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Some Bargains for Cash Only

FOR THE LADIES:

To make room for our Spring Stocks we are offering a number of lines of Dress Ginghams, Cotton Creponnes and Dress Goods, usually sold at 25c. per yard, at

10 Cents per yard!

FOR THE GENTLEMEN:

Owing to the very mild winter we are experiencing, our Heavy Underwear, Socks, &c., are not moving as rapidly as we desire, and in order to clear them out for summer goods shortly to arrive, we are offering during February only TEN PER CENT. REDUCTION on all Winter Underwear, Socks and Shirts, except the following special lines, which we have reduced to cost:

6 Doz. Suits Men's Ribbed Underwear at 65c. per Suit.
10 Doz. Men's Wool Socks at 20c. per pair, or $2.00 per dozen.
10 Doz. Men's Cotton Socks at 7 Pairs for a Half Dollar.

F. W. Foster

ASHCROFT, B.C.

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Sole Agents for RAM LAL'S TEA for Ashcroft and vicinity, and Cariboo. Try it once and we are confident of receiving further orders from you.

We keep constantly on hand a large and well assorted stock of General Merchandise.

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AND THERE ARE OTHERS.

Ashcroft people sometimes wonder if Hewitt Bostock, M.P., ever recalls the fact that this is his district. Kamloops and Vernon could at Mr. Bostock's request be made recruiting stations for the Strathcona Guards, but Ashcroft is not in it. Kamloops has an appropriation for a new government building. Ashcroft handles many times the amount of mail but no building is even talked of. An appropriation for clearing out the upper Fraser river is badly wanted. We trust at the coming session Mr. Bostock will remember this section and secure a fair proportion of appropriations to be used in doing something that will advance Ashcroft, Lillooet and Cariboo's interests. There will be an election next summer and some embarrassing questions will be asked our present member if these things are not looked after better than they have been so far during Mr. Bostock's term.

There are Others.

To the Editor of the Inland Sentinel:

Sir,—The long-winded editor of the Ashcroft JOURNAL is on the warpath and is particularly after the scalp of Hewitt Bostock, M.P., because Ashcroft is not a recruiting station for Strathcona's Horse, because Kamloops has an appropriation for a government building and Ashcroft has not, and because the Ashcroft JOURNAL wants, heaven knows why, the upper Fraser canon cleared out, so that one steamboat could create a monopoly—at a cost to the country of $200,000—during the season of navigation from 1st May to mid-October.

Stick to the wagon road that can be used all the year round and is open free, gratis, for nothing, to everyone and for the benefit of the people as a whole!

Mr. Bostock is cautioned to "remember me" at Ottawa on pain of the JOURNAL'S displeasure. No doubt Mr. Bostock is terribly alarmed over the threatening attitude taken by the pugnacious JOURNAL, but as he is not looking for any rake-off from the Ashcroft business men on account of increased business caused by the telegraph supplies going north, nor looking for an overland trail business again, the chances are he won't lose as much sleep over it as if he had been booming fake mining schemes.

The Ashcroft JOURNAL may throw dust in the eyes of a few gullible, unthinking satelites, but it should let politics, about which it knows nothing, alone. Let it stick to windy mining items of more or less, generally less, worth, varying the monotony of bombast by a few expressions of sympathy with the Boers; this is more in the JOURNAL'S special line. The JOURNAL is so puffed up with its own importance and other things, that it can't see further than a blind mouse, and therefore does not recognize the fact that the post office and telegraph services at Ashcroft are in better condition than they ever were and are now kept in an up-to-date manner.

LIBERAL.

The above local, published in the JOURNAL of Feb. 3rd, calls out the communication "There are others," in the Inland Sentinel of Feb. 6th. For the benefit of the readers of the ASHCROFT JOURNAL we will say by way of explanation, that the Sentinel is a paper published in Kamloops, owned by Hewitt Bostock, M. P., or at least this is the accepted belief of Kamloops and vicinity; edited by J. F. Deane, M. P. P., who is at present in Victoria. The Sentinel seems to be of a political nature, and as politics in any country sometimes make hot times, we are not surprised that occasionally there are things in the Sentinel that are warm politically. We are not of the opinion that the article in the JOURNAL as above calls for such an answer as the writer of the communication entitled "There are Others" seems to think, but as he has felt called on to answer, we will break away from the well established rule of the JOURNAL to "pay no attention to things of a personal nature," for this one time.

