered which were in cash and the winners in turns had lots of fun with it. Some betting was engaged in on the *horse races*, but the foot races and notably the three-legged race called out numerous bets.

The visitors were accommodated at the 150-Mile House and the Onward Ranch and amongst the neighboring populace.

A most enjoyable ball closed the festivities. The Caledonian hall was filled jam full of merry makers at 9:30 p.m., and to the tuneful tillies of Hamilton and Ogden the "light fantastic toe" was gaily tripped. It was hard to tell just how many were present, but seventy-six tickets for dance and supper were disposed of to gentlemen who mostly accompanied ladies to the sumptuous supper provided by Mine Hosts Veith & Borland the famous 150-Mile House. Daylight found the dancers still engaged and not till broad daylight did they withdraw from the hall and disperse.

Messrs. John Murray, Thos. Paxton and H. P. Horan deserve credit for the manner they disposed of the long program of sports. Following is the program as furnished by the committee.

Williams Lake Derby, distance one-half mile. Uncle Sam 1; Springhouse 2.

Colonial Race. 400 yards, best 2 in 3. Bogus Bill 1; Springhouse 2.

Saddle horse race. 400 yards, single dash, Uncle Sam 1; Grey 2.

Scrub race. 600 yards, single dash. Ring 1; Maggie 2.

Farmer's stakes, one-half mile, Dude 1.

Colts Race. 300 yards, best 2 in 3. Jaw 1; Maggie 2.

Slow race, 600 yards, Slow Tom.

Ladies Race, 400 yards, Uncle Sam 1; Bogus Bill 2.

Consolation race, 600 yards. Springhouse 1.

100 yards foot race, F. Williams 1; P. Speace 2.

Running hop, step and jump. Gavie Hamilton 1; F. Moore.

Standing long jump (without weights) F. Moore 1; W. Eagle 2.

Wheelbarrow race, L. Bolacs 1; F. Moore 2.

100 yards foot race, (amature) J. Wheelbarrow 1; J. W. Kirkpatrie 2.

Half mile foot race, C. Lee 1; J Johnson 2.

50 yards foot race, W. Eagle 1; F. Moore 2.

Three-legged race, Hamilton and Lee 1.

NOTE.

Amongst old timers on the grounds were Messrs. Vetta & Borland, Bove, Murphy, Porter, Johnson, Place, Shaw, Dr. Watt, and they greatly enjoyed talking over old times and calling each other "boys!"

Jack Long, an Okanagan county cowboy, was at the ball and showed the folks some "Missouri pigeon wings."

Several jolly teamsters could not possibly be kicked past the 150-Mile House till after the ball on the 5th. There were too many pretty girls at the ball.

When daylight came peeping some heavy blankets were tucked over the windows and the sun was "fooled" out of several hours by the gay dancers. The idea was suggested by several of the ladies after a council as to how to prolong a joyous occasion.

Dick Casset, the hostler at the 150-Mile House was badly kicked in the face by an old freight horse in the stables of the establishment and narrowly missed being killed. He was horribly battered by the hoof of the vicious beast and will probably carry scars during his life. Dr. Watt was called and he is expected to recover. Dick has many sympathizers.

A party of surveyors arrived here last night and proceeded to Beaver creek to survey on mining property that was recently bought by Vancouver capitalists from Clark and Beaver.

150-Mile House, July 6th 1895.

Annual School Meeting.

The annual school meeting was held in the school house on Saturday June 29th. Present, I. Lehman, J. A. Newland, J. J. Mackay, W. Higgenbotham, William Lyne, D. Johnson, James Haddock, A. H. Sroufe. On motion James Haddock was elected chairman of the meeting and W. Higgenbotham, secretary. The annual statement of the trustees was presented, and on motion was approved. The report shows number of children attending school 48, 24 boys and 24 girls, the average actual attendance during the year 24. Branches taught range from first primer to Latin and French. The addition to the school house was approved. It was also recommended by those present that instead of having more seats made of the present style, that new patent automatic seats be procured. J. J. Mackay was re-elected trustee for another term.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash received from provincial Government	$40 00	$
Cash on hand, June 30, 1894	93	40 93
DISBURSEMENTS.		
O. H. Evans, cordwood	13 50	
Cutting, splitting and piling wood	5 75	
W. Fearn for repairs	75	
Inland Sentinel, ad for teacher	3 00	
A. E. Lehman, janitor	10 00	
Chinaman, cleaning school	75	
F. W. Foster, sundries	8 00	
Balance on hand	21	40 93

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HYDRAULIC MINING.

Great interest is being taken at the present time throughout the entire moneyed world in hydraulic mining. The fact is attested by the presence of the different nationalities represented in the Cariboo country English, Canadian, American and French capitalists are at present engaged in large undertakings. British Columbia has not been as closely worked in a mining way as have the gold producing states of the United States, Mexico, some of the American countries, Australia, or even New Zealand. Until the past two years who had heard of Kootenay or of Cariboo except as a worked out camp.

Now the eyes of the world are up on the development going on in the various parts of the province. As to what Cariboo is capable of when hydraulic mining has reached the stage of mining perfection that has been reached in California and other sections, we can only judge by comparison.

