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Slough Creek.

It is very probable that the old channel in the Slough Creek company's works has been located, bed rock having been reached in the hole started the last of July at a depth of 287 feet. Holes were drilled a hundred feet or so on each side of the deep hole and bedrock tapped in one at 245 feet and the other at some less depth. A profile map of cross sections showing borings, shafts and drifts gives one a very clear idea of the work being done at Slough creek.

The works are right where a number of creeks center and there should, by all calculations, be a veritable nest of gold under where the development is being done. Every creek that empties into Slough creek has been rich. We were shown some nuggets taken from Nelson creek, one of the tributaries, this summer. One ragged piece of gold was worth over $80. Others from $16 to $40 were in the same collection. The Chinese who worked on the benches made excellent incomes for the short season of four or five weeks, while their indifferent supply of water held out, and all the work ever done around Slough creek paid very well, and when the bed rock shaft and tunnel are run the deep diggings on Slough creek will prove all that the company has ever claimed.

The tunnel which is running for the mouth of Nelson creek is now within about 250 feet of where bed rock should be reached and already some gold has been extracted from the wash from the creek. Considerable gold, but not in paying quantities has been raised from the bottom of the 287 foot drill hole by the steam jet. No very coarse gold was raised but a considerable quantity of fine gold was secured from the little sluice box which was used to wash the borings. It is estimated that the gravel on bed rock at the bottom of the 287 foot hole is 12 to 14 feet in depth and it is over laid with about 150 feet of clay.

On the whole the season's work at Slough creek has been quite successful and from the knowledge gained this year the next season's work can be laid out and plans accurately formed. The bed rock shaft and tunnel will be started in the spring or as soon as the tunnel now making for the mouth of Nelson creek reaches bed rock.

Strike in the South Wales.

Stanley was the scene of a strike last week which has all the evidences which may go far to revive all the old time glories of Lightning creek, when the Van Winkle, Vulcan and others were turning out ounces by the thousand. The South Wales company composed of Messrs. Jones, Price and Tregillies have been at work for over five years on their shaft, tunnels and connections. The old tunnel of the Van Winkle mine was used as a drain and extended into the South Wales. The entire length is over 1,500 feet, which in itself represents an enormous amount of work. A shaft about a hundred feet deep was sunk on the South Wales and a pump introduced which keeps the sump at the bottom of the shaft clear of water.

Several drifts have been run from the bottom of the shaft. In the center one, of which there are three, the strike was made which the owners have been confidently expecting to make ever since they commenced work. At a distance of about 60 feet from the bottom of the shaft a face of rock was encountered and it rose almost perpendicularly about four feet and nearly filled the drift. Uprising and going over the top it was found to pitch away and on a space of less than 4 feet square of bed rock over 8 ounces of gold, in pieces of good weight, were cleaned up. Seldom, even in that vicinity, where rich cleanups used to be a common thing, has that amount been taken from such a small space of bed rock.

Not only are the owners, but all residents of the neighborhood, are highly elated over the strike, as it means a rise in the waning fortunes of old Stanley. The patience of these men has been almost incredible and they deserve well at the hands of dame fortune. Many attempts were made in the old days to reach the ground recently opened up all agree that it should be extremely rich.

W. W. Anderson, whose name has appeared in these columns before, came down from Cariboo on the last stage and proceeded on to Vancouver. After a couple of weeks spent at that city he will go on to San Francisco and will probably winter there and enjoy a much needed rest after a season of great activity. His business is to examine and report on mining properties and regions for mining companies and he has this year been on the ground of nearly every prominent mine in the upper country. His last trip took him the whole length of Quesnelle river from the Forks to the Mouth, to Stanley and to Barkerville. While at Barkerville he visited Antler, Cunningham, Valley, Grouse, Stouts and Mosquito creeks, the Gold Fields and Laird's works on Willow river. He did not overlook the quartz proposition and saw some very fine quartz leads while in the Barkerville region. He exhibited some very nice nuggets of gold in which the clear, white quartz was so evenly distributed, that it was a question which predominated, quartz or gold. The gold was rough, exceedingly so, and could not have been brought very far. "From what I saw in the Barkerville region," said Mr. Anderson, "I am quite confident that the great amount of quartz float is from ledges in the immediate vicinity. The entire country is covered with a great deposit of wash gravel and the croppings can not be found as easily as can be done in regions where the country rock stands out boldly to the sight. One thing that dictates this idea is that in nearly every hydraulic mine I visited where much gravel had been removed I found quartz leads protruding and in every case entirely undeveloped, the owner in many cases not looking at the rock the second time. Of the very few quartz leads on which any work at all has been done, the assays have shown, while not a very rich return, at least a fair assay value, and there is quartz enough to justify the expenditure of some money in labor. It is not probable, either, that, owing to the great deposits of wash gravel on the mountains, coupled with the growth of trees and vegetation, that the best quartz leads have been discovered. I predict a great development in quartz mining in Cariboo." Mr. Anderson visited the Bonanza mine near Lillooet and the Victoria mine, owned by a Montreal company on North Fork Quesnelle. Of the Bonanza he said: "There is an abundance of quartz in sight and much that I have seen is very rich. The company owning the bond on the property are now developing with a view of proving the property. So far all development work has been very satisfactory and it is highly probable that the bond will be taken up." The Montreal Co., he said, had shut down for the season but would resume operation early in the spring.

From Granite Creek.

W. L. Hogg, of the Tulameen Hydraulic company, came in on Wednesday morning by way of Spence's Bridge and left the same night for Vancouver. He not only confirmed the statement made by Fritz B. Fabian about the $140 nugget found at Granite creek, but brought in the mass of gold itself, which he bought from Ole Benson and partner, who found it while sluicing in the creek below the ditch for the Tulameen company. The nugget weighs 10 oz. 3 1-5 dwt., and is of about $180 commercial value, but as a specimen would be worth about $21 an ounce. This nugget is one of the largest that has been found in B. C. The surface is worn smooth and it has the appearance of a potato. Benson and his partner, Mr. Hogg says, obtained several fine nuggets this summer, besides doing well with their sluicing.

The Stevenson Gold and Platinum Hydraulic company has its flume and ditch nearly completed and will be ready for washing in the spring. The Tulameen company has been prospecting its gravel bank with a small hydraulic plant, and has had very satisfactory returns. Capt. Scott's company has been hydraulicking some time, but Mr. Hogg had not been down there recently. He understood the work done was mostly preliminary, preparatory to putting things in order for the spring.—Sentinel.

It is reported that Messrs. Jones and Dunn, who have been working on Big Bar, on the Fraser river, the past summer have made a good clean-up and are well satisfied with their season's work.

The sluice boxes and pipe line which were so badly damaged last week when Frank Budden was covered up and killed by the slide in the "Cariboo" mine, have been repaired and the pit is running as usual.

Advices from Quesnelle are that work on the Underwood dredger is fairly under way and that reasonable progress is being made. The timbers for the scow are cut and on the ground and the work of framing is progressing, from 10 to 12 men being employed. The machinery is ordered and on the way to Ashcroft.

