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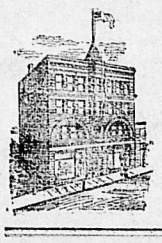

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Mrs. Ogden's Death.

Mrs. Ogden, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. McKinley, at Lac La Hache on the 27th July, at the age of 72 years, was one of the old pioneers, coming to this country in 1846 from Winnipeg, and went to Stuart's lake with her husband to take charge of the Hudson's Bay post at that place. She leaves seven children to mourn her loss, three daughters and four sons. All her children were at her bedside when she died except one son, Charles Ogden, who is now in charge of the Hudson's Bay Company's store at Fort George, and one daughter who is in Victoria, Mrs. R. H. Hall, wife of R. H. Hall, western manager for the Hudsons Bay Company. Mrs. Ogden was loved and respected by all who knew her. The funeral was very largely attended. The pall bearers were Wm. Allen, Wm. Abel, Joe Hetherington, John Wright, A. Ulrich and M. J. McCarthy, all old neighbors and friends of the deceased.

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HORSEFLY.

The Horsefly country has long been known as one of the rich sections of British Columbia and gold was found and ground worked by the early miners, H. Ingraham, James Moore, Archie Rutherford and others having discovered the then celebrated Blue Lead in the summer of '59 on Horsefly river and the ground then staked is known as the Harper's lease. An old Cariboo-ite in recalling his experience of those days (in an interview held some four years ago) says:

"There have been quite a number of changes since I first saw this part of the world. In fact this is the first time I have seen a railroad in forty-five years, having come out to the Pacific coast in '51. In my time in California there were no railroads. This is my first trip down from Cariboo in 17 years. In the spring of 1860 I was with the first pack train that crossed the Thompson at its mouth. The pack train we were with belonged to Kirkpatrick, still a resident of this vicinity. We were then on our way to Horsefly, Hen Ingram, James Moore, and Archie Rutherford, having then discovered the celebrated Blue Lead in the summer or '59 on Horsefly, now known as the Harper lease. The first prospect obtained was $1.62 to the pan. That afternoon we made a rocker and washed 80 buckets of gravel and got $91. When we struck Horsefly there were 13 in the company. Some went up the river to prospect and some went down. When they returned we showed them our prospects and next day we all started to work with Hen Ingram as our foreman. Quite a number of this company were well known to old timers. Dennis Crane was drowned on the steamer Pacific; Mike Keenan, familiarly known as "Old Dad Keenan," who died a few years ago I think he was stopping at the time with his old friend, Johnny Wilson; Hen Ingram died at Grand Prairie; John McClelland, afterward discoverer of McClelland gulch, Montana, was thrown from a horse and killed; I think Archie Rutherford died in Victoria; Col. Dixon died three years ago in Alaska; John McLean is at the mouth of Quesnelle; Joseph Patterson, known as Indiana Jo, is now a resident of the state of Illinois; T. S. Hill, Jim Waldon, Olo Lloyd, of Texas and Jim Something, I now forget what, I have lost track of those last four, and James Moore, a resident of Quesnelle Forks."

The above then briefly describes the first discoveries made in the Horsefly camp. It is sufficient to add that early timers worked the rich surface gravel, and gradually Chinese acquired holdings and it is told as authentic that they alone took out over $500,000 working in their primitive way only a few acres of surface and to a depth of but a few feet as a rule. Combined with the amounts taken off by early time white miners, and the fact that no year has passed since '59 but that more or less gold has been taken out, it seems only fair to conclude that more than $1,000,000, and perhaps twice that amount, has been taken out on the Horsefly. A letter written to the JOURNAL some three years ago in reply to a request for the letter writer's views of the Horsefly section, reads as follows:

"I am very strongly of the opinion that Dr. Dawson expresses, viz: 'That there exists many ancient auriferous gravel channels that will in the near future make Cariboo one of the largest gold producers on the continent.' These channels are something wonderful for extent and richness; comparatively little is known of them as yet. Beaver lake valley, I am quite sure, was at one time the outlet for the Horsefly basin, and that the waters of the Clearwater, North Thompson, the Fraser, and possibly the Columbia, ran through here at one time, nothing short of that could make such large channels."

The opinions of such eminent authorities as Drs. Dawson and Selwyn, backed up by the experience of such practical men as Hobson, Campbell, Brigham and others, can not help but convince anyone that there is a wonderful future for the Horsefly country, as well as other parts of Cariboo. Large capital judiciously expended cannot help but be productive of magnificent results in British Columbia.

LAC LA HACHE.

The haying season has arrived and stockmen are busy providing fodder for the winter. It is a grand sight to behold three or four mowing machines in a large meadow razing the grass to the ground. Crops are generally good and some of the grain, notably that of Messrs. Hetherington and J. R. Felker, are far advanced.

Quite an exciting boat race between Commodore Hamilton, of the yacht Majestic, and Coxswain H. Ogden, of the yacht Rose, for a distance of one mile and return, took place last week. The skillful manœuvring of the commodore gained for him an easy victory. Admiral Brown, of the Sylph, has already challenged the commodore for a race which promises to be a close one, but the popular commander of the Majestic has no fears for the result.

The Lac La Hache Academy has just been completed and the trustees are highly elated over their magnificent edifice which reflects great credit on Messrs. Gibbonsy and McIntosh, the contractors. Miss M. J. Shannon has been asked, and has consented, to assume the duties of principal.

R. M. Cornell, telegraph operator at the 111-Mile House, had a narrow escape from drowning a few days ago. The boat in which he had gone fishing upset throwing him into the water. His feet became entangled in the cable from which all his efforts to extricate himself were futile. His cries for help brought I. Sheridan to his assistance, who, after considerable tugging, landed him upon the beach more dead than alive. Sensational papers could ill afford to lose so faithful a correspondent. Lac La Hache is unable to furnish another reporter who could concoct such villainous falsehoods as we have been treated to about burning mountains, swollen rivers, prize fights, gobbler fights, drunken orgies, bacchanalain dances, etc., which are doubtless the effusions of a diseased brain.

A. J. McKinley left for the 150-Mile House to assist in arranging races near there this coming autumn. Professor Jas. McGill, the world renowned jockey, arrived in town from Walla with a catch. The Johnny G.C. being anxious to arrange a match, Johnny Morrow, with his grey mare Queen, was soon on hand to accommodate him. The result was that McGill took second money, there being no other contestants. Mr. Birch, better known as "Porkey," has written up and made an offer for the star runner, Black Danger, which he proposes running in the coast races this fall.

A GENTLEMANLY MATCH.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: I was always under the impression that colonials were no sportsmen; that they could not take a defeat; that their games were always conducted in a rowdy fashion, the umpire's decision invariably disputed, and the finale generally being a free fight and a dead umpire.

Judge of my feelings of surprise, then, when last Saturday a baseball team from Ashcroft played our Lillooet team, the game all through was conducted in a most admirable and gentlemanly spirit on both sides, and though our excitement ran high as it was a close game, I did not hear one word of bad language, and the umpire's decisions were unquestioned.

I cannot refrain, therefore, from congratulating Ashcroft on their having a baseball team with whom it is a pleasure to play. Nor can I deny myself the pride I feel to be associated with a baseball team, who, by the way they took their defeat, proved themselves to be true sportsmen and gentlemen. Yours faithfully,

A BRITISHER.

Lillooet, B.C., August 7, 1899.

Gold Dredger for the Thompson River.

Interviewed by a representative of the Inland Sentinel yesterday, H. R. Bellamy, of Nelson, stated that it was the intention of the company which he represents to put on the North Thompson river a gold saving dredger of large proportions. The company have a lease of three miles of the river bed and four bench claims of about 8 acres each. The dredge will cost in the neighborhood of $30,000, and will contain all the most modern improvements, worked by an electric plant. Between 25 and 30 men will be employed and the capacity of this machine will be 2,000 yards every 24 hours. It is estimated that the gravel will run from 10 to 20 cents per cubic yard. Taking 15 cents as an average, would give a production of $300 per day. The company is at present making arrangements for securing water rights and have every prospect of obtaining what they want. Mr. Bellamy leaves this week for the Forks of Quesnelle, Cariboo, to investigate the working of the dredging machines in that section.—Sentinel.

Lillooet Baseball Notes.