Mr. W. W. Anderson, who is now in the Horse Fly country and a mining man of ability, informed the writer that for years he had managed a mine in California where he paid from $90 to $125 per day for water and worked ground that averaged four cents per cubic yard and for many years paid good dividends. Mr. Evans, of New Zealand who is now taking a look through Cariboo has been for ten years working a mine in New Zealand, where he has 70 miles of ditch, 800 inches of water, elevates the gravel 50 feet and is working at a good profit, ground averaging five cents per cubic yard.

Is there a yard of blue wash gravel on the Quesnelle or Fraser rivers, saying nothing of many other localities that will show with a fair test as low as five cents per cubic yard. Water is of course the great factor in work in Cariboo, but man's ingenuity is rapidly overcoming the difficulty by devising means of lifting or forcing the water from rivers and streams and before many years hundreds of claims now regarded as valueless on account of lack of water will be worked, and at a profit to the owners.

Gold, Intrinsic Value and Specie.

Russia, having tired of paper money, is now accumulating gold. She has already a store of $500,000,000 and will in the near future resume specie payment on a gold basis. The tendency of the civilized and commercial world has been clearly in that direction. According to the free silverites it simply means that the money demon is in control of these countries. But this is a partial view of the matter. Money must be stable; it must be universal. These conditions are met with most conspicuously in gold. This leads us to a question asked by a correspondent, Andrew Wilson Newton, who inquiries as to what is meant by the intrinsic value of gold and intimates that it, his opinion, if all the gold in the world were annihilated civilization would still go on. By intrinsic value is meant inherent value. It is a value of itself. Such value may result from scarcity of the article, or at least may be enhanced thereby, and labor involved in its production, but it is always affected by the desirability and usefulness of the article. Gold is one of the most useful of all mettles. It has properties possessed by none other, and this fact is united with the other fact that there is a comparative limit to the quantity that can be dug out of the earth. Silver also has an intrinsic value but it is not so great because there is more of the white metal than of the yellow, and primarily because it has not the same properties and is not adapted to the same uses to the same extent.

As far as the second question is concerned it is immaterial. We assume that civilization would go on under the conditions, but a great convenience would be dispensed with. We know of nothing now that could be substituted for it. We are no gold worshippers. Gold is simply a convenient measure of values, and it would be paid to get along without the measure.—Iowa State Register.

FREIGHT RATES ON FRUIT.

The following letter will be of interest to our fruit growers. The intent is to have a weekly car each way from Vernon to Vancouver and return to Revelstoke picking up fruit at Ashcroft and other principal depots for the Kootenay and coast markets.

A. H. B. MACGOWAN, Esq., Vancouver, B.C.,—Dear Sir: Referring to the interview I had with you and other members of the British Columbia Fruit Grower's Association regarding the shipment of fruit and vegetable from different stations in British Columbia on our line.

To encourage the growth of the above commodities, and to enable our British Columbia farmers and fruit growers to compete against the American market, I will make the following concessions:

On the shipment of about five tons of strawberries and early vegetables, for Winnipeg, which you mentioned you would to ship some time in the latter part of this month, I will make you a rate of $2.50 per 100 pounds and, if you wish it we will supply you with a ventilated car.

On two or three car loads of plums I will make you a rate of $2 per 100 pounds from points of shipment in British Columbia to Winnipeg, with the privilege of distributing at, say, Calgary, Regina, and Brandon, you send a man in charge to be responsible for the delivery at these different points, and we to pass him free both ways.

To assist you in the disposal of melons, tomatoes, and apples, in less than car load lots, I will make you third class rate on them instead of first class as heretofore. This reduction I think should enable you to compete against the California markets and as I understand large quantities of tomatoes and melons are grown in the Okanagan country, I trust the growers of these commodities will appreciate the reduction mentioned above.

During our conversation, you will remember, the question came up of carrying the fruit and vegetables in our passenger trains, this we are unable to do, as it would be in direct violation of our contract with the Dominion Express company, but by our giving these shipments special attention by freight train service I feel satisfied that we will be able to get your fruit and vegetable to the market in good order, and in connection with this, I might mention that I have made arrangements with our general superintendent, that whenever you wish a special car put on from Vernon to pick up small quantities of fruit and vegetables for the coast we will have it put into service and necessary notices issued giving days and dates the car will leave Vernon, the starting point.

My idea is to start a weekly car and if we find the business warrants it to run two cars per week, and more if necessary so that in conclusion, with the above concessions and special arrangements I have made I trust with your hearty co operation that we will be able to demonstrate this year that we can supply, if not all the greater part of our home market with British Columbia fruit and vegetables.

Yours truly, WM. BROWN.
Asst. Gen. Freight Agent.

Vancouver, B. C., July 12, 1895.

Attempt at Jail breaking.

An unsuccessful attempt at jail-breaking was made at Napa, Cal., last Friday night. Pat Read and Frank Easton, petty criminals, did the work, but there is good evidence that Buck English, the noted stage robber, planned it and directed operations. The two had been a good deal in counsel with English of late, and while they were at work last night he was up out of his bed around where they were. They began on Thursday night with a small saw, and nearly cut the padlock from the inside door on the upper corridor. Friday night they finished this and commenced cutting the bar on the outside door. Sheriff McKenzie and his chief deputy, R. A. Brownlee, had discovered yesterday what was being done, and were on guard with several assistants. When the men had well begun their work on the outer door the sheriff, who stood just outside the door, completely spattered them with red ink, which he had in a large syringe for the purpose. This was done to identify the men, for there was no light, and no other way of fully establishing who they were. The men hustled back to their beds at once, and when the officers entered feigned sleep, but the red ink was on them and the guilty ones were easily picked out.—Examiner.