We are indebted to Mr. J. Carson of Pavillion for some very nice specimens of ore from Cayoosh creek, which were taken from the claim of Geo. E. Guthrie. They show the sulphurets which usually bear gold and we are assured by Mr. Carson that the claim is a really meritorious one. It is not far from Cayoosh creek that the Bonanza ledge is located.

B. F. Heney and R. Heard of the O. K. mining company, at Stanley, were in town this week. Other interested parties are Robert Pritchard, J. R. Hamilton, Sam Fergusen, and Jack Cunningham. Their claim is on a small creek which empties into Peter's creek and work enough has been done, so the interested parties think, to justify them in putting in a hydraulic plant to reduce the gravel banks and wash the gold. All the work done has shown fair prospects of gold and enough has been taken out already to make an appreciable difference in their expenses. A ditch 1¼ miles long is under construction and the work so far advanced that it will not take long to complete it in the spring. It is designed to carry 500 inches of water which is about all there is in Peters creek at a low stage. Nuggets in size from a few cents up to several dollars have been picked up in the works and Mr. Heney found one worth $5 while digging in the ditch. Mr. Heard expects to winter on the ground and Mr. Heney will join him in February. The others will be on hand also early in the spring.

Under The North Star.

A young man named J. Cooper, who resides in Victoria made his way into Ashcroft last Tuesday, who left here a year ago last March, for a trip into the northern wilds of British Columbia.

In March, 1894, J. Murdock, A. Hill and J. Cooper bought grub, miner's tools, clothing, &c., from F. W. Foster of this place and had their outfit taken by freight team to Soda Creek, on the Fraser river. At that place they loaded their belongings on the scow of Davis, the fur trader, and by main strength and the assistance of siwashes they got the craft to Giscome Portage between the Fraser and Parsnip rivers. The goods were transported over the Portage and the three partners went on down the Parsnip with Davis as far as the Big Horn, about 40 miles, where Davis left them. Here they made a canoe and tried to get up the Big Horn, but there was too much fallen timber across the stream, besides the water was very high, so the attempt had to be given up. They then started for the Finlay river and went up it 65 miles and built winter quarters. This was about the end of September and it was getting pretty cold. About 15 miles below their camp was Fort Graham, a Hudson's Bay post.

Winter set in in earnest about the middle of November and it was quite cold. They had a thermometer when they went into winter camp but it got broken, so they had no means of knowing the exact degree of cold, but judged it must have been about 30 below. They trapped a little and caught about 50 marten, besides some foxes, and a few other fur.

This spring about the 26th of April they started up Finlay river about 140 miles. It is a big open river, but they did not consider it navigable. They found one of Major McConnell's camps and on a post was marked "Lat. 57 deg. 26 min, 30 sec." Ten or twelve miles above the post they prospected a creek which emptied into the Finlay, and found some gold. One day the three cleaned up 9 ounces, but that was by far the biggest day's work they did. In fact all the gold they got did not reimburse them for their expenses. "It costs money to prospect in that country," said Mr. Cooper. "We made a great mistake to attempt to take our supplies in with us as in some places we were nearly anchored buy our grub. Manager Fox at Fort Graham treated us fine and we owe him much gratitude. If we had gone to Fort Graham last fall we could have wintered nicely and got our outfits this spring at the fort and been nearly on the ground we wished to prospect; but we did not know that. As all prospectors have to learn a new country so we did that region and if we cannot profit ourselves by our experience, others can. Our partner, Hill, came out last week but Murdock stayed. He said he would put in another year up there, anyhow, but I will not go back. There is undoubtedly a good show up there for a prospector but I have got another matter to attend to is the reason I will not go back.

"There is plenty of moose in that region and of all other game for that matter. The Indians are the best I ever met and they went out of their way to do us kind turns. They gave us all the meat we needed and caught fish for us. We could easily have supplied ourselves, but they seemed to want to do something for us, so we let them. They are all Catholics and pray a great deal.

"All the slides and washes show quartz gravel. We noticed it everywhere and noticed also quartz leages cropping out, but had no opportunity to test the ore. All the streams we visited were full of quartz ground and while extremely mountainous the character of the country was quite similar to that around Quesnelle Mouth. Pack horses are no use in that region as the brush is too thick for them to get around. We did not get near the headwaters of any of the creeks and I think we had the worst of it all the way through. There are no roads at all and everything has to be done by main strength, and a man cannot carry grub enough to go very far when he has to abandon his canoe.

"I saw Wrede and Cullen at Ft. McLeod. They left Ashcroft in April last and intended to get within striking distance of the headwaters of the Smoky river this fall and go on in the spring. I think they will have to stay over another season after next if they expect to do much prospecting." Mr. Cooper went on to Victoria last Tuesday night and expects to winter there.

Loon Lake.

The lake which bears the above unique appellation is rightly named for the reason that it appears to be a breeding place for the fowls of that name and they are continually screaming while swimming on its smooth surface. Ducks and geese are plenty, while even swans have been seen upon its glassy bosom.

Loon lake is about 8 miles east of Buonaparte creek and about 16 miles from Clinton. It is ten miles long and the valley is very level and picturesque hills surround the vicinity. Long lake is about six miles above Loon lake and the surrounding country is very similar. The hills in the region do not approach to the mountainous but are covered sparsely with a very fair quality of pine and fir timber which would be marketable if near a road. The region is a fine cattle range and considerable of the valley surrounding the lake is owned by Thomas Morgan, who makes a summer cattle ranch of it, doing his branding there. Considerable numbers of deer roam the hills and a sports man is usually well rewarded for a hunt in the vicinity. The finest of lake trout swim in the waters and can be easily caught with hook and line.

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It is now stated that Russia and England are about to have a tilt over the eastern question. We hardly think it probable that they will turn their big batteries upon each other.

In spite of the fact that South African *speculation has been in a feverish* condition for several months there appears to be no sign of a crash, although the papers of that region wonder why it is that speculators prefer to invest in the stocks which have not yet earned a dividend.

The people of British Columbia are naturally endeavoring to direct to their country some of the millions of money that the British people are now sending to South Africa for in*vestment in mining property*. The idea is logical and reasonable, because there is no doubt that our Northern neighbor has opportunities quite as good and more permanent than exist in South Africa, not only in gold, silver and copper, but other minerals, including coal. A run to investments in British Columbia would greatly benefit the entire west. —Western Mining World.

Those Fair Dates.

Agitation still continues as to the best dates for the three inland fairs —Vernon, Kamloops and Ashcroft. It is probable that Ashcroft would *agree to come* last of the three if New Westminster would agree to hold hers the week after Ashcroft. The season being longer on the coast it is not probable that New Westminster would object, as added to the fact that it would be a very courteous thing to do, it would also insure a much larger attendance and exhibit at New Westminster. The idea is a good one and we suggest that those interested give it proper attention.

In Days of Old.

ASHCROFT, B.C., Oct. 25th, 1895.

B. C. Mining Journal: -Kindly permit me to call your attention to an error in your issue of this date relative to the 'Horsefly' brick, which was shipped down this week, being probably ten times larger than any heretofore made in Cariboo.