So well pleased with the outlook, on nearing Lillooet were two of our young men that they looked carefully over the rancharee this side of town, with a view of settling down there in quiet contentment for the balance of their days, but changed their minds when the gang came along and began to guy them. Now they say they only stopped to look over the curious architecture, the water and light supply and the plumbing.

School will reopen on Monday next at the usual hour provided the trustees can secure a place to hold the same until the new School building is completed. Mr. R. G. Gordon as principal and Miss E. Hawthorne as assistant. The school has made good progress in Ashcroft for the past two years and with a new and commodious school building the Ashcroft school will begin to take a high rank as an educational institution. We believe any branches that advanced scholars may desire to take up can be as well perused under the care of Mr. Gordon as under any instructor in the province. It has been long in coming but the people generally are well pleased to have as good a building as is now in the course of construction.

Meeting This Evening.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held this evening at the Town Hall at 8:30 p. m., to hear the report of the special committee appointed two weeks since to act for all interested in the proposition of a curling and skating rink for the coming season. A full attendance is requested to hear and act on report.

Committee { J. A. BREMNER. H. L. ROBERTS, J. H. GILLARD.

Drowned at Quesnelle.

Quesnelle Forks, Aug. 9, 1899.—News reaches here that Hugh McDougall, while at work with D. S. Deans rafting lumber on the Quesnelle about twenty miles below here for the New England Company's dredger, was swept off the raft and drowned. Mr. Deans had a narrow escape, but reached shore safely. Mr. McDougall was a native of Ontario. His body was not recovered.

Races at 150-Mile House.

A meeting was held at the 150-Mile House on the evening of Aug. 5th to arrange for a race meeting to take place this fall immediately after Kamloops, Ashcroft and Clinton races take place, Chairman of the meeting Major-General Kinchant. A very enthusiastic meeting wound up after appointing a general committee comprising residents of 150-Mile House, Soda Creek, Quesnelle, Lac La Hache, Alkali Lake, Chilcoten, Clinton and Ashcroft. The indications are most favorable for a first class meet, and very satisfactory stakes, a big inducement. Further particulars later.

S. T. HALL, Secy.

Return of the Kickapoos.

The Kickapoo Indian medicine company, who made such a fine reputation with the Ashcroft public a few months ago, have returned, and by request they will give two of their pleasing entertainments at the Ashcroft Hall, commencing Aug. 14. There will be no medicine talk or selling of medicine, but three hours of continuous fun, better than ever, everything new and sparkling. Judging from their former reputation the house should be filled to its utmost capacity. A big time is anticipated. For the comfort of their patrons there will be free temperance drinks served during the entertainment. Remember the date, Monday, August 14th and 15th. Admission 15 and 25 cents. Reserved seats 50 cents. The Lavena and Coppinger Comedy Company creates the laughing habit.

Rossland Board of Trade.

At a meeting held last week in Rossland, of the Board of Trade of the province, the following very sensible recommendations, among many, were made, and the enactment of discussing legislation to bring this about it seems to us would be readily indorsed by all interested in the well-fare of British Columbia:

A protest was entered against the government collecting royalties for timber cut upon mine owners' claims by them for mining purposes, and asking that such timber be exempt.

The convention affirmed that the surface right of all mineral claims when a crown grant was issued should be at once purchasable by the owner or owners.

A resolution was passed praying that the provincial government, when important changes in the mining laws were contemplated, that sufficient notice be given to enable those interested to discuss and make suggestions and recommendations regarding the same

Treats Aliens Well.

Deputy-Sheriff Thomas Shirley yesterday showed a News-Advertiser reporter a letter from H. J. Wisner, dated McKee camp, Atlin, July 23rd. The writer with another party has been working bench claims Nos. 1 and 2 above Discovery for 15 days, and at the time of writing the expectation was that they would be sluicing and taking out pay in seven or eight days.

Discovery is paying well, writes Mr. Wisner. Continuing he says: "One pan yielded $50 last week. A two-ounce nugget of pure gold was picked up on bed-rock, owned by McKee. There are on this creek about 175 creek claims, about ten of which are open to bed-rock. All are paying well. About $200 was taken out last week on a fraction adjoining ours. No. 1 creek claim adjoining ours on the creek side 50 feet away, panned out an eight-ounce nugget. This claim is paying from one to two ounces per day to the man. I think our ground will prove as good, as there is pay on three sides of us. Eight or ten creeks of which I have reliable information are paying about the same as this. Some are better." He concludes with this reference to Mr. Justice Irving:

"The Judge is getting along admirably, settling disputes with regard to claims. He shows jumpers no mercy. Aliens fare a little better than British subjects if anything."

Special Warning To Lillooet People.

The following warning was written by the Committee of Safety to the Lillooet people, base-ball day, but the line being down, it could not be sent in time, but the Committee showed their good intentions thereby:

A gang of flim-flammers under the guise of base-ball players accompanied our base-ball nine to Lillooet. Of the nine players comprising the team we can assure you that they are a noble lot of young men with no bad habits. Two or three of them may chew gum and drink ginger beer, but this is their worst in the way of dissapation, but the hangers on are to be looked out for. Look out for the two men with the horseless carriage, one of them is wanted for deserting his family, and the other is escaping from a threatened breach of promise case. The latter claims to be Scotch but usually drinks "Irish." Look out for the smooth young man who probably goes under the name of P. Rell. He is a dance house musician and is an accomplished thimble-rigger from the land of Yankee Doodle. Another young man, an official in a company here, supposed to be a defaulter to the tune of $11,000, there are three counts against him, as follows: tall, thin and from Toronto. Look out for one long man, Warden George, supposed to have deserted several wives. This gang took with them one of the most unscrupulous lawyers in town. It is supposed that he is to defend them and share in the swag.

Is our "Tam with the gang? If so, return him, can use him next winter. Will keep him on ice.

A bright and promising young man (in fact is said to have promised too many) was abducted and forced to drive the stage. He is a German and his name is "Julep."

COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

P. S.—We consider we have a horse on you.

BASEBALL.

When the B. X. Special which conveyed the Ashcroft baseball team to Lillooet and return pulled out of that pretty town on Sunday morning its passengers made the surrounding hills resound with the emphatic assertion that Lillooet was all right. And with good reason. The Lillooet team showed themselves to be true sportsmen. On the arrival of the Ashcroft team they were met by the Lillooet fans and right cordially welcomed. Arrangements had been made for the accommodation of the visitors and the genial hosts of the Pioneer and Victoria hotels catered to their wants in the most approved style.

On the morrow a drive was taken to Seaton lake, one of the most picturesque sheets of water in the Province. Most of the Lillooet boys went along, and it is safe to say that it would be hard to find a merrier party. After a refreshing plunge in the limpid waters of the lake, all returned to town to prepare for the great event of the day, the baseball game. At two o'clock the teams filed out upon the field and took their respective positions, Ashcroft electing that Lillooet go to the bat. A large concourse of people surrounded the diamond, amongst whom were quite a number of ladies.

All being in readiness Mr. Prell, the umpire, in a stentorian voice and with the air of a Napoleon, issued the command "Play ball."

Lillooet went out in the one, two, three order for the first two innings and Ashcroft made some remarks about a picnic. In the third innings, however, something happened. Lillooet began to play ball and topped Ashcroft's score by a run. From that on to the ninth innings—tell it not in Gath—Lillooet, with but one exception of a few minutes, either kept the score tied or actually led. When Ashcroft went to the bat in the ninth innings they had four runs to make to tie the score. It is stated that at this juncture some of Ashcroft's enthusiastic supporters exhibited every symptom of having an acute attack of "that tired feeling." Ashcroft, however had come out looking for wool and were determined not to be shorn. In a few minutes the score was tied with but one man out. The play was now watched with breathless excitement and when Dexter came over the home plate and secured the game. Ashcroft's enthusiasm, which had been kept on ice from the third innings by the play of the Lillooet team, suddenly effervesced and a scene of wild enthusiasm on the part of the boys from the railway town ensued. Two more runs were added to the score before the innings ended. The teams then gathered in the centre of the diamond and cheered each other heartily.

It is the intention of the Lillooet team to visit Ashcroft at the coming fair, when the home team will endeavor to have them carry away as pleasant recollections of their trip as did our boys from their town.

The News Advertiser says: "A traveller through Cariboo can hardly avoid telling at least one fish story. The travelling correspondent of the ASHCROFT JOURNAL is not above that amiable weakness." Quotations from the JOURNAL follow. The charge is true, we can tell some fish stories, but we are young in them yet. You ought to hear some of our old timers tell a fish story, and our travelling men are very good at it.