England's Cheap Telegrams.

The total cost of the telegraph lines in the United Kingdom in 1870, the year that they were acquired, was $34,526,000. The government set about immediately to extend the wires to every village of importance, and to connect the cities and towns already equipped. Before government purchase the telegraph lines were owned by numerous companies, which strung their wires only in between the cities from which they were practically sure of receiving profitable returns. To remedy this defect over 15,000 miles of wire were laid the first year that the government owned the lines.

Since 1870 the telegraph has become common in nearly all parts of the world; in no country is it used more in business and social intercourse than in England. Governmental ownership there has meant reduced tolls; tolls so cheap that we open our eyes when we learn that a telegram of twelve words may be sent to any part of the kingdom for 12 cents. For this 12 cents in England the message is delivered within one mile of a head office or within the postal limits. Beyond the limits an additional charge of 12 cents is made.

In England the telegraph is operated in connection with the mail service; that is one great reason why the service is made so cheap. The English government does not consider the telegraph service as a means of revenue for the treasury, however, but as a means of information for the whole country, giving facilities of all kinds for its use and extension in all classes, knowing that the treasury will benefit indirectly from the augmentation of the general wealth. In 1870 the total messages transmitted did not exceed 7,000,000. In 1893 the annual was over 70,000,000. 1869 the English newspapers sent 22,000,000 by telegraph. The total to day is over 600,000,000. Mr Martin says that the service is performed with perfect punctuality. Seven to nine minutes are required for the transmission of a message between two commercial cities, while in 1870 two or three hours were necessary.

Canadian Loyalty.

An American visitor writes: "I was curious to learn how much truth there was in the reports of the American press that Canada was ripe for annexation to the United States. To my guarded inquiries I found that the contrary feeling everywhere prevailed, and all expressed the most intense loyalty to the Old Country. I did not see one beggar; and neither in the towns nor in the country was I ever hailed as 'captain,' with a request for ten cents for a cup of coffee or a meal, by some loafer who declared that he had eaten nothing for forty-eight hours! It is true that money was not plentiful; but all were well-housed, well-clothed, and well-fed; and the country schools would compare favorably with the same class of schools in any land."

NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court of Cariboo will be held at the Court House, Clinton, on Thursday the 14th day of August next, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

F. SOUES,
Registrar County Court.

Clinton, June 16, 1895. aug 8-95

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GEO. GILMER,
Sec.-Treas. San Juan Mining Co.

Quesnelle, B. C., June 20th, 1895

NOTICE.

We the undersigned hereby give notice that one month from date, we will apply to the commissioner of the district, for the privilege to record and divert two hundred and fifty (250) inches of water from Whahako lake, situated about sixteen miles N. N. W. from Spence's Bridge. Said water to be brought mostly through a natural channel into Nkwowlton creek, for the augmentation of the water of that creek, and to be used by us, for irrigation purposes on our lands situated near Achichkin mountain about three and one half miles north and N. N. E. from Spence's Bridge.

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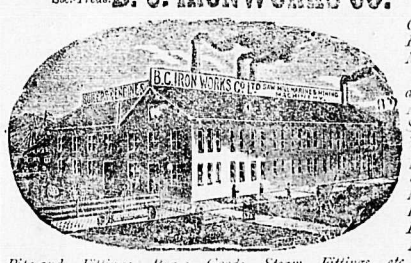

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INFORMATION.

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MINING NOTES.

The Icicle mines about 25 miles from Leavenworth, Wash., are attracting considerable attention.

The Oklahoma gold excitement is reported to be a fake and the great rush to the delusive Eldorado is over.

The Kamloops Mining & Development Company incorporated at Kamloops, B. C. Capital stock $30,000 with shares at $100 each. Incorporators, H. E. Foster, O. C. Woodhouse jr., Fred M. Wells, Harry Symons.

G. T. Atkins and C. A Guernsey of Chicago, C. F. Kinman of Milwaukee and William Kirkup and John Clunnas went over the trail early last week to French creek to look at the Gold Hill the property of Beaton and Vandall. The object of the trip was to examine the mine with a view of buying it, and there is a prospect that the deal will be made. The party stopped on the way back at Smith creek *to see what progress is being made by the* Smith Creek Hydraulic company, which Mr. Atkins and other Americans have recently bought, and where ten men are employed hydraulicing. Things are looking well on this property, and it is the intention to bring in improved hydraulic appliances as soon as the water in the river gets lower, and it is safe to transport heavy machinery.—Kootenay Mail.

A Camp that is Yet in Snow.

Pat Noonan, the well known prospector is back in Nelson from a trip to Slate Creek camp. He gives it as 'his opinion that it is yet to early to pronounce on the value of the ledges in that camp. They nearly all run through basins at high altitudes, from which the snow has not yet gone. The camp is on the high divide between the headwaters of the Similkameen and Skagit rivers, and about ten miles south of the international boundary.—Tribune.