In the first place the writer states that we are after the scalp, etc., of Mr. Bostock, which is not true. We don't want Mr. Bostock's scalp. Scalping is only done, as we understand, nowadays, in the Indian Department, instead of as in days of yore. We do not wish to create a "$200,000 monopoly" and we have not the wherewith to get in on it. We suggested the clearing out the Fraser and Mr. Bostock in a public speech in Ashcroft two years ago, stated that he would do his best to secure an appropriation for doing the same. Does "Liberal" accuse Mr. Bostock of anything wrong in this connection? We suppose that if the river is made navigable anyone with money enough could build a steamboat to navigate from point to point.

As to sticking to the wagon road, the JOURNAL issued the first call for a meeting at Ashcroft two years ago to petition the government to build a road from Quesnelle to Stuart Lake, printed the petitions and circulated them. It has constantly and at all times advocated this road. It has done this for months during which the Sentinel exhausted its energy in shouts of "Hoch Der Kaiser." Mr. Bostock is not cautioned to "remember me" and as the article states that "as he is not looking for any rake-off from Ashcroft business men on account of increased business caused by the telegraph supplies going north, nor looking for an overland trail business again, the chances are, etc." This "again" would charge Mr. Bostock with having had a rake-off at some previous time. We do not believe it: It is an insult to Mr. Bostock to intimate this. At the same time we are of the opinion that if the Sentinel could get a better support from the business men of Kamloops and section and not be obliged to rake Mr. Bostock off for $100 to $200 per month in order to maintain its bright career, he would not object.

Speaking of mining items, we have not heard of any dividends being passed around yet to the stock purchasers in the company organized last year by the editor of the Sentinel and his Vancouver associates, and from common reports they, the organizers, do not now all love each other. We do not try to "throw dust" nor sling mud and as for politics, we are not in it. We came to Ashcroft to mind our own business and make a living. So far, we have fairly succeeded and hope to continue so to do. Our mining schemes may at times be breezy, but we believe people care as much for them as "What the Editor says" in the Sentinel about Sir Chas. Tupper, or Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

In regard to sympathetic expressions with the Boers, the explanation is simple. The writer of the article in which this is asserted is a liar.

We are finding no fault with the post office in Ashcroft and we are meeting with nothing but courtesy both there and at the telegraph office, and if our readers will pardon us for taking up so much space we promise not to listen to the braying of another ass for a good while to come.

There is nothing that we wish to be in any manner construed as discourteous to Hewitt Bostock, M. P., in this article. We believe him to be a gentleman and his integrity above reproach. As a matter of business, we echo only the sentiments of this community when we say that more was expected from the government with which he is in accord in West Yale, the Lillooets, and Cariboo than has been received for the past four years.

F. S. REYNOLDS.

From The Battlefield.

EDITOR JOURNAL Sir:—People are always kindly asking what we hear from my son Temple, who, with the Canadian contingent, has been stationed at Belmont since they reached South Africa.

I enclose extracts from the last two letters received from him which may, if you like to make use of them, prove of some slight interest. The latest date from him is Jan. 3rd. Yours truly,

C. F. CORNWALL.

"We spent Christmas very quietly, got a few extras in the grub line such as fruit, etc; and also 7 chickens amongst 129 men! It is beautifully cool after sunset till sunrise but then the heat is fearful. Summer weather in B. C. is quite cool to what it is in this part of the world. I was out on outpost duty the other day; we were out on an open flat and no shade whatever—you cannot imagine the discomfort. Considering the work and discomfort we meet with the men are in good spirits, at any rate such is the case with the Victoria contingent, and all are in good health. There are three companies of the Cornwalls here, a battery of horse artillery and a company of Munster fusiliers.