C. D. Graham, an inmate of the New Westminster prison, serving a term of 18 months for forgery, has fallen heir to a fortune of several thousand dollars. Graham, it will be remembered, put on the "heavy swell" here in May, 1898. He represented himself to be a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy and owner of a steam yacht on the Atlantic, for which he engaged one of the engineers of the C. P. R. steamship Tarter, giving him a forged cheque as payment for certain indebtedness. When arrested the prisoner claimed to be Lord Graham, giving his address as the Isle of Wright. On the Pacific records he is described as being 29 years old, 5 feet 6 1-2 inches in height, 155 pounds weight. He pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery, and was sentenced to 18 months hard labor. During his term in New Westminster, he has borne a first class record and for some time past has been acting as Prison Clerk. His term expires early next month.

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FORT STEELE.

(Continued from last week.)

Passing on up Perry creek we staid for the night at Milby's old store. This at one time was a fine centre and by the number of buildings that had once existed it must have been a prosperous place, but like many mining camps of the placer kind it had been abandoned. We hobbled our horses and placed our blankets inside, where the stove enabled us to dine luxuriantly. On the following day the division of labor was adopted. While one made breakfast the other went to gather in the quadrupedes. Starting out early along the creek we passed the old shaft sunk some years ago and through some mismanagement abandoned, as there had been a splendid prospect found in the bottom. Further up are the Falls, near which a company had driven a tunnel. Arriving at our destination the claims under development were examined. Everything looked well, but digging a hole through the hard rock by two men is not a job that can be done in a day. Perry creek has good prospects, and one need not be surprised if many leads are successfully and profitably worked. Capital is the chief need.

After our return we started now in another direction, for the Windermere district. Windermere is about 80 miles from Fort Steele. We took wagon to that place along the prettiest road I have ever traveled. This is the Golden road, as the stage still brings mails and passengers in from that point. There is a fine reach of beautiful pine and tamarack. The vegetation grows up close to the track. The greater part of the road the lofty pines and tamarack shade the traveler. The first day we got as far as the crossing of the Kootenay river, about four miles from Fort Steele. Here we encamped for the night, putting the usual restraint on the horses. We placed our bed on the bridge and had a comfortable rest with the Kootenay fiercely and sleeplessly passing under. Near the bridge is Canal flat, through which a canal was opened a few years ago, and which has since been closed, as the waters of the Kootenay, flowing into the Columbia, increased the volume of water to such an extent that ranchers made a strong objection. This is a remarkable place, the source of the Columbia begins at Mud lake, a few miles from where the Kootenay passes into a southern direction. The canal was a piece of work easily constructed, but the locks were evidently not well put in, as less water might have flowed through. Baillie Graham was the promoter of this scheme and the government unwisely took it up and gave the company thirty thousand acres of the best land in the district. The canal is now a ditch for frogs to sport in, and Baillie Graham & Company have their thirty thousand acres. Years gone by many will remember, this gentleman wrote about big-horn, wild goats, etc., and the number of times he crossed the Atlantic to kill them. It also revives one's memory over the controversy which took place between Mr. Bailley Graham and Mr. Fanning, the popular curator at Victoria, over the character and species of the wild animals in the Rockies. Mr. Fanning, as a result, left the would be hunter and naturalist without a claw to scratch with.

What turns and twists and convulsions must have taken place to bring this part of the world to the contorted condition it is in. From the very head of the Columbia, barring obstructions, a fair sized steamer could go out to its mouth, and utilizing the above mentioned ditch could follow the Kootenay around again to the Columbia. As it is, a steamer goes from Golden up the Columbia through this "Panama Canal" down the Kootenay, and lands generally at Jennings, in Washington.

Another interesting object arrested our attention and recalled what was about forgotten. The reduction works built on the margin of Mud lake by the Thunder Hill Company, some years ago, mark another step in the folly of mining enterprises. Magnificent machinery erected, a large, fine building, 15 miles of a tramway, mostly covered with sand, remain to show that some one has blundered. I believe this concentrator is in litigation, The rock which is piled near the works and from which gold was to be extracted, is innocent looking. The name "James Brady," will mark the failure, and Mud lake and the owls will have the concentrator as a keep-sake. How unfortunate these breaks have been in retarding the development of the vast mineral resources of British Columbia. Ignorance and incapacity, if nothing worse, seem to have guided many instances of failure. It is possible, like many other calamities, that good came out of it. And no doubt one good was caution. Every adventurer has not now the privilege of placing expensive machinery wherever he chooses, before there is the surety that there is sufficient gold quartz to justify the expenditure. So much for Thunder Hill, the memory of which returned like a dream.

The whole road is well watered. There is a good stopping place half way, kept by Brewer.

Windermere being reached by noon, we began to replenish our commissariat to pursue our explorations further. This is a delightfully beautiful part of British Columbia. Quite an extent of land of excellent quality, and apparently accessible to irrigation. One ranch near Windermere is next to the finest I have seen in British Columbia. A large Indian reserve is near here, and a large tract of land is under cultivation One peculiar circumstance I may mention that struck me as unusual. We could not get a loaf of bread at any hotel. I can't account for it, but it struck me as peculiar that either going or coming we could not procure bread except at private houses. We could get all the whisky we could have the strength to ask for, if not to pay for.

Going further on four miles we came to the crossing on the Columbia at Salmon Beds. There was quite a stir here. The "Beds' are not literally where salmon used to rest. Only men, prospectors, etc., could have so little sense as to do that. But men did sleep on these flats. The water was still high and the Beds were yet nearly a swamp. We discharged our horses for the night to make the best of it, as we intended to do. There is here an hotel, store, blacksmith shop and a sawmill. A few dozen prospectors are encamped around on this "bed," so fruitful in rheumatism. I wonder should you be told that here, likewise, no bread could be secured at the hotels. Having good, sound teeth, sea-biscuit became very palatable. Early next morning, which was Friday, with a guide who worked at the particular claim we intended to see, we saddled our horses for a thirty mile trip. A mile below this is a townsite of the short-lived name of Columbia City, all laid off with agent on hand. For some reason the name was changed to Peterborough. It takes an early start to be in time on the ground. Nine miles down the Columbia we crossed too large creeks, Toby and Horse Thief. Along the northern or opposite side we followed out and in the course of the Horse Thief. Our guide was not an adept, so our wanderings were similar to the mazes of the wolf trail, however, we reached our destination at 10:30 p. m., dark enough to see. The last five miles were rough, with fallen timber and shelvy, precipitous side hills, over which we dragged our horses. A shower of rain a few miles before reaching our destination made it unpleasant, but we dried by the camp fire. This time we retired for the night under a tent. Next day the "Main" claim was reached, one or two miles further on. This seems to be in line with the now famous "Red Line," on Bulder creek, over the line from Horse Thief. So far as can be judged from external appearance and a few feet into the rock, the 'Main" is a mine about 10 feet wide, solid, and assays well. Further depth was ordered, and if expectations can be realized a valuable mine is here.

Ten miles from its mouth the Horse Thief is not so rapid, and grand meadows about a mile wide extend for over fifteen miles.

Our object accomplished, and having given a day's rest to our horses, we started homeward. The day was pleasant and the road much shortened. The "Red Line" is about 26 feet wide and assays over four hundred dollars, It has been bonded for $110,000, two parties being anxious to get hold of it. The general outlook of the Windermere district is good, and every one is hopeful and cheery over the prospect. There are dozens of other claims which for the present lie dormant until at least the Red Line proves its richness. We trust that like its namesake, the "Thin Red Line," its fame will pass down to posterity and that its discoverers may retire in comfort and affluence.

We returned, making our whole journey, on wheels, horseback, walking, crawling and sprawling, in six days, neither man or beast any the worse for so interesting a trip. The impression I received was that the East Kootenay is one day to be the source of immense wealth. May we be there to share it.

An Unsuccessful Operation.

"You told me you expected to perform an operation for appendicitis on old Beasley. How did you come out?"

"Badly.'

"Is Beasley dead?"

"No. As soon as I suggested the operation he sent for another doctor."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Bringing Dawson Near.