War Eagle Mine.

The officers of the War Eagle Mining Company recently declared a dividend of $50,000, or ten cents a share, says the Spokane Spokesman-Review. Sixty per cent. of the stock was paid to Spokane men, the beneficiaries being Austin Corbin, Patsy Clark, E. J. Roberts, B. C. Kingsbury, H. E. Herrick, W. J. C. Wakefield, J. A. Finch, and A. B. Campbell. This is the War Eagle's second dividend. The first was paid on March 1st of this year, and was six and a half cents a share or a total of $32,500. The first dividend paid for the mine and all improvements and put the owners on "velvet." The second dividend is therefor clear profit. *It represents three and a half* month's limited production. During March owing to bad roads, hardly any ore was shipped and since then the mine been restricted by bad roads between Trail creek and the Columbia, and the repeated breaking of the cable at the crossing on the river. The owners figure on paying quarterly dividend of $50,000 from this time on.

The War Eagle stock was originally sold for 6 cents a share. It is now in a position to pay a dividend of $200,000 per annum, or nearly six times what it cost altogether to buy the mine and put it on a paying basis. There are not many War Eagles in the world. There will be one or two more in Trail Creek.—Commercial Journal.

An Important Decision.

Little business was transacted at the *county court that commenced at Nelson* on Tuesday with Judge Spinks on the bench. A decision important to mineral claim owners was handed down. Judge Spinks in the decision, holds that the yearly life of a mineral claim expires at midnight on the date on which it is located, that is, a claim located on *July 5th*, 1895, expires at midnight on July 5th, 1896.—Nelson Tribune.

Smelters in Sight.

Three more smelters for West Kootenay may now be regarded as "in sight." One at Nelson, to be erected by the Hall mining company for the smelting of the Silver King ore; one on a new site, near Bannock point, at the head of Arrow lake, to be erected by the Kansas City Smelting Co. under the patronage of the C. P. R.; and one at Trail creek by a Montana company for the smelting of Trail creek ores.—Prospector.

The Great Northern Bondsd.

Mr. E. F Cassel, representing a company of Boston men largely interested in mines, and acting as their agent at Juneau, Alaska, returned Thursday from the Trout Lake district, having bonded the Great Northern, owned by Charles Holden, P. M. Walker, Tom Downs and Hugh Ross. The amount of the bond and its conditions are not given, but as an evidence of its genuineness a cash payment of $3000 has been made. The Boston Company will begin development work within a few days, and will make shipments of ore either to Tacoma or Everett as soon as it can be brought out to the steamer landing at Thompson's. Mr. Cassel will start this evening on his return to Juneau.—Kootenay Mail.

The Production of Gold.

The production of gold in the world in 1894 was no less than 290,383 kilos, or 34,147 kilos, or $19,204,795, more than in 1893, and far the largest gold output ever made.

In silver the turning point for the whole world has been passed and the production of the white metal declined from 5,339,746 kilos. in 1893 to 5,205,065 in 1894, that is 134,681 kilos. *The commercial value of silver* declined still more than the output, or from 78.2c. to 63c. per ounce, so that the value in 1894 was $28,812,087 less than in 1893.

The production or weight ratio in 1894 was 17.9 silver to 1 gold, while it required 32 silver to equal one of gold in value. In 1893 the weight ratio was 20.9 silver to 1 gold. The production ratio of silver to gold reached its maximum in 1890, when it was 23.3 silver to 1 gold, from which it has come down to 17.9 to 1. At the close of the current year the ratio will scarcely exceed 16 silver to 1 gold, and at the close of 1895 the production ratio for the whole world will certainly be below our coining ratio of 16 to 1.

What the value ratio will then be depends altogether upon the adoption of international bimetallism, and of the ultimate adoption of this we have little doubt, for even with the large and increasing output of gold, the amount available for addition to the world's stock of money is certainly less than half the production, and is wholly inadequate to take the place of silver now generally demonitized, and to provide a safe foundation for the world's commercial credits.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

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The trial of Theodore Durrant on the charge of perpetrating the Emmanuel church tragedies in San Francisco begins on July 22nd. It will be one of the most sensational trials on record. If Durrant is guilty a hundred times is to few to hang him, but no man should be condemned in advance. The evidence seems very strong against him.

At a conference of mill owners held at Vancouver last week it was decided to advance the price of lumber $2 to $3 dollars per thousand feet, the advance of $3 being on rough lumber.

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ASHCROFT LOCAL NEWS

R. McDonald's bridge crew went west to Spatsum Thursday evening.

Mrs. Robb of the Ashcroft hotel has gone to Clinton for few weeks vacation.

The stage line have 20 head of horses on their way from Okanagan ranch for use on the Cariboo road.

The building next the JOURNAL office formerly occupied as a meat market is being fitted up and will shortly be occupied by Mrs J. W Glencross as a bakery.

Mr. F. S Cole of Seattle went north on last Monday's stage to take a general look through Cariboo and more particularly Slough creek, in which he is interested.

Cinnabar is a red sulphuret of mercury or quicksilver, occurring native in brilliant red crystals and also in amorphous masses of different shades of red and brown.