"You would not know me with six weeks' growth on my chin and a great deal of sunburn and dirt mixed. Water is scarce and so washing is a luxury.

"We got paid the noble sum of £1 18s. 6d. on the 1st, although I received £3 18s. 6d. through a mistake of the paymaster. He seemed quite surprised to find a "Tommy" returning with the £2 extra.

"We sleep with our side arms on and our rifles beside us, but have had no call for them as yet, although I hope we shall before we return home. The R. H. artillery and some Australians who are camped next to us, went out about 14 miles a couple of days ago and had some fun capturing 40 Boers, but lost 3 or 4 men.

"Lord Methuen says we shall be in the next engagement in the 3rd firing line. I presume that they do not want to put us in the 1st, being Volunteers, when there numbers of regulars; however we shall see some fighting in the 3rd line.

Henry Harvey, of the well known firm of Harvey, Bailey & Co., left Ashcroft this week for Enderby to take charge of the company's business at that point. Mr. Harvey takes with him the good will of the community, who wish for him prosperity in his new field.

Weller Bros., Victoria, have the largest and most complete furniture establishment in western Canada. No matter what is required in their line they can supply it to suit any purse.

Mr. R. J. McLennan, of the well known firm of McLennan, McFeely & Co., will soon leave for a trip over the ice to Dawson City where the firm have large business interests.

AN OPEN LETTER.

We are in receipt of the following communication from Barkerville which is self explanatory, with the request of the gentlemen whose names are appended for its publication:

Barkerville, B.C., Feb. 9th, 1900.

To whom it may concern:

A group of ladies and gentlemen gave, last December, a theatrical performance in this town, entitled "An Area Belle," for the benefit of the Barkerville hospital.

The proceeds of this representation, amounting to $65.25 were turned over to the Hospital fund.

It was then decided that a similar performance should be given in Quesnelle and both by letter and word of mouth the residents of that town were informed that the "net avails" of the exhibition would go to the Barkerville hospital fund.

The receipts from the performance were $79.00.

The expenditures were as follows:

Hotel bill at Quesnelle for 11 persons and 4 horses.....	$ 63 00
Hotel bill at Cottonwood for 11 persons and 4 horses.....	41 00
Hotel bill at Stanley for 11 persons and 4 horses.....	7 50
Making a sum total of....	$111 50
Deducting the receipts of.	79 00
Left a deficit of.....	$ 32 50

This deficiency would have been much greater if it had not been that Mr. S. A. Rogers very generously refused to charge anything for the use of the two teams that took us to Quesnelle and return.

The gentlemen of the party put their hands in their pockets and made good the deficiency—further than that, all items of individual or extra expense, outside of the general hotel bills, were paid for individually—and the sum of $6.50 was turned over to the Barkerville hospital fund. This amount included $2.50 contributed by Mr. John Boyd of Cottonwood.

This statement has been rendered necessary by the actions of the Rev. F. Yolland of this town.

It seems that this reverend gentleman, on a visit to Quesnelle the latter part of January, found that town fairly seething with indignation over a disgraceful fraud on the part of the aforementioned amateur troupe!

So interested did the Rev. Mr. Yolland become in the matter that he resolved himself into a self-delegated committee of investigation and gave a close scrutiny to our hotel bills, extracting therefrom items that, in his opinion, unless explained, would convict the guilty party of embezzlement of funds.

On his return to Barkerville the reverend detective finding that this town was also in a ferment over the matter, hastened to pour oil on the flame of public wrath, that it might be kept brightly burning. He himself states that as the scandal was "public property" he felt at perfect liberty to repeat the scandal.

Ordinarily, the siguers of this statement would pay no attention to simple village gossip, but when grave charges are made, affecting the honor and probity of the members of our company, and said charges are industriously repeated by a minister of the gospel living here, the least that we can do is to oppose a flat denial to all the charges and challenge him, or any others, to produce the proofs.

One would suppose that instead of devoting time, breath and words to the retailing of gossip and scandal, a clergyman would hesitate before assailing the reputation of his fellow citizens, and would certainly give them the opportunity of disproving or explaining any charges made against them.