J. J. McArthur, Dominion government surveyor now in town on his way north with a party to work for the remainder of the season, leaves on the Queen for Skagway. His work begins at Bennett, and the reason of his going is the desire of the government to do away with the tedious delays that have occurred in the winter hitherto in getting mails to and from the Yukon country. Mr. McArthur's instructions are to lay out routes to Dawson that can be utilized in the winter so that mails may be forwarded as promptly as possible. With his large experience in the north, gained in previous years, Mr. McArthur is eminently fitted for the work. Mr. McArthur will join Mr. Charlson, who is now consructing the telegraph line to Dawson. This line, it is expected, will be completed to the coast by November and Dawson will no longer be cut off from the outside world during the season when navigation or road travel happened to be interrupted.—Victoria Globe.

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Absurdities of the Examination.

To the Editor:—The examinations are ended, the results are known, and many anxious hearts, suspended between hope and fear, are relieved and made either glad or sorrowful by the issue. So far as facts are concerned I am led to believe there are many disappointed in not obtaining as high a mark as had been hoped. Yet in my opinion and that of others, it is considered a favorable omen, vindicating a higher standard and rigid adherence to principle in the marking of papers. I have not the slightest doubt a clean-cut line may be drawn, indicating a fair standard of marking, placing the marking of every paper beyond criticism, and I have every confidence in the present board of examiners. Now, what I wish to see is, every paper placed on file in the education office open to inspection in all personally interested in the paper. Along this line there appears to have been dissatisfaction in the past. My opinion is that an education office that does not hold open for inspection at any time and for all time, the marking of candidates' papers is unworthy the confidence of the people. I can say from personal experience that candidates' papers are always open for inspection in the eastern provinces, and more than once I have had my own mind set at rest and confidence restored by the simple statement: "You may see your papers if you come to the office."

It may not be out of place for the writer to state that he is not in hearty accord with many phases of our educational system, and that he has been hoping and still hopes in due time there may be radical changes for the better. I would like to mention the obtaining of certificates. There are a number of teachers holding and teaching successfully good schools, yet thrown out of employment by failing to obtain the required percentage at the examination. In many cases these teachers have simply been martyrs to the cause of the young that they have had under their charge. With teaching and worrying with pupils during the day and examining papers and plodding during the night their mental forces have been exhausted, when during the dog-days of summer they are called on to assemble and tell all they ever knew. They fail and lose their school when at the same time they are better teachers and better informed from a general standpoint than they were when they engaged the school. A teacher, having passed an examination for a certificate of any grade should hold that certificate for life. It would save expense, leave the minds of teachers satisfied with the grade they hold and enable them to give their energies to school work and be of no loss to the educational standard.

Another relic of barbarism is the publishing of results of the examination. No matter what its origin I fail to see its justice. If all the candidates were writing under equally favorable circumstances, and if the examination was an absolute test of knowledge, and if the system of marking was known to the public, and if the public fully understood the nature of the system, then I could see reason for publishing the results of the examination. In the first instance the physical condition has been such as to reduce the mental forces of the candidates. For this very reason the examination is not a thorough test of knowledge. There is not a professional man in the city who would be willing to run his chances of a third B, and let the marks appear in the papers, if he had not given his especial attention to the immediate subjects of examination. And thus it is some of our best informed teachers are dropped from a high to low grade or drop out altogether, simply because they have, through press work, been unable to keep themselves posted in the immediate subjects of the examination, failing in some branch of a higher grade, all the work of that grade goes for nothing.

Truly this is scriptural, having sinned in one point they offend the whole law. Yet I fail to see the necessity of placing all the shortcomings before an ignorant and unscrupulous public. Ipen this because in many cases it works a hardship, as the teacher goes back to his school with the stigma of failure when in reality he has made good marks that have not been given to the public. O. H. COGSWELL.

Victoria, August 5, 1899.

NOTICE

TO PRE-EMPTORS OF LAND.

Notice is hereby given that all pre-emptors or purchasers of crown lands from whom the purchase money remaining unpaid on such lands is overdue, are required to make full payment of such balance, together with interest thereon, if any is due, within twelve months from the date of this notice, failing which their records or agreements concerning such lands are liable to cancellation, as provided by section 38 of the "Land Act."

F. CARTER-COTTON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 22nd June, 1899. 914

He Sent the Pork.

Professor Comstock of Cornell in speaking to his class on the trials of scientists told this authentic tale of the experience of a professor of invertebrate zoology in a sister institution, which had better be left nameless.

Trichinæ in pork, the cause of the frightful disease trichinosis in human consumers, give a peculiar appearance to meat, which is studded with little cysts. It is then known to the trade as "measly pork." The learned scientist, wishing some for study, went to the butcher and asked if he ever got any measly pork.

"Sometimes," said the butcher cautiously, "but I always throw it away."

"Well," said the professor, "the next time you have any I wish you'd send me up some," meaning, of course, to his laboratory.

The butcher stared at him, but said he would. Three weeks passed, when the professor, growing impatient, again dropped in.

"Haven't you found any measly pork yet?"

"Why, yes," said the butcher. "I sent up two pounds a week ago."

A sickly grin broke over the professor's face.

"Where did you send it?" said he.

"Why, to your house, of course," said the butcher.—Kansas City Times.

Jerry's Version of It.

A prominent Detroit woman with a great interest in juvenile mission work has this excellent anecdote to tell:

One of her classes in a certain mission is composed of little street children to the number of 20 or more whose ages range from 3 to 6. Most of the scholars are boys, though now and then one notices the pinched face of a little daughter of poverty in the ranks.

The other day the lesson was on the peculiarities of English. Words that are pronounced alike and spelled differently and words that are pronounced differently but spelled alike were discussed at length. She explained the difference between lead the metal and lead the verb, and the children grasped the point instantly. Then she took the two words "week" and "weak." She explained the difference in the meaning and use to the tots, and then called up a little fellow, aged 5, to use the word "weak" in a phrase. The little fellow thought a moment, then answered, "A weak old woman." The teacher nodded her approval, and smiled into the eyes upturned to hers.

"Now, Jerry Ryan," she said, turning to another little boy, "you take the word 'week' and use it in a phrase."

Jerry thought a minute, and then, he, too, replied, "A week old baby."—Detroit Free Press.

His Final Request.

A Scotch farmer, celebrated in his neighborhood for his immense strength and skill in athletic exercises, very frequently had the pleasure of contending with people who came to try their strength against him. Lord D., a great pugilistic amateur, went from London on purpose to fight the athletic Scot. The latter was working in an inclosure at a little distance from his house when the noble lord arrived. His lordship tied his horse to a tree and addressed the farmer. "Friend, I have heard marvelous reports of your skill and have come a long way to see which of us two is the better wrestler."

The Scotchman, without answering, seized the nobleman, pitched him over the hedge and then set about working again. When Lord D. got up, "Well," said the farmer, "have you anything to say to me?"

"No," replied his lordship, "but perhaps you'd be good enough to throw me my horse."—Public Opinion.

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CHAS. CROWHURST.
River Ranch, Chilcoten, July 12th, 1899.
12-15.

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Notice is hereby given that I intend, 30 days after date, to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works for the privilege of purchasing 147.7 acres of land on the west side of Williams Creek north of the Barkerville Cemetery, commencing at a post marked "W. T. S. E. Cor." 7 feet east of the Cariboo road, at the north east corner of the said Cemetery; thence north 13 chains and 42 feet to a point near the centre of said road, to mark which a post is set 13 feet west of said point; thence west 4 chains and 43 feet; thence north 26 chains and 24 feet; thence west 35 chains and 23 feet; thence south 40 chains; thence east 40 chains to the point of commencement.

WM. THOMPSON.
Barkerville, B. C., July 22nd, 1899. 14-17

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Land & Works for permission to lease 80 acres of land for purpose of cutting hay thereon, situated three miles north Rocky Springs, on the main Cariboo wagon road to Dog Creek.

14-17 T. J. DERBY.
Crow's Bar, B. C., July 25th, 1899.

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to Chief Commissioner Land & Works for permission to lease 80 acres of land for pastoral purposes situated in China Gulch, commencing at stake marked N; thence east 20 chains; thence south 40 chains, thence west 20 chains; thence north 40 chains to starting point.

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43tc C. W. EAGLE.