Two strangers arrived at Ashcroft this week. One of them registered and will remain with Mr. and Mrs. Hollyoak and the other at Mr. and Mrs Dan McLeod's. Both are b vs.

Carolin Tatlow of Vancouver, made the JOURNAL office a brief call on Thursday. He was on his way to Savonas. Col. Lightcer left San Francisco on Tuesday the 2nd with tools and outfit for beginning work on the cinnabar mine near Savonas.

J H Glass representing J. A. & M Cote of St. Hyacinthe, Que., one of the largest boot and shoe manufacturers in Canada was in town for a few days this this week. He was accompanied by his son J. H Glass, jr., who is travelling for his health.

Mr H Barnstein of Victoria has purchased the wool clip of vicinity, 19,000 pounds of the B. C Cattle Co., 900 McEwen, 400 Bates, 4,000 Semlin, 400 Campbell. The price paid was about 12 cents Wool in the native state. It will be shipped to Boston.

A. N. Douthart a millwright of Portland, Ore., was a the Cargile House a few days this week. He is on his way to Pavilion to put in a roller system for the Pavilion mill in place of the old system now in use. It will be an improvement that the mill patrons will appreciate.

R. H. Parkinson is at the Ashcroft hotel on his way to Chilcoten where he goes to assist Mr. Williams of the well known firm of Williams & Davison who is doing a large amount of surveying in that part of the country. Mr. Williams speaks very highly of the Chilcoten country.

Mr. R N. Palmer of the department of agriculture spent a few days with the fruit growers and farmers in the vicinity of Ashcroft last week. Mr. Palmer says the finest fruit in the world can be raised in British Columbia with proper care and efforts on the part of the fruit growers.

Judge Cornwall has so far recovered from his accident that he is soon to be brought home, his son having left for Cottonwood for that purpose Judge Cornwall during his long and honorable career on the bench has made many friends who will rejoice to hear that his injuries were not so serious as at first reported.

Mr. Thomas G Earl, vice-president of the Board of Horticulture spent a few days in Ashcroft and vicinity last week. Mr. Earl is very much in earnest in his work and an enthusiast in the future possibilities of this vicinity for fruit growing. Mr Earl has a peculiar badge conferred on him by the Pioneer society of California. The society of 49ers. A golden bear. The bear at that time being the symbolic badge California. The JOURNAL acknowledges a very pleasant call from Mr. Earl.

F. C. Gamble of Victoria, government engineer was in Ashcroft last Saturday and while here met by appointment, Mr. W. H. Keatley of Lillooet and the contract for the telegraph extention from Ashcroft to Lillooet was executed. Mr. Keatly informs us that the line will be begun at Hat Creek and a wire run in from there on the present line. The work of setting poles will begin within a very few days and will be completed as soon as possible. From 22 to 30 poles per mile will be set and about three miles a day will be finished. Ashcroft will be pleased to have lightning connection with the lively neighbor Lillooet.

James Reid formerly of Soda Creek at the Cargile House.

Miss Yumas of Vancouver arrived in Ashcroft last week and will make her home here.

Mrs. Wm. Hogg, who has been visiting Mrs. Willmon returned to Vancouver Friday morning.

Thirty-two thousand feet of lumber for he new li ery firm of Collins & Haddock has been ordered.

A gold excitement is reported on a creek flowing into Okanagan lake below Kelowna. Quartz, placer, and coal are all said to be found in promising quantities.

The down stage from Cariboo when bout a mile south of the 83-Mile House was held up about three weeks ago by a big black bear that walked deliberately across the road and into the bushes on the other side.

Mrs. J. J. Calhoun and daughter Grace of Juneau, Alaska, has been for the past two weeks visiting in Ashcroft with relatives. We are glad to note an improvement in Mrs. Calhouns health. She is the sister of F. S. Reynolds of the JOURNAL.

John Chenhall aged 73 years died at his home in Clinton after a long illness on Tuesday the 9th of asthma and complications. Mr. Chenhall was a man much respected, and had lived in Clinton 23 years, he leaves a widow and five children that all live in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs Chenhall had been married over 47 years.

The report comes up from Lytton that the Van Winkle has the best out-look yet see for the claim. A large body of gravel is in sight that prospects and we are informed by one of the stockholders who has lately visited the property that the actual cost of moving the gravel at present is not to exceed 1½ cents per cubic yard.

The circus has so far failed to send on their advertising agent, although a bill board was erected two weeks ago, and the time set for the arrival of the show. Their giraffe may have had his neck stretched, or maybe the elephant has packed his trunk and left the combination or will be a sad disappointment to the many fathers that intended to take their children to see the show—if they fail to materialise.

The old fake about H. Livingston and the Okanagan nugget worth $1200 is going the rounds of the papers. There has never been any gold of consequence found in Horse Spring Coulie, where Livingston claims to have found his nuggets, and no nuggets have ever been found by Livingston. We are perfectly familiar with the ground and take no stock in the report. It is a hundred to one that it is a fake pure and simple.

A. E. Palmer who has been superintending the work on the Quesnelle River Hydraulic Gold Mining company's ground fifteen miles above the mouth of Quesnelle came down on the stage to Ashcroft on Tuesday for a trip to the coast. Mr Palmer expects to return in a few weeks. Owing to the scarcity of water no work is being done on the company's ground at present. The dam will be replaced at the lake and a new ditch run later in the season.