I will say that in 1876 a gold bar weighing nearly 400 ounces and of a value of over $6,000 and assaying .895 fine was cast at the government assay office at Barkerville.

The gold forming this bar was produced solely by the Victoria mine on Lightning Creek, and was portion of dividends declared on the interest of *the late Thos. Pattullo in that* wonderful gold producer.

This bar was subsequently shown by the owner at the Centennial Exposition as an exhibit from this Province.

Though small in comparison with other bars shown by Montana and Idaho, it attracted considerable attention.

Had a mould of greater capacity been available no difficulty would have been experienced in securing material for a far heavier bar as the Victoria was at that period turning *out over 1000 ounces per week.*

I remain, yours truly,

ALEX. J. MOUAT.

[Our comments on the size of the Horsefly brick, $26,150, were not intended as unfavorable comparison in favor of the present huge brick with the great production of the '60's and '90's. As a matter of fact the production of gold in those days was very rapid and the returns were far richer, as relative to amount of gravel *handled, than from any gravel mine* ever worked, as the gold was nearly all obtained from bed rock drift diggings which were probably the richest ever discovered.

We are very much obliged to Mr. Mouat for his valuable contribution and will be thankful for others on the same line.—ED. MINING JOURNAL.]

The best authorities on silver look for a steadily improving demand for the metal for some time to come. The willingness of Japan to accept the indemity from China in silver contributed largely to the improvement in its price which has been noted during the last few months, and the accumulation of the metal in London will go on to complete the installments of indemnity at various dates of payment. China and Japan are showing increasing inquiry for silver, as the large amounts of the metal distributed by both countries. Mr. Townsend, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai banking corporation states that silver ordered two months ago has only just been delivered. The silver smelters are said to be sold ahead for two months. London statistics show that there has been a decrease this year in the importation *of silver into England of* 8,000,000 ounces, equivalent to about £1,000,000. This year also there will be a decrease in the importation of silver into Washington of 54,000,000 ounces, as the result of the repeal of the Sherman law. This indicates a decrease in the production of the white metal this year of about 62,000,000 ounces. The requirements for China in silver in connection with indemnity payments to Japan will extend over at least two years.—*Western Mining World.*

The Vancouver World says: "The Victoria Province is likely to get itself into hot water over certain statements which appeared in its columns relative to investments made by the Duke of Montrose in the Golden Eagle Mining Company. In attacking a member of the Government as being responsible for the loss sustained by His Grace—which amounts to less than $925—the Pro*vince should have fortified itself with* facts as to the actual condition of affairs. The noble and the plebian, when entering into mining propositions, have to take chances alike. A lengthened experience in this Province has demonstrated to us that for every mining organization which succeeds, one hundred utterly fail, and he is indeed a peculiar indivual who squeals because his venture did not turn out to his liking. The charge is aimed by the Province at *Hon. Col. Baker, and that gentleman* cannot afford to have his reputation tarnished. It is quite within probabilities that the Minister will institute legal proceedings in order to vindicate his character. We had heard of this matter before, and the fact that Col. Baker did not receive one cent for his trouble in looking after His Grace's interest is proof that he safe guarded the nobleman's property. In point of fact the gallant Colonel is out of pocket by having anything to do with the deal. It is unfortunate that our contemporary is *so prone to attack our public men* without just cause or provocation.

Exhibition Dates.

The Columbian, of New Westminster, and the BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING JOURNAL, of Ashcroft, approve of the suggestion made in these columns on October 4th relative to the dates of holding the annual fall fairs. The MINING JOURNAL suggests a meeting in Kamloops of representatives *of the three up country agricultural* associations to arrange dates for next year's exhibitions, such that one may not conflict with the other. Having but the one matter to settle, that can, we think, be *done by correspondence. There will not* probably, be any difficulty between Ashcroft and Kamloops, but Vernon exhibitions have so far been held the week following that in Kamloops and the same as New Westminster. It is generally thought that the weather is more uncertain during the last week of September than in the second of October, and the officers of that association may demur to change their usual date to one earlier, while Kamloops and Ashcroft cannot be placed later without conflicting with New Westminster. It would be more convenient to the majority interested to have the Ashcroft gathering last in the series, but no doubt a satisfactory arrangement can be made and the sooner the better.

This year Lytton was the only part of the interior represented at New Westminster exhibition, which is generally admitted to be the best of the province. A good display of the products of the upper *country there, would likely assist busi*ness considerably, and it is hoped that next year steps may be taken early toward having a comprehensive exhibit prepared and forwarded.—Sentinel.

U. S. Silver in Canada.

A dispatch to the New York Evening Post says: Messrs. W. Weir, president of the Ville Marie Bank, and Thomas MacDougal, general manager of the Quebec Bank, have just returned from Ottawa, where they had an interview with Finance Minister Foster about the "American silver nuisance." They claim that a large amount of American silver and small silver certificates are in circulation in Canada, the amount being variously estimated at from $750,000 to $3,500,000, displacing that amount of Canadian currency, which has a gold basis, while the American certificates are payable only in silver. The deputation pointed out that this displacement was causing the banks great loss and inconvenience, and asked Mr. Foster's advice and assistance in abating what was fast growing to be a nuisance. The minister of finance called attention to the fact that the remedy was largely in the hands *of the banks themselves, and if they re*fused to take American currency except at a discount the tradesmen would very soon refuse to take it at par, but he promised to look into the matter and see if there was any way in which he could help the banks.

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FIRST. The officers of this Union shall *be a President and Secretary, to serve* for one year or until their successors are elected and consent to serve.

SECOND. The *regular annual meeting* shall be the first Saturday in October of each year in Ashcroft. A special meeting *may be called at any time by a majority of* the members submitting a written request for such meeting to the Agent of the Union, who shall thereupon issue a notice of such meeting by publication and at least thirty days notice shall be given.

THIRD. The Union shall select an Agent to act for them at Ashcroft to look after their interests and from time to time publish such information for the benefit of the members as may come to his knowledge. Such Agent may be, by the Union designated to act as Treasurer for the Union, and shall submit an annual statement of the finances of the Union.

FOURTH. Any owner of a freighting outfit on the Cariboo Road may become a member of the Union by the payment in to the treasury of $25, as a deposit to se*cure his living up to the requirements of* the Union, and in addition such a sum every quarter as may be decided upon by the Union as dues. The deposit may be paid in monthly installments, and at any time when a member in good standing presents to the Treasurer a written notice that he has disposed of his freight outfit and is going out of the business, the deposit of $25 shall be returned him. Any failure to pay dues for a period of six months, or disobeying the rules of the Union in any way shall cause a forfeiture *of the deposit. Each applicant for mem*bership to this Union shall sign these articles and obligate himself to obey the *rules of the Union thereby.*

FIFTH. No member of the Union shall take a special contract for delivering freight at any price. The members of the Union pledge themselves hereby to give any reasonable assistance in their *power to any other member of the Union,* and by giving assistance to any regular freighter not a member of the Union, the member shall be liable to a fine of $25 upon proof of the same being submitted to the Union, and said fine shall be paid by turning over the deposit of the individual so charged. In case he does not upon proper notice again deposit the sum of $25 with the Treasurer of the Union, he shall be expelled from the Union. It shall be understood that each member shall pay quarterly dues for each and every *complete outfit he has on the road, but* only one deposit of $25 shall be demanded from him.