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JOS. PIDGEON.
Dog Creek, June 16th, 1899. 8t10

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NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Theophile McNeill, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by an order made by His Honor Judge Cornwall, Judge of the County Court of Cariboo, on the 28th day of June, 1898, letters of administration with the will annexed were granted to John A. Fraser, of Quesnelle Mouth, B.C., official administrator of the County of Cariboo, to the personal estate of Theophile McNeill, deceased intestate, late of Quesnelle Mouth B. C. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount due by them to the said John A. Fraser or the undersigned forthwith. All persons having claims against the said Theophile McNeill are required to send full particulars thereof, fully verified, and of the nature of the securities (if any) held by them to the said J. A. Fraser or the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of October, 1899. After the 22nd day of October, 1899, the administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated the 10th day of July, 1899.
DENIS MURPHY,
1115 Solicitor for Administrator.

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Richard Hough, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by an order made by His Honor Judge Cornwall, Judge of the County Court of Cariboo, on the 28th day of June, 1898, letters of administration were granted to John A. Fraser, of Quesnellemouth, B.C., official administrator of the County of Cariboo, to the personal estate of Richard Hough, deceased intestate, late of Barkerville, B.C. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount due by them to the said John A. Fraser or the undersigned forthwith. All persons having claims against the said Richard Hough are required to send full particulars thereof fully verified and of the nature of the securities (if any) held by them to the said J. A. Fraser or the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of October, 1899. After the 22nd day of October, 1899, the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

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Dated at Bennett, B. C., the 8th day of July, 1899.
A. E. PORTER.
W. A. ANDERSON.
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EBB TIDE.

A sodden reach of wide and wind swept lea,
A sky of shattered steel that pails the sight,
And one long shaft of sun that seems to write
Vast letters slowly on a slate of sea;
The dreary wail of gulls that skim the crest
Of sullen breakers sliding in to land,
A world grown empty, full of vague unrest
And shadow shapes that stride across the sand.

The gray beach widens. Foot by foot appear
Strange forms of wreckage creeping from the waves,
Like ghosts that steal in silence from their graves
To watch beside the deathbed of the year.
Poor shattered shapes of ships that once stood out
Full freighted to the far horizon's sweep
To music of the cheery sailor shout
Of men who sought the wonders of the deep!

Poor shattered ships! Their gallant cruising o'er,
Their cargoes coral crusted leagues below,
They rise, unnamed, unnumbered, from the slow
Recession of the ebb along the shore.
The fickle tide that bore them bravely then
Betrays their shame and nakedness to be
Mute witness to the littleness of men
Who battle with the sovereignty of sea.

For me, as well, alone upon the dune
There sinks a tide that strips the beaches bare
And leaves but grim unsightly wreckage where
The brooding skies make mockery of noon.
Ah, dear, that hopes, like tides, should ebb away,
Unmasking on the naked shore of love
Flotsam and jetsam of a happier day,
Dreams wrecked and all the emptiness thereof!

—Guy Wetmore Carryl in Harper's Magazine.

In the Nick O' Time.

The Widow Carney came out of her two room shanty beyond the dump. She stood erect in the spring sunshine, looking over a network of railroad tracks, across to the switchhouse, where Kathleen had taken Fergus O'Hare's dinner. Nelly Carney was still little more than a girl. Her face was arch and sweet, her eyes bright, her hair black and curly. The wind blew her calico dress away from her fine figure.

"And you say that she's a widow?" John Conover remarked to Fergus. "Not long, I venture."

"Three year," said Fergus, panting a little. "Not for any fault of the b'ys. She's a little uppish, is Nelly Carney. Phil were a fireman an like to be an engineer wan day, but the greasers down Coyote pass finished him wan night when they attacked the train. Company gives her the rint av the hoose thar, an she keeps boorders for meals."

That is how John Conover met Nelly Carney. He was getting ready to go to the mines. He had just come from the eastern states and had a claim up about Toby's creek that his brother had left him when he died the year before.

He did not say much about himself to any one. He took his meals with the Widow Carney for a week or so and bunked in with Fergus O'Hare. He said he was getting his outfit. Nelly Carney did some sewing for him, and they sat together evenings, while little Kathleen slept beside them.

One of these evenings John Conover seemed to be very thoughtful. At last he took a sudden resolution.

"Nelly," he began gently, "I'm going up to a rough place, but I've got a notion to take you along."

"It takes two to make a bargain, Mr. Conover."

"Not this bargain. I know you'll go, dear. I'm only wondering if it'll pay you. Jim always stuck to it, that that creek claim was bound to pan out. If it does, you and Kathleen will be fixed for life. If it don't, you might have a tough time. Shall we go down to the squire tomorrow, Nell?"

Nelly took a night's sleep on it and in the morning consented to go up country with John Conover. They were married one day and set out the next, taking the little child with them.

It seemed a shame to John Conover that he had brought such a pretty creature to live in such a wild and lonesome spot. She was happy enough, apparently the same Nelly that he had seen on the dump that spring day. The more he loved her the more he brooded over her sacrifice of a home and friends among civilized people. He worked hard, and the next summer made a good find in a hole and sent her back to San Francisco with a small fortune and instructions to put Kathleen into a convent, where she could have schooling and be made a lady of for the future.

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Life in a hotel is a great educator. Day after day Mrs. Conover went about, saw great plays, read novels, visited her child and enjoyed existence. She received John's infrequent letters with a positive alarm. Suppose he should send for her to return. She could close her eyes and see the great, dark, snow topped mountain wall, the rough cabin close under the shadow, the brawling waters of the mountain torrent. In dreams she heard the thrumming voice of the wind among the pine boughs, the scream of the wild eagles. That was all. She missed John at first with all the passion of her impulsive nature. But as time went on the longing grew less fierce, and she felt she would rather never return than to go now when life was so full of gayety and novelty.

One day Fergus O'Hare came to see her. The colored servant told her, with a grin, that the visitor would not write his name on a card—maybe couldn't. Nelly flushed, for she knew it was but a little time since she had been ignorant of card formalities. She said she would see him in her own parlor, and the amused bellboy showed up the switchman. He looked rougher and more grimy than ever.

"How do you do, Fergus?" she said, with a little condescension.

Fergus had stopped in the middle of the little parlor.

"Nelly Conover! Oi can't belave it's the same," he said.

"It is," she laughed. Then, in her warm hearted way: "Sit down, Fergus; I'm glad to see you. You should see Kathleen. She's a fine girl now."

Fergus would not sit down. He was evidently at a loss what to say. He shifted his hat unesily.

"Nelly Carney thot was, Oi moost hurry my wurrd, as Oi've Tim Blake in me place down in the yard. Oi've some wurred of John Conover from a dirthy Chinese thot Oi've befrinded wunst or twice. He told me, Nelly Carney, thot John has med his foind at last, an thot three ov the worst min in San Francisco are to be afther not ony phat he's taken oot alriddy, but it will be his life for his claim out there beyant."

Nelly Conover had risen. All the fine lady dropped from her. She ran to Fergus and caught his hand.

"Fergus, Fergus, ye're a friend, indeed! Come away with me to John. Get Tim, Denny and Jerry and one of the other boys we can depend on. There's plenty of money. We will go faster than any one. Oh, Fergus, help me, for old time's sake!"

"We've no toime, thin, to lose," quoth Fergus, "for thot gang is away three hours noo. Be ready whin I come with the b'ys."

An hour or two later Nelly was ready. She had been to the convent to kiss Kathleen; she had dressed herself in her coarse mountain clothing again. The next train north bore the Irishmen and Nelly to the little station where she had decided to get off.

It was by a short cut, rough and dangerous, that Nelly made up her mind to lead her followers. It was one by which John Conover used to secretly transport his gold. Several times she had tramped with him up and down the pass. She calculated that she could arrive an hour or two after the attacking party if they pushed forward all night. A terrible energy possessed Nelly. Her eyes shone with terror and anxiety. Could they reach John in time? As she plunged onward in the dark she registered a vow never to leave John Conover again if his life were spared.

Toward dawn the party were in sight of Toby's creek. Nelly pointed with shaking finger at the hut near the mountain side. There was a light in the cabin. The party crept up stealthily. Nelly crawled on her hands and knees to the back of the window. The sight within froze her blood. John Conover was tied and bound before the fire until he was perfectly helpless. Three men were torturing him, Indian fashion, by applying burning sticks to his feet. He would not sign away his claim.

Nelly drew back one second, and Fergus took her place. A settled gray look came into the face of the big switchman. He motioned the next man, and all drew their pistols. Fergus crept to the door, motioning Nelly to shelter herself. There were a sudden crash in of the door, three shots and a dash at the window. Nelly fired the pistol that she held straight into the face of the man who came first.