A curious accident happened near the old mill across the Buonaparte last Monday. James Bates of Barkerville was driving near the mill when a blast was fired by the railroad gang nearly opposite and across the Thompson river from Mr. Bates and about a quarter of a mile distant, a fragment of rock was thrown with tols distance striking the wagon and breaking a wheel. Bates and another man in the wagon had a narrow escape from the shower of rock thrown around them.

The B. C. Iron Works are reported by the Nelson Tribune as contemplating the establishment of a branch at Nelson The B. C. Iron Works are run on a business basis and the present management are making a success as the facts of dividends having been paid every year since the establishment, despite hard times that have caused so many of their older competitors to close their works down. The people of the province will be glad to see them establish business at any point where the business of the district demands. Among the first should be Kootenay with her unrivalled quartz mines just attaining the prominence that the richness of the country justifies.

Mrs. H. E. Leslie of Agassiz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Haddock of Ashcroft, is in town and intends staying several weeks.

J. McKnight of the Bailey Hotel Lytton, was a caller at the JOURNAL office yesterday J. Adler was also in town. They report things about as usual in Lytton.

J. H. Blome, the pothegrapher is back to Ashcroft after a long trip through the Okanagan and Nicola country. Mr Blome is a first class artist, his work will compare favorably with any in the land.

F. C. Lawrence is back from the upper country and is busy repairing the box full of watches brought back by himself, after which he will put some new wheels in the lot that accumulated during his absence from Ashcroft.

J. Newlands of Seattle, a member of the Ontario Association of Mining Engineers is at the Cargile House. Mr Newlands will take a trip to the Cariboo and also into the Copper creek country where the Cumber mines are being opened up.

Word has been received that Matt O'Brien, an ex C. P. R., brakeman, who was badly injured by two brutal tramps at Kamloops, has become violently insane at San Francisco, where he went for treatment.

Jack Welness, the clerk at the Dominion Hotel, Clinton, has had a change of heart and will go east in a few weeks and go through a course of study for the ministry. We hope he may have as much success as he had "driving the winning horse."

H. B Munroe a mining man of prominence is in Ashcroft for a few days. Mr. Munroe intends revisiting the Cariboo country shortly, and is very strongly of the opinion that much money will be taken out from there at no distant day.

Cornell university eight was badly beaten on the Thames on the 10th inst. in a match with Trinity Hall eight. It is claimed that Cornell was too closely trained and the climate of England does not agree with them. More matches are to follow.

Horse racing furnishes the principal excitement in Ashcroft at present. So far the betting men have managed to divide up our dollar that we lost, otherwise they are even. The Ashcroft derby will yet become famous if this racing continues. The next race we go to where some one has a sure thing we are going to bet against him and get our money back.

Work on the Horse Fly hydraulic mine has been very seriously interfered with by reason of failure to get in supplies and powder by the 108-mile road. A large consignment of dynamite and black powder left Ashcroft the fore part of the week for this point. The back of gravel ahead of the sluices looks the best of any ever shown on the claim.

The two hotels in Ashcroft have been well filled for the past few weeks. The Cariboo house resturant also, is doing its full share of business. With the new buildings going up and the many tons of freight moving out from the depot a general air of prosperity prevails. Our continued prosperity is linked very closely with our neigobors of the north, The Nicola country and the cattle interests of the various sections adjacent to Ashcroft are also prosperous. Times are steadily if slowly improving all through the country and none feel the improvement more than the people of this vicinity.

Our telegraphic news sent from the 150 this morning and from the Horse Fly yesterday morning states that the Horse Fly is not yet through cleaning up in one of the cuts. The principal part of the clean-up took place as announced by the MINING JOURNAL. Complete returns will be made known in a few days. The announcement that the big ditch is expected to be completed the first week in August is perhaps placing the date too early. If the contractors do succeed in completing the ditch at that date they will do remarkably well. Several men that were working on the ditch have arrived at Ashcroft within the past week and stated that a great many white laborers had gone on to Barkerville and the extremely hot weather will be very likely to interfere somewhat with the work. If the Cariboo gets two months work this season it will do well.

The Mail Service Petition.

THE MINING JOURNAL printed and sent out several copies to each post office on the Cariboo road a petition heading to be signed by the people interested in securing a semi-weekly mail service between Ashcroft and all points on the road to Barkerville and Quesnelle Forks. We are doing this in the general interest of the community and trust all will take interest enough to look up and sign these petitions. As soon as returned they will be forwarded to Senator Reid who has promised to do all he, in connection with the other members from British Columbia can do to forward the matter. If we do not succeed for this season it will put us in line for an increase in service early next season. Let every person interested see that his name is on the petition at once so that they can be put in shape and forwarded.

Slough Creek Mining Company.

W. F. Sargent of Tacoma, secretary of the Slough Creek Mining Company went up on last Monday's stage and will spend some time in the up country. He informs us that the prospects for the company are good, and that work will be pushed until the creek is bottomed. Slough creek from its location is considered one of the best creeks in the upper country It will require a 240 foot shaft to get to bedrock but the prospecting drill holes sunk by the company have shown that gold is there and with good work it will be placed within the reach of the miner. We expect before long to be able to give some details of the work to be done yet this season.