(Signed)

James Walker, John McYoung, D McLeod, D. W. Smith, Louis Clark, A Focault, R. A. Walker, Alex. McPhail, M. Shermer, M.J. Campbell, James Scott, J. S. Willis, Louis Gervais, George Ross, John McGillivray, John Lanahan, R. Valenzuela.

Last Saturday Charles S. Voorhees, president of the Robert E. Lee Mining Company, made the second payment of *$6,000 on the Lee and Maid of Erin.* The recipients of the money were William Dunn and Michel Sullivan who located these two mines last fall. They were bonded for $36,000 by the owners last April to John M. Burke and Clayton Miller who subsequently transferred them to the Robert E. Lee Gold Mining Company in which both hold a large interest. Messrs. Dunn and Sullivan are among the fortunate prospectors of the camp. Both the Lee and Maid of Erin are fine properties and will always hold high rank in the Trail Creek district. John M. Burke will give his personal attention to their development and no doubt the judgement he exercised in buying them will be vindicated. The new steam hoist, pump and *power drills, will be here in a few days.* As soon as they can be got in place the work of raising ore from the shaft of the Maid of Erin will begin and one more shipper will be added to the list. The *Lee company is in first class financial* condition and it would be gratifying to know that some of the other good properties of the camp were in such competent hands. Much of the credit for the sound condition of the Lee company is due to H. L. Wilson, the treasurer. Mr. Wilson is a very careful painstaking man and the company is fortunate in having him for its treasurer.—Trail Creek Miner.

The extract from an article in the London "Morning Post," which appeared in our telegraphic columns yesterday, will doubtless have been read with much interest. It shows that Mr. Chamberlain is fully alive to the vast direct and in direct advantages to the commercial interests of the empire which will accrue from the laying of a cable across the Pacific ocean, entirely under British control and not touching any foreign soil. Evidently the progress already made towards the realisation of the scheme must be considerable as the "Post" says that it will not be the fault of the present Imperial government if the cable is not an accomplished fact within the next few years. To no part of the empire is the completion of the enterprise of more importance than to British Columbia.—News-Advertiser.

Bride (in railway train)—Now, my dear you must remember not to act as if we were just married. It would be perfectly horrible to have all these strange people know it. Sit up a little closer; I want to fix your necktie. It's all crooked. There's some dust on your coat. I'll brush it off. How white the stuff is! It must be from that rice. One corner of your mustache points down and the other up. It looks too funny for anything. Wait; I'll fix it. I'm tired to death, dear. Sit up closer, so I can rest my head on—No, that won't do; I must pretend to read a novel, and —I know; perhaps you'd better go into the smoking car. All the old married men do.

Groom—Well, I'll go my darling, if you think best.

Bride—Yes, you must go. Help me off with this glove, dear. You must go and stay real long—ten or fifteen minutes.

Chilliwack Farmers Organize.

A meeting of farmers was held at Chilliwack on Saturday evening, presided over by Thos. E. Kitchen, M.P.P., the object of which was to decide on a plan for placing the agricultural products of Chilliwack district on the market to the best advantage for producers and consumers. There was a large attendance, and the subject was discussed at considerable length. Before the meeting adjourned, delegates were appointed to proceed to Westminster, Vancouver, and Nanaimo, and select agents to handle the produce forwarded them by the Chilliwack Farmers' Alliance.

The Standard and Diggers' News, Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa, says:

A most curious phase of the boom is that speculation should be so much more active in non-dividend paying than in dividend-paying stocks. Speculators seem of opinion that market values should be based on prospective results rather than on actual distribution of profits. This is an inversion of the usual order of things which the prudent investor cannot afford to disregard. Another peculiar phase of the boom is the manner in which the public is scrambling for shares in companies of which they have no details—save promoters' names.

And again:

203,573 ounces!!

Such was the output declared on Tuesday for the month of August.

At the announcement of so decided a record the cups of the Friends of the *Fields went skywards.*

The August output is 4,120 ounces better than that of July, and 2,632 ounces above the figure for June, the previous record.

The place of honor is occupied by the Robinson with 14,057 ounces, second place by the New Primrose with 12,206 ounces, third place by the Crown Reef with 11,531 ounces, fourth place by the Langlaagte Estate with 11,473 ounces, and fifth place by the City and Suburban with 10,245 ounces.

Of the grand total of 203,573 ounces, 193,226 ounces came from the mill, 8,549 from concentrates, 59,275 from tailings, and 1,921 *ounces from "other sources."*

TABLE

Showing the Dates and Places of Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery for the year 1895.

FALL ASSIZES.

Clinton.....Thursday, 26th September.
Richfield.....Monday...30th September.
Quesnelle.....Monday...7th October.
Vernon.....Monday...14th October.
Lytton.....Friday...11th October.
New Westminster, Wednesday, 6th November.
Vancouver.....Monday...11th November.
Victoria.....Tuesday, 19th November.
Nanaimo.....Tuesday, 26th November.

NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon at

The Court House, Clinton, Tuesday 29th October, 1895.

The Court House, Lillooet, Friday 1st November, 1895. By order,

F. SOUES,
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Clinton, August 14, 1895. aug. 17

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

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How To Make Gold Mining Pay

How frequently mining companies totally *ignore the concentrates* in their gold ores, and allow them to escape. This is no doubt often due to the difficulties encountered in saving them, and to fear lest the cost of efficient machinery should be to excessive. *Nevertheless* it is probably still more often owing to the belief that the concentrates could not be made to yield the gold which they contain, even if they were saved. Their refractory nature *is certainly a bar to the prosperity of many mines*, and a careful consideration of how the sulphide material can be most profitably handled is a most important part of the mining engineer in charge.

The condition in which the gold occurs in pyrites has been much discussed by chemists and physicists, and is perhaps still a moot point. It was formerly supposed by the highest authorities to be present as a sulphide; then it was contended that, though really metallic, the gold was dissolved in the sulphides of the base metals, so that its state aggregation was one of almost infinite fineness of division. More recently it has been shown by careful researches that the gold in pyrites is entirely in the metallic form, and occurs in extremely thin plates filling the faces of the chrystals of sulphide of iron and other base metal compounds. It has been likened to the mortar in a brick wall, the bricks representing the crystals of pyrites *and the mortar being the gold*, but the whole being on so small a scale in nature that the edges of the gold films can with difficulty be observed with the aid of a most powerful microscope.