But what shall be said of the man, who, visiting Quesnelle, lends his ears to every whisper or rumor of scandal against his fellow townsmen, some of them his own parishioners, and returning home—without even giving the accused parties the opportunity of explanation or defence, failing even to warn them of his intention to play the part of a gossip monger, hastens, behind their backs, to try and cast a cloud upon their reputation by statements that have absolutely no foundation in fact?

We leave it to the citizens of Barkerville and Quesnelle to pronounce the verdict.

H. B. BEECHER,
C. E. HOUSER,
per H. B. B.
E. E. BONNER,
W. V. BOWRON.

As an answer to the report that Hofercamp & Johnson had donated $20, which we had not accounted for, we append copy of telegram from them.

"Quesnelle, Feb. 7th, 1900.

"To H. B. Beecher, Barkerville.

"We did not contribute nothing to "hospital funds. Letter explaining "all. Hofercamp & Johnson."

The well known wholesale house of Turner, Beeton & Co., represented throughout this country by Tom Allice, is doing a large wholesale business and has done so since Victoria's early days. Throughout Cariboo they have always had large sales.

Placer Mining on the North Thompson River.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: In laying before you my views on the North Thompson river as a gold producing stream, and its advantages for dredging, it will be necessary for me to dwell at some length on the surface formations of the surrounding country, and in entering upon this subject I beg leave to be allowed to deal with a somewhat large area of alluvial gravels tributary to this stream.

Much has been said about gold bearing placers in different parts of the world by some eminent men, but we are still left in the dark as to where the gold originates from. The "mother lode" has not yet been found, and what I might have to say on this line would, I fear, not throw much more light upon the subject. Accordingly, I will not try to carry your thoughts back further than to the old conglomerate gravels, from which, I believe, a great deal of the present gold found in the different streams has originated.

If you take a point at the east end of Kamloops lake and follow an imaginary line north to the foot of the Cariboo range of mountains, north-east of Barkerville, in traversing this line you would meet at different intervals, large bodies of those ancient conglomerates towering up, in places, from two hundred to three hundred feet above the present water levels in the same localities.

Much of the ancient formation is still in its original place, as left there by water action, but it has become conglomerated owing to the cement qualities found in its makeup. At the time of this deposit, water must have flowed at a much higher level than now, and in its constant receding to the present levels of our rivers, has brought down immense quantities of decomposed conglomerates from these higher levels.

At the head waters of Jamieson creek, which flows into the Thompson river, there is a large quantity of these old conglomerates to be found. This I tested for gold and in almost every instance I found colors.

In comparing the gravels found at this point with those found along the Quesnelle river, in the Cariboo district, there is no perceptible difference found. The same old cements are found adhering to the rocks, showing that at one period that country contained much of those old conglomerates.

In taking your attention back to the imaginary line running north, you will find, by referring to the map, that it runs nearly on the highest peaks of the mountains lying between the Thompson and Bonaparte rivers. The streams flowing east from this range feed into the Thompson, and those flowing west feed into the Bonaparte and Fraser rivers.

In calling your attention so fully to the surface of the country tributary to the Thompson river, especially to that lying to the west, my object has been to establish the reasons why I believe that large quantities of gold exist in the bed of the Thompson.

I believe all the streams from the west flowing into this river have brought down more or less gold; especially the Clearwater river, which connects with the Thompson some ninety miles from Kamloops, and which heads in the Cariboo district only some ten miles from Quesnelle lake.

This stream, no doubt, has brought down vast quantities of gold and deposited it along the Thompson. The current in the Clearwater river is quite swift until it connects with the Thompson, which passes through a comparatively level valley to its outlet at Kamloops. Hence the current of the Thompson is slow, except in places where the river has become very shallow owing to the discharge of boulders from the various creeks feeding into it, which causes small rapids, such as the Fish Trap rapids.

I estimate the current in the Thompson at not more than two miles per hour at its ordinary stage of water; and as the gravels are not of a coarse grade, it will be readily seen that dredges can work to good advantage where sufficient values are met with.