A TRIP TO CARIBOO

[FIFTH LETTER.]

Quesnelle is pleasantly located and a good bridge leads across the Quesnelle river and a ferry boat crosses the Fraser but crossing the Fraser at any point on a scow is slow business. Horses are made to swim at this place although the current carries them well down the stream. Lots are acquired at the government price irrespective of the location at $100 dollars each. No new buildings have been erected of late years although some are in contemplation at the present time, directly across the Fraser from the village the trail leads to Fort George and the Smoky river. Salmon river, the Nechaco country and other northern countries. Nechaco a year or two ago was much talked of but of late it is attracting very little attention. At this point Mr. Low, a mining man, has secured a lease to a tract five miles square for the purpose of prospecting the same. My understanding of this scheme is that the gentlemen interested think that at some very early day the Quesnelle, being the older stream, with the bed several hundred feet higher than the present bed of the Fraser, ran across this section, and that under a capping rich gravel deposits will be found. There are many things that go to show this theory is very plausible, among others the fact that old channels are found hundreds of feet above the present beds of streams now cutting through the country. The excitement of a few weeks ago about the San Juan's work on Norton creek has subsided somewhat as the company had got yet got in shape to prove their ground, although the indications are favorable and it is to be hoped further work will justify the fond hopes of the fifty or more locators on adjoining claims.

Thirteen miles above Quesnelle the wagon road has raised nearly 2000 feet At this point the road of early years lea's down to the McLaren claims on the Quesnelle, and a bridge across the river 30 years ago was known as Donaldson's crossing The bridge has long since disappeared. At the old bridge the writer last year saw salmon weighing from 15 to 30 pound taken out. A half hours fishing with a dip net would supply the camp with fresh salmon any time in the evening as long as the salmon season lasted. As showing the force of the current through the canons and rapids of the rivers near here, a man by the name of Lombart went out on a raft to prospect some gravel on a bar that was exposed in the river. While prospecting, his raft got adrift and although a couple of men near by offered to throw him a rope he refused and started to wade across the small portion of the stream between the bar and shore, not more than 15 feet in width. As he reached the middle and was in water about to his hips the strong current took him off his feet, and although a strong swimmer, only his hands came in sight once. The current had swept him into the main river. His body was not recovered.

The proprietor of the 13-mile House, Mr. Wallace, is an old timer and has seen good and bad times in Cariboo. He is a well informed old Scotchman and of course a great admirer of Bobbie Burns. Bruce and Wallace. The Cottonwood river crosses the road about 20 miles above Quesnelle. More or less Chinamen are always to be found at low water rocking on this stream. It is located for dredging purposes by John Boyd of the Cottonwood house. On his ranch at this point Mr. Boyd raises several hundred tons of hay which brings from $10 to $50 per ton at home. In earlier years Mr. Boyd used to sell a hundred tons per year at Barkerville for $100 per ton. He has a large family and thoroughly educates his children during their earlier years at home, keeping a governess for that purpose. One great trouble with his system is that he has been unfortunate in obtaining nice looking governesses and they are soon captured by the young men of the vicinity and Mr. Boyd has to send below for another.

From Boyd's to Beaver Pass in the season usually from about July 1st to Aug 15th, there are more horse-flys to the square rod than I ever saw in any other country. Teamsters, during this season, prefer to drive nights to avoid them.

The Bonanza mine, on Lightning creek, about three miles above its junction with Swift river has been worked by its pattied owners for over twenty years. Nearly every season their dam, that held back water to get a head to run their pump would be taken out. Last season was no exception but it is now in good shape and the owners are working with varying success. It is evident that they have not yet struck bed rock in the channel yet they are taking out gold enough to pay wages and have good hopes of drifting on to a rich body of gravel. They certainly deserve it for their perseverance.

Can't Find a Pass.

Six of the party of eight who left Victoria a short time ago to make a survey of lands along the proposed route of the British Pacific Railway have returned to Victoria. Mr. Bell, who was in charge of the party, thought it advisable to discontinue further attempts to follow the map originally mapped out, viz., from Frederick Arm through to Chilcoten, and sent six men back. He, with another man, is following the old route from Bute Inlet, and Mr. Devereux and one man are going through from Knight's Inlet. They will meet Mr. Fry who went into the Chilcoten country via Ashcroft. One of the party who returned says he does not think there is a pass through from Frederick's Arm as was expected. They travelled 35 miles into the interior through a very rough country, encountering land slides almost every day. Frightful weather was experienced throughout the whole trip, and the little party at times suffered greatly from the cold and wet It is stated that it is Mr. Bell's intention to resume his search for the best route for a road into the Chilcotin country from the coast after he returns to Victoria and reorganizes his party. He is expected back in about three weeks.

The MINING JOURNAL office is turning out a lot of job work that will compare favorably with any office in the province.

A "practical miner," who refuses to allow his name to be published and is interviewed by the Montreal Witness attacks the condition of the mines in Canada, and says not one has ever paid a dividend yet. "I do not say they will not do so. I believe they may in the future. As to the Cariboo mines the hydraulic process of attacking the face involves the going through a mass of several hundred feet before they reach gold which is two or three inches thick." All of the above is mere twaddle and the chances are that the "practical miner" does not know a hydraulic mine from a soap factory, and a reporter that will report such stuff as mining news and gravely comment on it is as big a fool as the practical miner. The article is gravely headed "He advises caution."