This fact as to the usual condition of the gold in pyrites must be borne in the mind when the problem of how to get it out is faced in particular cases. Concentrates are of all descriptions, and of varying richness. Some *concentrates* may contain but little gold except that existing in the state just described; in other samples there may be a large number of little free plates of metallic gold in addition; where amalgamating plates have not been well managed a quantity of finely-divided gold-amalgam and mercury may also be present in the heavier parts of the ore. When the amount of free gold and amalgam is appreciable, the method generally to be adopted is that of grinding the sulphides with mercury in iron pans and washing down the products—which is probably the best and cheapest that can be adopted, though in this case the percentage of gold recovered is seldom very high, and the residues ought to be collected and treated *again in some other* way. When the gold is in the main locked up in pyrites this method is not to be recommended. It is true that excessively fine grinding, long continued, may *result in the mercury being able to search* out and collect together the little plates of gold released by the crumbling of the pseudo-brick alluded to above; but the flouring and sickening and consequent *loss of mercury often greatly increases* the cost and in many cases the yield of gold is even then unsatisfactory, the plates being protected from the attack of the mercury by some coating of a sulphurous nature, or possibly by pieces of the "bricks"

To facilitate the amalgamation the concentrates have been roasted and the residues ground with mercury and a very thick paste. For some reason, however, which has not been fully worked out, the yield is seldom higher than if the concentrates are amalgamated without being previously roasted. Doubtless much of the gold remains in the form of excessively thin films, which are difficult to bring in contact with the mercury; and if as is usually the case, the stuff is not roasted quite "dead" the coatings of the gold are [illegible] of ore mailed. *No doubt it is counteracted* by the fact that the slimes, which are rich, have been broken, sifted, and treated with the tailings. The Sinnemer and Jack recovers about half its loss of last month with an increase of 459 ounces. It is understood, when the new cyanide plant is in full working order, further improvements will be shown under this head. Orion has been on the clean-up tack, and shows an increase of about 1,700 ounces from this source, which sets off a decrease from cyanide of 1,275 ounces. The grade from *the New Croesus remains very low.* It would be interesting to know what the profits are. Now, then, Mr. Brown, where is some of that ounce-a-reef?—Standard & Diggers News.

The ultimatum which Great Britain, *according to a despatch published in New* York, has sent to the King of Ashanti, is nothing new. It was forwarded from London on September 9, and its terms place Ashanti under British protection and establish a resident British commission in that country. A British mission, bearing the ultimatum to Coomassie, left the Gold Coast on September 26 and the king was given until October 31 to reply. The governor of the Gold Coast, for some time past, has been preparing to send an expedition to Coomassie, should such a step turn out to be necessary. The King *of Ashanti, as widely published* for months past, is alleged to have violated *certain treaty obligations with Great Britain* by the continuance of the practice of *human sacrifices, and also*, it is claimed by hampering traders, attacking neighboring tribes under British protection, etc. The trouble is of long standing, and a month or so ago several native envoys from the king of Ashanti arrived in London in order to negotiate with the British government direct, but they have not been instructed to address their communications through the governor of the Gold Coast, who is the proper representative of the British government to receive them.

Rock Drilling Records Broken.

All records were broken by the Colorado miners in the rock-drilling contests in connection with the Festival of Mountain *and Plain at Denver* last week. At the general drilling test of 1891 in Denver Regan and Page of Butte, were awarded the first money for drilling a hole of 29 15-16 inches in fifteen minutes in a block of *Gunnison granite. This record was beaten* yesterday by three double teams from Leadville, the scores being 35 5-16 inches for Sullivan and O'Neill, 34 15-16 inches for Stewart and Lingensolm, 34 8-16 inches for Regan and Dwyer. In a single handed test six best record of 18 14-16 inches made by David L. Jones, of Colorado, the scores being 32 10-16 for Thomas, 21 11-16 for McCutcheon, 21 12-16 for Bowen, 20 7-16 for Sapp, 20 1-16 for Taylor, all of Colorado.

Growth of the Transvaal.

No longer than ten years ago even the ubiquitious British looked upon the Transvaal as no better than a howling wilderness. Some traces of gold had been found, but they were not regarded as workable at a profit. The house of Rothschild appealed to their American correspondent to send the best mining engineer in this country to South Africa to investigate. Mr. Gardner Williams, at present the director of the DeBeers diamond mines at Kimberley, undertook this mission. He reported to his principals that he was surprised and disgusted at their credulity—there was no gold in the Witwatersrand.

Mr. Williams was an authority of the first class, but, alas! for the infallibility of science and experience, the territory which he condemed as worthless to the gold miner is now yielding something like $40,000,000 a year of the yellow metal. Over two thousand heads of stamps are at *work, day and night, over the line of* "barren" outcrop for a distance of forty miles. This vast industry, forty miles alone of which are capitalized at $95,000,000, has in ten years transformed a bleak, *remote and unsmiling cattle range*, sparsely peopled with sullen Boers and hostile natives, into a veritable El Dorado.

Likewise it has produced the boom in Kaffirs and Barney Barnato.

It should be some sop to American pride, after the conspicuous failure of Mr. Williams' judgment, to know that this vast industry is directed by American engineers, and that most of the mining machinery is manufactured by an American firm.

The Output in South Africa.

The declaration of another record output yesterday came as an agreeable surprise to the majority. It figures at 203,573 ounces, as against 199,453 ounces for July, and 200,941 ounces for June, and is therefore a record by 2,632 ounces. The mistake made in returning the production from the Jumpers tailings for July accounts for 1,063 ozs., of the increase, while about 400 ounces of the gold included in the recovery from cyanide from the same mine really belongs to the July output, as it was represented by an won gold in the *cyanide solution used during that month.* The Robinson shows an increase of 1,234 ounces owing to the fact that forty new stamps have run part of the month. The Porges-Randfontein mine has pulled up 197 ounces, and, when a proper system of sorting is adopted, even better returns may be expected. The George and May would appear to be near the end of its tailings, showing a falling-off of 507 ounces. The Pioneer mill is now in full swing and the cyanide plant at work, which accounts for an increase of 1,375 ounces. Block B shows a steady improvement, being 341 ounces better than July and 539 ounces better than June. On the other hand, its sister-mine, the Langlaagte Estate, shows a falling-off of 548 ounces from the previous month, and is no less than 1,536 ounces lower than the June output. The Midas tailings are nearly exhausted and the output of 499 ounces from this source will entirely disappear next month. It is curious what a quantity of tailings has

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T. A. OLIVER,
Agent, Ashcroft.

GEO. McL. BROWN,
District Passenger Agent,
Vancouver, B. C.

ASHCROFT LOCAL NEWS

All members of the Quadrille Club are requested to meet in the Town Hall Monday night

C. McAdam desires to inform the teamsters that it is not a traction engine—just a plain sawmill concern.

A carload of cattle were shipped to the coast night before last by John Wilson. As usual they were in prime condition.

Skating promises to be the amusement at Ashcroft this winter. The rink will be repaired and the water will be had from the railroad tank the same as heretofore.

Freight receipts at Ashcroft for week ending November 1, 1895, were 346,3000, composed mostly of merchandise and supplies for Ashcroft and up-country merchants.

Tong Sing, the Cache Creek China merchant has just completed the shipment of six carloads of potatoes to Vancouver. The tubers will be known at Vancouver as "Ashcroft Potatoes," than which none better grow.

A ride down the railroad a few miles adjacent to Ashcroft will show to the observer the immense amount of filling and crib work which has been done on this part part of the line by crews which have been engaged here this summer.