John Conover was to remain a badly crippled man. He had expected no succor, but he knew Nelly well enough to think she would never relinquish the claim only over his own signature, hardly then. He had resigned himself to die that she might have a fortune. It was a snatch from the grave for him.

Every one knows the Conovers on the two continents. The claim was one of the best three in California. Kathleen was such a fabulous heiress she could have married a dozen titles, but she chose a plain American. She had a young half brother, who, strange as it may seem, was called Fergus from the start. He was a famous athlete in an eastern college in the seventies and married an English girl of family. Nelly Conover, a lovely white haired old lady, may often be seen in the picture galleries and pleasure gardens of continental cities, walking beside the wheel chair of a genial old gentleman. She kept her vow. No time since that awful hour on the mountain side has she been absent from John Conway's side.—Chicago News.

Origin of "Mrs. Partington."

Miss Shillaber, a daughter of the famous humorist, B. P. Shillaber, gives this account of how her father came to sign himself "Mrs. Partington:"

My father had always been delighted with Sydney Smith's description of a "Mrs. Partington" mopping back the Atlantic with a broom, and her name just then occurring to him he chronicled a rise in breadstuffs thus: "Mrs. Partington says the price of flour makes no difference to her, as she always pays the same for half a dollar's worth."

This occurred in 1847, on the day he became a reporter for the Boston Post. It was copied in all the newspapers in the country and made him famous. Its reception surprised and pleased him, and he thereafter made desultory sayings of the kind upon all topics of the day, soon introducing "Ike," and in a brief time they became national characters.

Porto Rico of the Future.

"Dulce! Si vende! Dulce!" "Agua de coco! Mucho fresco!" For a hundred years—yes, for 200 years—have these voices filled the evening air and pleaded for patronage from some fair buyer on the balconies above, where idly the Spanish belle wiles away the evening in laughter and casts longing eyes at the gay caballero promenading beneath. A generation hence and all this will have passed away, and in the dying a new strong nation will have arisen—the old charming picture gone and a new one of smoking trains, burring trolleys, blinding lights, a milkman in a wagon and a huckster with a one horse cart, who cries: "Fish! Fresh fish!"—Harper's Weekly.

How a Parent Got Left.

"Are you enjoying this beautiful spring, Mr. Tompkins?"

"No. You see, my boy Dickey played a trick on me and went to the circus with that man next door."—Chicago Record.

Landor's Cravat.

At a friendly dinner at Gore House, when it was the most delightful of houses, his dress—say, his cravat or shirt collar—had become slightly disarranged on a hot evening, and Count d'Orsay laughingly called his attention to the circumstance as we rose from table. Landor became flushed and greatly agitated. "My dear Count d'Orsay, I thank you! My dear Count d'Orsay, I thank you from my soul for pointing out to me the abominable condition to which I am reduced! If I had entered the drawing room and presented myself before Lady Blessington in so absurd a light, I would instantly have gone home, put a pistol to my head and blown my brains out."—"Landor's Letters."

When He Was Fond of It.

Quinn—Are you fond of Welsh rabbit?

Topliff—Before eating, while I am eating and for a very short time after.—Boston Transcript.

A man always rises in his own estimation when he gets on familiar terms with a person of whom he once stood in awe.

He Ended the Feud.

When the Republicans were about to nominate somebody to run for governor in 1844, there were candidates in all parts of the woods. The day of the convention, however, "Uncle Dick" went down and, without having present any semblance of candidacy other than his own personality, he was nominated by acclamation.

His brother-in-law, David T. Littler, was a candidate for state treasurer. He had been to some pains to make his candidacy an organized feature of the days preceding the convention. When Oglesby was named for governor, Littler was put out of the calculations by reason of coming from the next county and was side-tracked in consequence. Although Mrs. Oglesby and Mrs. Littler were sisters, the houses of Oglesby and Littler were far apart from that time. The heads were so completely estranged that one did not speak to the other. For ten years they remained strangers.

Littler lived in a great old fashioned mansion in Springfield. Oglesby lived on his farm near Elkhart. One day, to the surprise of the Littler family, ex-Governor Oglesby walked in.

"How are you, Dave?" said the ex-governor.

"How are you, governor?" said Littler, as he struggled against his astonishment. Then the extended hand of the unexpected visitor was cordially grasped.

"I came to take dinner with you, Dave."

"Well, I'm glad of it," answered Littler, as he took the hat and coat of his caller.

"Is the whisky bottle in the same old place, Dave?"

"It is, and there's whisky in it."

And that was how the family feud ended forever.

Ammonia as a Fire Extinguisher.

Probably the best fire extinguishing liquid is aqua ammonia, without any addition whatever. We have personally had experience with the almost marvelous power of this substance in this direction. In one instance, where fire had originated probably from spontaneous combustion, in a pile containing several tons of cotton seed, and the interior of which was almost a solid body of live coal, a half gallon of ammonia completely smothered the fire.

In another, which occurred at Savenay, France, the vapors of a tank containing 50 gallons of gasoline caught fire in the linen room of a laundry. The room was instantly a mass of living flames, but a gallon and a half of ammonia water thrown into it completely and almost immediately extinguished the fire. The ammonia was in a glass demijohn in an apothecary shop next door to the laundry and was thrown into the room by the druggist as an experiment. So completely was the fire extinguished that workmen were enabled to enter the room almost immediately, where they found the iron tank of gasoline intact.—National Druggist.

A Cheap Luncheon.

A good story is told in connection with the last Ascot meeting. An American, who was used to going into racing booths in his own country, ordering luncheon and paying $1, found himself hungry at the royal meeting, so he walked into the first tent handy and told the attendant to give him something to eat. The man put a sumptuous luncheon before him, to which, as well as the champagne, the visitor did ample justice. He then handed the attendant 5 shillings, received his thanks and was bowed out of the tent, inwardly congratulating himself on the moderateness of the charge. An English friend whom he met outside said:

"I did not know you were acquainted with Lord H."

"Neither am I," replied the Bostonian.

"Oh, I beg your pardon," said the interrogator. "I thought you were, as you came out of his tent."—London Tit-Bits.

Bradlaugh's H's.

Mrs. Godfrey Clerk told me today at dinner that when she was in London last year some one said in her presence, "It is strange that Bradlaugh, although he speaks well, should never be able to manage the letter h." Sir F. Halliday, who was sitting by, remarked, "The reason is obvious; we know that

"'Twas whispered in heaven,
'Twas muttered in hell,

and Bradlaugh will have nothing to say to either."—Sir M. E. Grant Duff's Diary.

The Paste Didn't Hold.

"I have shown this to a jeweler," said the young woman, flinging the engagement ring scornfully at his feet. "Did you think," she asked, with crushing sarcasm, "you could cement our affection with paste?"

"So!" hissed the young man, folding his arms and gazing at her with equal scorn. "It's paste, is it? And yet you are not stuck on it!"—Chicago Tribune.

Verdict as Rendered.

"Gentlemen of the jury," asked the clerk of the court, "have you agreed upon a verdict?"

"We have," replied the foreman. "The verdict of the jury is that the lawyers have mixed this case up so that we don't know anything at all about it."

The Sand Desert of India.

The sand ridges or dhoras of the Indian desert spring from low cross ridges or saddles, like closed fingers from the knuckles of the back of the hand, but in reverse and parallel directions. That is to say, the ridges face both northeast and southwest, covering a longitudinal distance of one to two miles, when they are again repeated in a similar formation. Their cross slopes average two to one and are well covered with desert grasses and bushes, an occasional acacia or rohira tree breaking the monotony of the landscape. This peculiar formation ends abruptly at the sandstone cliffs of Sata, about 1,000 feet above sea level, which form a barrier to their farther extension eastward. When seen for the first time from these heights, they have a confused, wavelike appearance, and it is only ultimately discovered that they form in plan parallel but tapering ridges.

With the exception of the field rat, animal life is absent, and the old trade route is mostly indicated by the skeletons of camels which dot the track at short intervals.—C. H. Croudace, in Engineering Magazine.

At the pretty village of Holylake, a suburb of Liverpool, there are golf links which are famous as being the oldest and among the best in England, the game being brought there by the Scotch.

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LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

See the adv. of Westminster fair in another column.