John I. White, who has run a black smith shop and hardware store at Forty Mile, and mined for the past five years on the mighty Yukon river, departed for his old stamping grounds last Thursday, receiving a fond good bye by the Cariboo. Cassiar and Fraser river miners residing here, who have known him for 25 and 37 years. He was among the first miners to open up Cariboo, William's creek, and Cassiar districts and came to Alaska in 1870. *He would not* live in any other section than the Yukon valley and says there is no healthier spot on the face of the globe. When he left on the Bertea from St. Michaels, last September, the reports from Circle City were golden and fully 400 people wintered there.—Alaska News.

Riordan, whom Fitzsimmons knocked out of the world, had hypertrophy Brights disease of the kidneys, an enlargement of the liver and an affection of the left lung. He also had symptoms of dropsy and was a victim of alcoholism. Under these circumstances it was clearly a case of suicide on his part to meet the Hon. Robert Fitzsimmons in the ring, and the jury should have so found. Mr. Fitzsimmons simply accelerated the operation of the recognized forces of nature. The verdict in his case is in keeping with that of the Texas jury, which found that a man who was killed in a fight over cards was "guilty of suicide because he did not draw his own gun quick enough."—Seattle Times.

EARLY DAYS OF CARIBOO.

In February 1858, Mr Ott, the purser of the Hudson's Bay steamer from Victoria to San Francisco, had some gold dust that he got from Indians on the Thompson river and took it to the mint to get it coined. One evening in San Francisco in the old No. 3 engine house a number of old friends met and the conversation was of course on mining. The superintendent of the mint was one of the party and remarked, "boys, the next excitement will be on the Fompson river," and then told of the gold brought down to the mint by the Hudson's Bay purser.

In company with others James Moore, who now lives at Quesnelle Forks made a trip to Victoria and across to the mouth of and up the Fraser. The first bar that was prospected a man by the name of Ferris washed a pan of gravel on a bar a short distance below Yale and got about 30 cents. The party wished to call this Ferris Bar but Mr. Ferris declined the honor and the name of his partner Hill was given and it proved to be the richest bar ever mined on the Fraser. This was in March 1858. Soon after commencing work about 30 Indians arrived. A man named Taylor came up with a boat load of whisky and began to sell it at $5 per bottle We called a meeting and decided to buy his whisky. Taylor refused to sell it to us at a fair price and the party thereupon broke in the heads of the barrels and emptied out the whisky. The Indians were surly in consequence. About this time Governer Douglass arrived on the scene in a barge of the man-of-war Satellite, and peace was patched up. We were at this time making $100 per day to the man with rockers.

There was at Fort Hope a Hudson's Bay trading store in charge of Donald Walker, and Billy Ballow about this time started his express.

The first justice of peace at Yale was Geo. Perrion and there was a great deal that he did not know about law. Judge McGowen visited Hill's Bar in June. In the spring of 59 boats got up the river to the mouth of Quesnelle. Some rich bars were there found that paid from $100 to $300 per day.

In July Ira Crow and party started for the Horse Fly. In the party at this time were Bill Wade, Ira Crow, Jas. Moore-Kansas John, Dave Gardner and others. Heids Bar on the Quesnelle was at that time famous. It was about where the French claims now are and Snyders bar was below. Some of the party went down the river by raft and on to Alexandria to get supplies. Shortly after, the famous blue lead was found on the Horsefly. It caused a great excitement because it was thought that by the blue color of the gravel it was identical with the ground of a famous camp in California. Many boats thereafter coming up the Fraser bore inscriptions "for the blue lead"

Many a poor fellow found his journey cut short in the Ya'e canon and many more there were supposed to have been killed by the Indians. It was no strange sight to find a headless body floating down the river.

The same year, '59, Capt. Robinson, Joe Roley, and Hagerman prospected North Fork of Quesnelle river while John Rose and party struck Rose's gulch on the South Fork and Dancing Bill located Dancing Bill gulch on the same river. In the spring of 59 Geo. Weaver, Fred Black Cap Bowan, Black Jack, Siwash McDonald and Bill Hazleton located on Keithly creek, about the same time George Harvey, Bill Wade, Ira Crow, Jack Emery, Bill Cunningham, John Tilford and John Metz located Harvey creek. In the fall of '60 Cap Bowan, Geo. Weaver and Siwash McDonald left Keithley on a prospecting trip over the Bald mountain and struck Antler creek. On their return to Keithly they kept their prospect a secret. That winter Cap Bowan went to Victoria and tried to get a grant of one mile of Antler from Governor Douglass. The grant was refused. Quite a number of miners wintered at Quesnelle Forks that winter. The secret of the prospect leaked out and what a stampede there was in the middle of winter over the Bald mountain for Antler with Black Jack in the lead. In '61 William's creek was discovered by Dutch Bill. This was the richest creek in Cariboo. Some claims taking out as high as 104 pounds of gold in 10 hours, while poor Bill had the poorest claim on the creek.

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