J. A. Carson brought over from Lillooet on his last trip two boxes containing the skeletons of five Chinamen who had been dead and buried at Lillooet about 30 years. The grousome relics were being shipped to China by their friends, who carry out the idea that all Chinamen are safe forever when once their bones repose within the bounds of the flowery kingdom.

About the first of this week something like 200 tons of hay were burnt at Highland valley, belonging to J. C. Harnes. It is a question how the hay was fired but Mr. Bose thinks some miscreant did it on purpose, as there is no appearance of camps in the vicinity which would indicate that fire was carelessly allowed to get away. Mr. Barnes was away to Harrison Springs at the time.

Married.

MARTIN-HILL.—At the residence of the bride's Parents at Martin's ranch near Ducks, on the 28th of October, 1895, by Rev. Flewelling of Kamloops, Miss Catharine Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Martin, to Mr. Thomas Hill. The young couple took up their residence the next day at the ranch of the groom, about six miles from the place of his father-in-law.

Freight Shipments.

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

Oct. 26,	Joseph Pigeon, Dog creek	3,120
" 26,	P. Garrigan, Pavillion....	1,080
" 26,	J. Gannon, Clinton.....	4,709
" 29,	J Gannon, Clinton.....	4,310
" 30,	S. Lawton	3,220
" 31,	W H Keatley, Lillooet....	3,970
" 31,	James Carson, Lillooet ...	1,084
" 31,	A Tressaro, Dog creek.....	4,420
" 31,	B C X , sas freight.....	12,000
" 26,	W. Peebles, Churn Creek..	3,500
" 26,	J. McGillivray, 150 and way	5,900
" 29,	A. McRae, Quesnelle Forks and 141 Mile House.....	9,800
" 29th,	BCX Co., Clinton	4,400
" 29th,	A. C. McDonald, Horsefly	9,970
" 30,	T. Maxwell, Quesnelle and Lac La Hacce.....	7,350
" 30,	R McLeod, 100-Mile house	7,500
Nov. 1,	A. Tressaro, Dog Creek...	750
" 1,	D. McGillivray, Quesnelle and Barkerville.....	6,100
" 1,	S. Berlin, Soda Creek.....	6,000
" 1,	A. C. McDonald, Horsefly	10,200
" 1,	T. McCarty, Stanley and Cottonwood.....	7,000
	Total.....	118,052

Provincial Officer McKenna, of Victoria, came up last week and took down from Notch Hill a Chinese leper who was found some time ago to be afflicted. The unfortunate victim was given a box car all to himself, and from Vancouver was towed on a barge by the government police launch to Darcy island, where the remainder of his days will be spent. This is the second case of leprosy which has been found in the vicinity of Notch Hill, which, however, is about 40 miles from Kamloops, not four as stated by the Colonist.—Sentinel.

Owing to the increased traffic in the Trail creek country, the Columbia & Kootenay Navigation company has decided to build another fine stern wheel steamer, making the third since last April. Frank W. Goodhue has recieved instructions from Capt. J. W. Troup to secure the material for the model. She will be similar to the other two, one of which is the Nakusp and the other has not been launched as yet, but will be soon.

PERSONAL.

J. Creagh, one of the owners of the Alberta Tribune, was in town this week.

James Bates, lately manager of the Hotel Barkerville, came down Wednesday and will stay some days in Ashcroft.

J. Adler of Lytton, spent a few days in town this week and made himself familiar with the boys. He's a great Jack.

F. W. Foster and son are stopping in town for the present. Mr. Foster's daughter went down to the coast to be gone some months.

John West made a hunting expedition in the vicinity of Loon lake the past two weeks and was rewarded by nine deer, among which was a fine 7-prong buck.

Miss Katie Newland attended the wedding at Martin's ranch on the 28th of Miss Catharine Martin, daughter of Hon. G. B. Martin, chief commissioner of lands and works of British Columbia.

Mrs. Duffy who has been living at Spence's Bridge has moved to Ashcroft and will stay this winter with Mr. and Mrs. Munro. She has charge of the two children of Engineer Geddes who is on the work train here.

J. H. Brown a prospector who went to Quesnelle river last spring, spent most of his time at work for the Beaver River Hydraulic Company. He returned to Whatcom this week and will go to the Quesnelle again next spring.

John McRae of McRae's Hotel, Quesnelle Forks, made a trip to Vancouver this week and will return in a few days. Mr. McRae reports a very hopeful spirit in mining matters around Quesnelle Forks and predicts good times for the next few years.

L. M. La Pointe, the cattle buyer, made a trip out into the Alkali lake country yesterday morning, expecting to be gone some days. Mr. La Pointe is getting the reputation of being a very fair, just dealer. At any rate the ranchers he deals with are always ready to see to him again.

Passengers down from Cariboo on the last stage were W. F Sargeant, Slough Creek, John McRae, Quesnelle Forks, W. Anderson, San Francisco, D. D. Duhig, Vancouver, Mrs. Lane, Quesnelle Forks, A. E. Oakes, London, S. A. Macfarlane, 108-Mile House, H. S. Warner, H. Samson.

J. C. Barnes returned from the Hot Springs Thursday night and registered so. Some wag added "Ark." to the address and he was straightway besieged by the curious as to how the prize fight was coming off. But Mr. B. does not believe in prize fighting and thinks Corbett and Fitzsimmons, with a little training, would make great wood choppers.

Mrs. J. McLeod, who has lived in this vicinity all her life and laterly at Cache creek, departed for Boston, Mass., Wednesday night last with her two children, and will make her home indefinitely with an uncle at No. 6 Nassau street in that city. Her establishment at Cache creek has been leased to Robert Walker. Many friends and acquaintances will regret to lose Mrs. McLeod from the community.

Mr. W. Walter and wife of London, England, were at the Ashcroft Tuesday night and took the train for the east at 12:20. Mr. J. D. Prentice of the Gang Ranch accompanied them from the ranch to Ashcroft and they were his guests while in the interior. About three weeks ago they went out to Gang ranch and since that time have visited a number of localities in Cariboo and Lillooet districts Mr. Walter is secretary of the Canadian Investment Company a concern that has about $10,000,000 invested in Canada and British Columbia.

Captain Edgerton of the British army, returned from the Chilcotin country Wednesday where he had been on a hunt for big game. He got several caribou, and numerous sheep, and a couple of goats. He is a good shot and an ardent sportsman and keenly enjoyed his six weeks in the mountains. His guide, Billy Manson, stayed at Big Bar with the horses and pack outfit used, and will take Messrs. Cochrane and Cleveland of the Northwest Territory out on a hunt presumably in the same direction. Billy Manson is making quite a reputation as a hunter and guide, for he gets the game. He is also a writer of considerable merit for the sporting magazines and has made some valuable contributions to the Smithsonian Institute. Certainly he has run up against enough big game to make his contributions valuable.

Ralph Willard, who has been at work on the telegraph construction of the Ashcroft-Lillooet line, was knocked from a wagon last week and severely injured.