During my test work last summer and fall, I did not find any of the alluvials which I tested that would not pay handsome profits, when the proper, improved dredges are at work.

The gold is of a fine nature, but will not be difficult to save, owing to its cleanness.

I have estimated the black sand to be one per cent. of the whole fill, and it carries in gold values ranging from twenty-three to thirty-two dollars per ton, after amalgamation.

There are also several other streams flowing into the Thompson river from the east, which are said to carry gold; but as I have not had the opportunity to test them, I am not able to verify the reports.

The wagon roads up the North Thompson valley are in good condition, affording excellent facilities for moving machinery.

Yours truly,
H. R. BELLAMY,
Mining Engineer.

Nelson, Feb. 12th, 1900.

Dawson Hotel, Victoria, is a $1-a-day house, centrally located, electric light and all modern conveniences. Give it a trial.

NICOLA.

Our winter so far has been very mild with but little snow and scarcely ice enough for skating. A few inches of snow fell last week but the Chinook of Saturday left only scattered remnants dotting the hillsides here and there.

The great topic of interest with us during the past week has been the departure of four of our Nicola boys for South Africa as members of the Strathcona contingent. There were seven applicants from this place but owing to height or age, four only were accepted, which is 20 per cent of the total chosen. The names of the four selected from here are: J. P. Nash, E. A. Orchard, T. T. Custons and E. R. Broadbent, each and all of whom are good horsemen and fine specimens of men for military service. It is said that some of the applicants examined at Kamloops mounted backwards, and missed the mountain behind the target.

Although we have reached the first stage towards communication with the outer world by having a telegraph line, yet on account of bankruptcy, dearth of electricity, neglect, or some other justifiable but unexplained reason, the instruments have never arrived and the outlay so far is unremunerative to either the government or the people. Whilst we are thus deprived of our rights and priviliges and neglectfully shut out from daily touch with that civilization we covet, yet it must not be inferred that we are all heathens or barbarians and do not endeavor to imitate our more favored and highly civilized sister districts in their modes of enjoyment and recreation. During the winter we have had social concerts, dances, lectures, dog fights, police court trials and almost everything that transpires in any well regulated community. Presbyterians and Methodists have religious services on alternate Sundays and the Anglican church has services once a month. Then we have a day school and a library and our young men and women ride the bicycle.

There is not much mining news to report at present. The men working on Ten Mile creek bring in fine specimens occasionally and claim that the prospects are very encouraging for a lively camp in the near future. The chief interest however, seems to centre upon the Sunset claim on Copper mountain, in the Similkameen district. The shaft is now down about 120 ft. and the fine copper and gold ore gets wider and richer every foot. One ton of it passed through here today en route to the Tacoma Smelter, where it will be demonstrated what the mine is capable of producing and from what I know of its reputation the result, I am confident, will set mining men's tongues wagging pretty freely and open their eyes to the hitherto unknown vast probabilities of the Similkameen district.

Messrs. Howse and Anderson, the Princeton delegates to interview the government for local improvements, have returned. They got the promise of a school house, a bridge across the Similkameen, a good road to Keremeos and a large grant for the Hope road, and more if needed.

The Rev. Mr. Neville returned from Ashcroft on Monday. He speaks very highly of Ashcroft citizens as a church-going people, and was simply astounded at the great progress the town has made since his previous visit to that rustling burgh. We are all pleased to learn of the Rev. Mr. Laidley's improvement.

Alex. Swan, of Slate Creek, left for home on Friday last after spending a couple of months among his old-time friends of Nicola. "Sandy" is a general favorite and his absence is keenly felt by us all. We hope he may scoop up the nuggets the size of his heart, during the coming season and return next winter a Vanderbilt.

Mr. Harvey, wholesale stationer, of Vancouver, paid his first visit to this locality last week in the interest of his firm. Like all other close observers, he was greatly delighted with our fine climate and lovely heritage.

The I.O.G.T. have an entertainment on Tuesday evening and Lower Nicola a conundrum supper on Wednesday following.