Miss Shannon, teacher at McCarthy's on the Cariboo road, returned this week to resume her school duties.

The Lavena and Coppinger Comedy Company creates the laughing habit. Ashcroft Opera House 14th and 15th.

W. J. Kelley and Miss Isabella Cunningham were married at Clinton, Wednesday, August 9th, by Rev. W. W. Hardie. Mr. B. Newsham acted as groomsman and Miss B. McDonald as bridesmaid. The happy couple are now at Victoria for a few weeks.

Next Tuesday Kataloops will have an election to see whether or not a loan of $37 500 shall be secured by the city to be used for light and water service. While there is not so much interest shown as would be expected by those interested, it is the general impression that the loan will be endorsed.

A through telegraph line from Ashcroft to Dawson City will mean, we trust, a commodious government building at Ashcroft next season for a post-office, customs house and telegraph office, and as all of these departments are under Dominion control the Dominion will no doubt provide suitable offices.

The Nelson Tribune says: "A banquet was tendered to Ald. Henry B. Thompson upon the occasion of his departure from this city to engage in business at the 150-Mile House, in Cariboo." Mr. Thompson is now in charge of the 150-Mile properties and is we believe, with Tom Allice, of Turner, Beeton Company, taking stock, etc. Mr. Thompson comes to Cariboo with a splendid business reputation, and he certainly has a field of operations in Cariboo extensive and rich in natural resources.

Mr. Mackinnon, C. E., is about to visit Cariboo and is prepared to examine and report on dredging propositions in that district. Mr. Mackinnon has lately paid a visit to New Zealand and spent some time there looking into the operations carried on in that colony for the recovery of gold by dredging in creeks and rivers, and judging from what he has seen he does not hesitate to say that there is a larger and richer field for dredging in British Columbia. Those having dredging leases in Cariboo would be wise to avail themselves of his experience when he is in the district.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Keary relative to the date set for the Clinton races, it being reported that they would appear the same week that the Westminster fair is to be held. We do not so understand it, and if so Clinton people will make a mistake. Many people who would like to attend the Clinton meet, also wish to attend the Westminster fair, and reduced railroad fare, together with the splendid exhibit always given by Westminster will cause them to go there. The Clinton people have been written to by the Westminster committee regarding the dates, and we trust it will be arranged so that there will be no conflicting interests.

John Hopp, of Slough creek, left by B. X. stage for Barkerville on Friday. The sudden and entirely unexpected death of W. F. Sargent, so well and favorably known in Cariboo in connection with the Slough creek mines, has delayed Mr. Hopp some time. Mr. Sargent died June 26th in a physician's office in Tacoma of heart failure. He had not been feeling quite well for some weeks but had thought it a form of lagrippe. He had just arrived in Tacoma and was on his way to his house when feeling somewhat poorer than he had been he stepped into his physician's office for advice. The doctor was in an adjoining room writing a prescription for him when Mr. Sargent fell and was taken up dead. He was 42 years of age and a bright, thorough business man. Cariboo sustains a serious loss by Mr. Sargent's untimely death.

The Standard says in relation to Mr. Deane's appointment as Commissioner of Lands and Works:—The Government have against their will had to give Mr. Henderson the Attorney-Generalship, but in case of their defeat they will have to go to the country. This they are preparing for, and with that end in view, we may expect the cheese-paring policy suddenly to expand into lavish expenditure. In order to further secure an unsafe seat, rumors are set abroad that Mr. Deane will be given a portfolio. This, however, need not be taken seriously, though he himself may be vain enough to believe it. In the first place the Government could never be re-elected, in the second place he could not get elected, and in the third, should by a miracle the other two things occur, they would find political reasons for giving it to some more important person. They might go so far just before dissolution to go through the form of gazetting the appointment, but this would only go to show how tricky the outfit is, as their only reason for doing so would be in order to try and prevent Mr. G. B. Martin from getting the seat back again."

We do not think the latter suggestion would be carried out. In any case if there is a new election, Mr. Deanes' opponent would be, so say Kamloops people generally, not Mr. Martin but some new man.

Don't forget the Kickapoos at the Ashcroft Opera House, Monday Aug., 14th and 15th. In connection with the Lavena and Coppinger Comedy Company, we create the laughing habit. 15, 25 and 50 cents. Children under ten years 15 cents.

We are in receipt of a letter from Cariboo enclosing a long contribution relative to the Rev. Laidley's and the Rev. Dorrell's letters of late date appearing in the JOURNAL. As the writer fails to sign his name the letter must of necessity be consigned to the waste basket.

Time brings about changes, sometimes very suddenly too. A man may be a good man at night and ready and anxious to whip any other man in Ashcroft. The next morning when he wakes up without a cent in his pocket and in the Skookum House for being drunk and disorderly, he is not nearly so big a man as he was the night before.

We see by the papers that Miss Edith Hawthorne has been quite successful at the late teachers' examination. She stands well up in the list of second A's, the grade for which she applied, her name appearing above many of the old teachers and above many who have been attending the High schools of the province, and who are supposed to be well up in their work. It might not be amiss to remark in this connection that Miss Hawthorne has been attending the Ashcroft public school since Christmas and in a number of the subjects has been following the work of the advanced class. We understand that she is engaged as assistant in our school for next year.

Mr. R. T. Ward, manager of the Horsefly mine, spent a day in Ashcroft this week on his way to San Francisco on a business trip. Mr. Ward expects to return in about two weeks. He left with the Bank of B. N. A., Ashcroft, about $8,000 for shipment. Mr. Ward informed us that he found that the Bank gave him better terms on gold than he could obtain elsewhere, and that from now on they would handle the output from the Horsefly gold mine. As samples of the rich dirt of Horsefly Mr. Ward had in one bottle the gold taken from three pounds of gravel from bed-rock, the amount being over $95; from two pans $1,300, and in about a panful of rich gravel that he was taking below to show to his partners there was a number of hundred dollars in sight, probably from $600 to $1,000 in the one pan. In another column will be found a description of Horsefly and its mines.

Fall Fairs.

The following list shows the date and places of the Fall fairs as far as known:

Kamloops	September	20, 21, 22
Nanaimo	September	22, 23
Okanagan	September	26, 27, 28
Ashcroft	September	27, 28, 29
New Westminster	October	3, 4, 5, 6

Baron Rudolph, by Baron Wilkes, recently purchased by Mr. Kinsea Stone and Dr C. Caun of Georgetown, Ky., is to be trained by Gus Macey and raced this season as a 3-year-old.—Turf, Field and Farm.

The goldfish is a great coward, and a tiny fish with the courage to attack it can frighten it almost to death.

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(d.) To purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, exchange, lease, underlease, surrender, abandon, amalgamate, subdivide, grant licences, or easements, develop, work, turn to account, dispose of and deal in real and personal property of all kinds, and in particular lands, mines, buildings, heriditaments, business concerns and undertakings, mortgages, charges, patents, patent rights, trade mrrks, licences, concessions, leases, contracts, options, book debts, claims, steamers, sailing vessels, barges and boats, and any interest in real or personal property, and any claims against such property, or against any persons or company or corporation, and to finance and carry on any business concern or undertaking so acquired, and to enfranchise any leasehold property acquired by the Company:

(e.) To purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, manipulate, exchange, turn to account, dispose of and deal in agricultural, plantation, forestal, fishing and trading rights; and to buy, sell and deal in, work up and prepare for market, all or any products of the earth including animals, grain, provisions, fruits, wines, spirits, cotton, wool, silk, fibres, tobacco, coffee, tea, sugar, timber, rubber, oils, chemicals, explosives, drugs, dye stuffs, nitrates, petroleum, bullion, specie, coin and merchandise, and commodities of all kinds, either for immediate or future delivery, and whether in a crude state or manufactured, or partly manufactured or otherwise, and to advance money at interest upon the security of all or any such products, merchandise and commodities, and to carry on business as merchants, importers and exporters:

(f.) To aid, encourage and promote immigration into any lands or property acquired or controlled by the Company, or in which the Company is in any way interested; to lay out towns or villages, and to colonize the same, and for such purposes to lend and grant any sums of money for any purpose which may, or may be supposed to be, for the advantage of the Company:

(g.) To promote, acquire, construct, equip, maintain, improve, work, manage or control, or aid in or subscribe towards the promotion, acquisition, construction, equipment, maintainance improvement, working, management, or control of, works, undertakings and operations of all kinds, both public and private, in any part of the world, and in particular roads, tramways, railways, telegraphs, telephones, cables, ships, lighters, harbors, piers, docks, quays, wharves, warehouses, bridges, viaducts, aqueducts, reservoirs, embankments, water-works, water courses, canals, flumes, irrigations, drainage, saw-mills, crushing mills, smelting works, iron, steel, ordnance, engineering and implement works, hydraulic works, gas and electric lighting, electrical works, power supply, quarries, collieries, coke ovens, foundries, furnaces, factories, carrying undertakings by land and water, fortifications, markets, exchanges, mints, public and private buildings, newspapers and publication establishments, breweries, wineries, distilleries, hotels, residences, stores, shops and places of amusement, recreation or instruction, whether for the purposes of the Company, or for sale or hire to, or in return for any consideration from any other companies or persons:

(h.) To undertake and carry on any business transaction or operation commonly undertaken or carried on by financiers, promoters of companies, bankers, underwriters, concessionaires, contractors for public and other works, capitalists or merchants, and to carry on any other business which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with any of the objects of the Company, or which may be thought calculated, directly or indirectly, to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the Company's property or rights:

(i) To transact and carry on all kinds of agency and commission business, and in particular to collect moneys, royalties, revenue, interest, rent and debts, to negotiate loans, to find investments, and to issue and place shares, stock, bonds, debentures, debenture stock, and other securities; to subscribe for, purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, exchange, dispose of and deal in shares, stock, bonds, debentures, debenture stock, or securities of any company, whether British, Colonial or Foreign, or of any authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise; and to guarantee the payment of money secured by or payable under or in respect of bonds, debentures, debenture stock, contracts, mortgages, charges, obligations and securities of any company, whether British, Colonial or Foreign, or of any authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, or of any persons whomsoever, whether corporate or unincorporate:

(j) To guarantee the title to or quiet enjoyment of property, either absolute by or subject to any qualifications or conditions, and to guarantee persons and corporations interested, or about to become interested, in any property against any loss, actions, proceedings, claims or demands in respect of any insufficiency, imperfection or deficiency of title, or in respect of any incumbrance, burdens or outstanding rights, and to furnish and provide deposits and guarantees of funds required in relation to any tender or application for any contract, concession, decree, enactment, property or privilege, or in relation to the carrying out of any contract, concession, decree or enactment, and generally to carry on and transact every kind of trust, guarantee and indemnity business, either gratuitously or otherwise, and to undertake obligations of every kind and description:

(k) To undertake the office of trustee, receiver and liquidator, whether official or otherwise, executor, administrator, committee, manager, attorney, delegate, substitute, treasurer, and any other offices or situations of trust or confidence, and to perform and discharge the duties and functions incident thereto, and to undertake the management and secretarial work, or any other work in relation to the business of any other company, on such terms as may be agreed upon:

(l) To receive moneys, securities and valuables of all kinds on deposit, at interest or otherwise, or for safe custody:

(m) To lend money to such parties and on such terms, with or without security, as may seem expedient, and in particular to customers of and persons having dealings with the Company:

(n) To draw, make, accept, issue, indorse, discount, buy, sell, and deal in bills of exchange, promissory notes, drafts, bills of lading, warrants, and other negotiable or transferable instruments:

(o) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money for the purposes of the Company, in such manner and upon such terms as may seem expedient, and to secure the repayment of moneys borrowed or owing, the performance of or obligations incurred by the Company, by redeemable or irredeemable bonds, debentures, or debenture stock (such bonds, debentures, or debenture stock being made payable to bearer or otherwise, and issuable or payable either at par or at a premium or discount), or by mortgages, trust deed, scrip certificates, bills of exchange or promissory notes, or by any other instrument or in such other manner as may be determined, and for any such purposes to charge all or any part of the property of the Company, both present and future, including its uncalled capital, and to allot credited as fully or partly paid up, the shares of the Company, or bonds, debentures, or debenture stock issued by the Company, as the whole or part of the purchase price for any property purchased by the Company, or for any valuable consideration:

(p) To make donations to such persons and in such cases, and either of cash or other assets, as may be thought directly or indirectly conducive to any of the Company's objects, or otherwise expedient, and in particular to remunerate any person or corporation, introducing business to this Company, and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects, or for any exhibition, or for any public, general or other object, and to aid in the establishment and support of associations for the benefit of persons employed by or having dealings with the Company, and in particular friendly or other benefit societies, and to grant any pension, either by way of an annual payment or a lump sum, to any officer or servant of the Company:

(q) To enter into any arrangement with any government or authorities, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, and to obtain from any such government or authorities any rights, concessions, charters and privileges which may be thought conducive to the Company's objects or any of them:

(r) To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property, goodwill and liabilities of any company, corporation, society, partnership, or persons carrying on or about to carry on any business which this Company is authorised to carry on, or which is in any respect similar to the objects of this Company, or which is capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company, or possessed of property deemed suitable for the purposes of this Company, and to enter into partnership or into any arrangement with respect to the sharing of profits, union of interests, or amalgamation, reciprocal concession or co-operation, either in whole or in part, with any such company, corporation, society, partnership, or persons:

(s) To sell, exchange, lease, underlease, surrender abandon, amalgamate, subdivide, mortgage, or otherwise deal with, either absolutely, conditionally, or for any limited interest, all or any part of the undertaking, property, rights or privileges of the Company, as a going concern or otherwise, to any public body, corporation, company, society or association, or to any person or persons, for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for any stock, shares, debentures, debenture stock, securities or property of any other company:

(t) To promote, form, organize and register, and to aid and assist in the promotion, formation, organization and registration of any other company or companies, either in Great Britain or elsewhere, for the purpose of acquiring, working or otherwise dealing with all or any of the property, rights or liabilities of this Company, or any property in which this Company is interested, or for any other purpose, with power to assist such company or companies by paying or contributing towards the preliminary expenses or providing the whole or part of the capital thereof, or by taking or subscribing for shares, preferred, ordinary or deferred therein, or by lending money thereto upon debentures or otherwise:

(u) To remunerate, either in cash, fully paid shares or otherwise, the promoters, or any person assisting in the promotion of this Company, or of any such company as aforesaid; to pay out of the funds of the Company all or any of the expenses of and incident to the promotion, formation, organization, registration, advertising, and establishment of this or any other such company as aforesaid, and to the issue and subscription of the share or loan capifaital, including brokerage and commissions for obtaining applications for, or placing or guaranteeing the placing of the shares or any debentures, debenture stock or other securities of this or any other such company as aforesaid, and also all expenses attending the issue of any circular, map, plan, or notice, or the printing, stamping and circulating of proxies or forms to be filled up by the members of this, or connected with this, or any other other company:

(v) To obtain, or in any way assist in obtaining, any Provisional Order or Act of Parliament, or other necessary authority, for enabling this or any other company to carry any of its objects into effect, or for effecting any modification of this or any other company's constitution; to procure this or any other company to be legalized, registered or incorporated, if necessary, in accordance with the laws of any country or state in which it may, or may propose to carry on operations; to establish and maintain agencies of the Company, and to open and keep a colonial or foreign register or registers in any British colony or dependency, or in any foreign country, and to allocate any number of the shares to such register or registers:

(w) To give the call of shares, and to confer preferential or special right to the allottment of shares, on such terms and in such manner as may seem expedient:

(x) To distribute any of the assets or property of the Company among the members in specie or otherwise, but so that no distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made without the sanction of the court where necessary:

(y.) To do all or any of the above things in any part of the globe, either as principals, agents, contractors, trustees or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others, and either by or through agents, sub-contractors, trustees or otherwise; and with power to appoint a trustee or trustees, personal or corporate, to hold any property on behalf of the Company, and to allow any property to remain outstanding in such trustee or trustees:

(z.) To do all such other things as are incidental or may be thought conductive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them, and so that the word "Company" in this memorandum, when applied otherwise than to this Company, shall be deemed to include any partnership or other body of persons, whether corporate or incorporate, and whether domiciled in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and the objects specified in each of the paragraphs in this memorandum shall be regarded as independent objects, and accordingly shall be in nowise limited or restricted (except when otherwise expressed in such paragraph) by reference to the objects indicated in any other paragraph, or the name of the company, but may be carried out in as full and ample a manner, and construed in as wide a sense as if each of the said paragraphs defined the objects of a separate, distinct and independent Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 1st day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

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