W. Shermer of Lac La Hache started Monday for the Okanogan Valley in Okanogan county, Wash., to visit his old ranch. He will have quite a time getting through, as he will travel on two different railroads, a steamboat, and four different stagelines and all to get over a distance of about 275 miles from Ashcroft across country. But such is life in the west.

Mr. J. D. Prentice, managing director of the Canadian Ranching Company, was in Ashcroft Tuesday and Wednesday and returned to the Gang ranch where are his headquarters on Thursday. His company will make two large shipments of beef cattle yet this fall to England, shipping mostly their own cattle, although they are buying a few steers. The recent shipments to Liverpool have had an appreciable effect on the value of cattle in the markets and Mr. Prentice said the English caterers were more than pleased with the fine quality of the British Columbia cattle recently received by them.

John Bowron, gold commissioner for Cariboo, recently made quite an extended trip from Barkerville by way of the Cariboo road to the 150 Mile House and from there to the Horsefly and "Cariboo" hydraulic mines. He was accompanied by Mr. W. F. Sargent of Tacoma who is manager of the Slough creek company. The gentlemen spent about two weeks at the Horsefly and "Cariboo" mines as the guests of Manager John B. Hobson. Mr. Sargent was highly gratified at the evidences of great richness he saw at both mines and he stated that an effort was being made to get another cleanup this season from each. He states that all over the district there are evidences of great improvements and developments to take place in coming years, as every mining proposition in Cariboo is on the forward move.

A. F. Oakes, a mining man and mine examiner from London, last week visited the Lane property on Big Valley creek, about 12 miles northerly from Barkerville. He gave a very fair account of the property and stated that the water supply for hydraulic purposes was all sufficient and that there was plenty of dump ground. As to the value of the ground he could not say as it was wholly unprospected. But he remarked that in the Barkerville region one could hardly go astray for a good hydraulic proposition if the water and dump facilities were sufficient, for, from what he saw, it appeared that the whole region mentioned was exceedingly rich in gold. He visited many mines which were in actual production and said that he saw gold everywhere. Before returning to London he goes to South America to examine a hydraulic mine there.

D. D. Duhig of Quesnelle Forks, took the train Tuesday night for Vancouver and will also soon visit Seattle. Mr. Duhig was the original lessee of 20 miles of the Quesnelle river from the Forks down the river for dredging purposes and recently bonded the same to Judge Charles F. Fishback of Seattle and associates. Mr. Duhig is one of the firm believers in the great richness of Quesnelle river bed. He maintains that the bed of that river is literally paved with gold, in which assertion he is backed by many other people, as witness the efforts of the Fader, Underwood and other dredging companies to take gravel out of the depths of the water of the Quesnelle. Mr. Duhig exhibited seven ounces of gold all of which he said was taken out of the Quesnelle below water level by one man in four days work by simply using a long handled shovel and rocker. Mr. Duhig says that every bar on the Quesnelle river is rich in gold and he believes that some of the numerous dredger plans now being promoted will finally be able to recover the gold. He is particularly impressed with the utility of the machine now being constructed by Colonel Underwood at Quesnelle Mouth and while he has never seen such a machine in operation, he believes it will, on completion go a long way towards solving the problem as to how to save gold which lies beneath the water level.

Funeral Of P. S. Harper.

The large attendance at the funeral of the late P. S. Harper, which took place last Friday afternoon from the Methodist church, showed the high esteem in which the deceased was held. Crepe hangings and flowers within the altar rail and about the pulpit and organ and sides of the church was the visible tribute of the congregation to their departed brother. The floral tributes were numerous, among them being an anchor from his sister, Mrs. Harper; a pillow of white flowers with the word "Brother" in dark pansies, from the Epworth League, besides others from individual friends. The pall bearers were J. Parker, A. W. Finbow, D. C. McLaren, M. Dumont, A. S. McArthur and A. McLean. Rev. John Robson preached an impressive and eloquent sermon, based Psalms cxvi. 15—"Precious in the site of the Lord is the death of his saints," in which he referred to the useful life of the departed and his joy in the anticipation of the glories of the life to come. The choir of the Methodist church, with Mrs. M. P. Gordon at the organ, led the singing of appropriate hymns. On leaving the church a very large procession was formed, the members of the Epworth League and I. O. G. T. of both of which he was an esteemed member, being given precedence. At the grave the usual burial service of the Methodist church was read, and a sad farewell taken of the remains of him who was so well beloved. The many floral tributes, arranged about the portrait of the deceased, have been photographed.—Sentinel.

Misstatement Corrected.

QUESNELLE FORKS, B. C., Oct. 24th, 1895.

Messrs. Editors B. C. Mining Journal, Ashcroft: The article headed "Commendable" in your article of October 12th referring to Mr. R. M. Horne-Payne's speech in London before the Directors of the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields Co., contains errors regarding myself; and, while I do not think Mr. Horne-Payne intentionally misquoted me, I would like to have you make a correction.

The article [Mr. Horne Payne's speech] says: "Mr. John B. Hobson, in the course of his speech before the Chamber of Mines in San Francisco in December, 1894, said: "I have seen in British Columbia, included in only the three districts of Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo, three times the area of auriferous deposits that are known to exist in California."

There is no such organization in California as the "Chamber of Mines."

My statement referring to the auriferous regions above mentioned was included in a paper read by me at Montreal in January, 1895, before the "Mining Association of Quebec," and *not* before any association in California and was as follows: "I have seen in British Columbia in the three districts of Yale, Lillooet and Cariboo, three times the area of auriferous deposits that are known to exist in California." JOHN B. HOBSON.

Tea Train Wrecked.

Last Saturday morning about six o'clock there occurred an accident near Spatsum on the C. P. R. that occasioned the wreck of five tea laden cars and also considerable damage to the track, &c. Conductor Morrow had charge of the train and Archie Davies was engineer. A flange on one of the wheels broke in some unaccountable manner and the car began to jump off and on to the track, additional breaks in the flange occurring as the train sped along. After some distance the train broke in two and the rear car of the forward end lost the hind trucks and was dragged nearly a mile along the track by the engine to keep the rear portion from catching up with and running into the forward portion. The front cars of the rear portion finally jumped the track and stopped and five of the cars were pretty badly wrecked, but the tea with which they were loaded was not damaged and was brought on the same evening. Road Master Munroe was quickly on the ground and the wreck was cleaned away in short order and the work of repairing commenced. The wrecked train was dragged nearly a mile by the plucky engineer whose nerve and skill thus prevented a much greater smash up and one that might have resulted in serious danger, if not loss of life, to the train crew who were in the caboose. Such actions border on the heroic, if not quite so, and we do not know but the action of a man done with coolness and decision is not greater heroism than if performed in the heat of battle when heroic actions are largely the result of frenzy superinduced by excessive excitement. So seldom is it that we see ordinary appreciation exhibited for the brave deeds done by the heroes of the railroad that the public simply expects these cool-headed, greasy-habilitated fellows to do their duty and thinks little about it.

Cliff and St. Elmo Consolidated

The sale of the Cliff mine and the St. Elmo Consolidated to the English syndicate, of which Frank S. Barnard, M. P., of Victoria, is the representative, is one of the largest mining transactins that has ever taken place in the northwest, says the Rossland Record. The consideration of the sale of the Cliff is $150,000 and for the St. Elmo consolidated is $75,000 in the following installments:

$1,000 cash, $34,000 December 31st, $50,000 June 1st, 1896; and the final payment $140,000 on December of next year.

The Cliff is one of the most thoroughly developed properties in the Trail Creek District, the lower tunnel being 142 feet, 95 feet of which being in ore that will run $12 to the ton. The upper tunnel is in 150 feet in ore said to be valued at $25 a ton, a shaft 26 feet is also in ore, besides 125 feet of cross cuts and seven open cuts in ore, making in all about 453 feet of developement. The best ore is in the upper tunnel. Col. Wharton says he is looking for a chute of ore which is plainly visible from the surface which will go not less than $40 to the ton. The run is four feet solid carrying 20 per cent of copper.

The Cliff was located in September, 1893, by Guy Reeder, who received a grub stake from Charles Crossman. Col. Wharton and John R. Cook bought Reeder's interest, and Wharton Bros. the interest held by Crossman in the spring of 1894. No development had been done up to that date aside from the assessment work. Col. Wharton had faith in the mine from the start and believed he had a fortune in it, and when he was offered nearly $100,000 for it last summer his friends thought he was making a mistake. He thought not and the sale just made justified his judgment.

Dog Creek Briefs.

The Pioneer Mills are now in operation and gristing is being carried on night and day. There is a large amount of grain brought to the mill, and no doubt the millers will give the farmers satisfaction.

James Kirkpatrick and J. Bowe bagged some 47 ducks besides geese. "Jim" has equipped himself with a full outfit from the home team, and will spend a weeks' outing around Spring House. We expect to hear of big returns in the way of ducks and geese.

L. Vedan of Chilcotin, paid Dog Creek a visit last week. He reports a dry summer on the Chilcotin ranges, in consequence of which the prairie fodder is short. Should there be a hard winter stock will suffer.

P. Colens has just returned from New Westminster, and was much pleased with his trip to the coast. He was asked by the boys how it was he came up alone. He replied with a pleasant smile that he would ere long revisit Westminster.

We are enjoying most lovely weather. Just real Indian summer.

T. McEwen of Empire Valley, has just received the sad news by wire, of the death of his brother, Alexander McEwen, more familiarly known as "Sandy." Sandy McEwen was well known throughout the province and his numerous friends will deeply regret his untimely demise. He was at one time under the employ and manager of Mr. J. Harper. This situation he held some ten years and eventually he located at Empire Valley. He died at Fort Collins, Colorado. He was born at Ayrshire, Scotland, March 20th, 1840. He saw the birth of 55 years 8, months and 3 days. He leaves five sisters and four brothers to mourn his endless absence. He came to the province in 1862 and saw the country in her best and palmy days. But alas! How sad, one by one, our pioneer's are crossing the great divide, from whence no traveller ever returns. T. McEwen leaves for Fort Collins and will be absent for several months.

"OARS."

Lac La Hache.

It was last Tuesday that the jollifications continuing from the races ceased—every person reluctantly breaking up an enjoyable holiday to resume their respective avocations.

Most of the ranchers are through with their thrashing and find their crops have turned out lighter than expected, but the grain is of ordinary quality.

Ploughing this fall is easier than usual owing to the considerable rain this summer.

Mr. Wilson took a large number of beef cattle out of the country and remarked they were in very good condition in comparison with other sections.

We are pleased to see the freight teams rolling again after their successful strike. It is to be hoped that all teamsters will join the union and be loyal to it, and they will have the unanimous support of the stopping houses along the route.

A light stage wagon proceeded the other week with the mail to the Horsefly by the 108 road but had to return by the 150 road owing to the difficulties encountered on the ingoing trip.

Mr. Hutton held service yesterday at Mr. McKinlay's. Mr. Hutton is on his way to Quesnelle where he intends to remain this winter.

28th October, 1895.

Mr. Charles Lee, the long distance champion runner of Dog Creek, will leave Dog Creek for William's Lake, 150-Mile House, Lac La Hache, and is ready to meet all comers in a half mile foot race. He will be accompanied as a trainer by J. N. J. Brown, the inland champion oarsman.

The Railway Charter.

The telegraphic despatch in another column today regarding the application for a charter for a line of railway reaching from Calgary to Fort Churchill on the Hudson's Bay, leads one to consider the possibilities of this country when properly served by railway accommodation. The building of the line would put new heart and spirit into the whole country and instead of 10 or 15 thousand head of cattle being shipped to the old country from the Alberta ranches the business would soon develop to as many hundred thousand, besides the various other products that would be produced and sent out.

But while this road would of itself prove of great advantage to this part of the Dominion in carrying its products to the British markets, indirectly it would assist us still more by necessitating the building of a road to the south of us which would eventually find its way to some of the large seaports on the American coast, say San Francisco, and the line would then prove probably one of the greatest thoroughfares of the world. Of course this might take years to accomplish but it would come. In the mean time the pressing need of Alberta today is railway communication with the south. This could at once tend to develop our great coal and copper industries and fill our mountains with thousands of prospectors who in turn would require provisions from the settlers, and who would have the money to pay for them. Then, and then only, would our settlers in the west be rewarded for their labor and industry.

During the last few months rumors have been floating around about one of the great lines sending out an arm into Alberta to carry down the coal and coke required to keep the large furnaces of Montana in full blast, but if the road were once built the problem would at once arise, which is the cheaper, bringing the coal to the ore or vice versa. We believe it has often been found cheaper to take the latter course, and in that case we would most likely see some of the large American smelters removed to Calgary or vicinity. But no one imagines for a moment that the mountains on the American side of the line contain all the valuable ore of the range. Prospectors and capitalists would find out the hidden treasures of our own Rockies, and where both ore and coal lie side by side there could be no doubt as to the locality of the smelter.—Calgary Herald.

Executor's Notice.

The undersigned executors of the estate of the late Armand Mondot of Spence's Bridge, notify all who indebted to the above estate to settle the same with John Murray, Spence's Bridge, and all who have accounts against the said estate to send in their accounts at once to the undersigned.

JOHN MURRAY, ARTHUR STEVENSON, } Executors
Spence's Bridge, October 31, 1895. 26 33

FOR SALE.

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Spence's Bridge, October 9th, 1895. 23-8

Kamloops, Similkameen and Yale Divisions of Yale District.

Notice is hereby given that all Placer claims and mining leaseholds legally held in the Kamloops, Similkameen and Yale Divisions of Yale District, will be laid over from the 1st November next to the 1st day of May, 1896.

G. C. TUNSTALL,
24-29 Gold Commissioner.
Kamloops, October 14th, 1895.

Gold Commissioner's Notice, Cariboo District.

On and after the 1st November, proximo all Placer mining claims in the Cariboo District, are hereby laid over until the 1st June 1896. Subject to the provisions of the "Placer Mining Acts." JOHN BOWRON,
Gold Commissioner.
Richfield, October 9, 1895. 24 35

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