FREIGHT SHIPMENTS.

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

Feb. 9,	H C Rayson & Co.	Lillooet.	4000
" 9,	A H Martley	"	2500
" 10,	W Parker,	Quesnelle Fks.	5200
" 10,	M Minton,	Williams Lake.	8700
" 12,	A Wills, 150-M.H		17300
" 12,	R Hamilton,	Lac La Hache	8000
" 12,	J Murphy,	Barkerville	10500
" 12,	A McDonald,	Beaver Pass.	10800
" 13,	W Parker,	Quesnelle Fks.	4400
" 13,	Hamilton Bros.	Lac La H.	4500
" 14,	W Adams,	Soda Creek	14700
" 14,	Chas Gill,	Clinton	5600
" 14,	F Isnardy, 150-M.H		8500
" 15,	W Parker,	Quesnelle Fks.	5100
" 15,	A Martley,	Lillooet	2200
" 15,	Cummings Bros,	Pavillion	660
" 15,	E Harris,	Lac La Hache	432

Col. Wright, manager of the 43rd Mining and Milling Co., operating in Omineca, will be in Ashcroft about the 15th March.

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Gold Dredging in New Zealand.

[Continued from last week.]

METHODS OF WORKING AND MOORING DREDGES.

Jutland Flat Dredge, Waipori.—Moored by five lines *in ordinary weather*; with gales preventers are put out—that is to say, heavy manila lines on the weather side. The five lines are two for bow, two for quarter and one head-line; and spare lines are according to requirement. Waist lines, stern, and preventers at right angles. Moorings are shifted as a rule without stopping. A manila line is put out to replace the steel mooring while the dredge is being shifted. Lines are shifted with a boat by two or more men as required. The moorings are placed to suit the work, about 120 degrees from the face.

Evans Flat Dredge, Lawrence.—This dredge is moored by one head-line, two bow-lines and two stern-lines to pieces of 6 in. by 6 in. timber sunk to a depth of about 3 ft. Moorings are shifted as required by going on shore and hauling "backers" forward into holes previously sunk. In working, the ladder is raised sufficiently from the bottom to allow of a "cut" being taken by the side-lines, such "cut" being rather less than width of buckets, the bottom of each "cut" being cleaned before again raising ladder.

Manorburn Dredge, Alexandra.—Flexible steel-wire ropes 1⅞ in. in circumference; side-lines and head-line, 2¼ in. in circumference are used. The ropes are fastened to logs of wood buried from two to three feet.

Unity Dredge, Clyde.—One head-line and four side-lines (two bow and two stern) attached to sleepers buried in trenches above high water.

Enterprise Dredge, Alexandra.—For head-line a hole from 4 ft. to 6. ft. deep and about 8ft. long is sunk. Place backer in same, which should be a piece of *blue-gum or some other* strong wood not less than 6 in. by 8 in. Bend the line onto it with the pulling part at the bottom; side-lines in proportion. If working in still water keep side-lines with a draw astern; in case of high winds it keeps dredge from being blown on to the face being worked.

Golden Terrace No. 1, Tucker Beach.—Two lines on each side and one in front, fastened to logs sunk in the ground, with a couple of piles driven in front to prevent drawing.

Alpine Dredge, Cromwell.—Moorings wire rope; working cable up stream and making fast to a backer sunk in the gravel; side-wires four, two on each side of river, one being forward and one aft on each side, all connected to barrels on steam-winch.

Carrick Dredge, Nevis.—Wire ropes, and backers sunk in the ground.

Buller Dredge.—When available, trees are used as mooring posts. When they cannot be got we bury a log, say, 5ft. deep and make fast to it.

MODE OF MOVING DREDGE.

Jutland Flat Dredge.—This depends entirely on the intelligence of the *winchman, assuming that the dredge* has winches which will correspond with the speed of the buckets. The speed of the winches for side movement should never be more than will permit of having a bucket on the bottom; fast winches are no good—they move beyond. It may be necessary to have fast winches in the river for other work, but for cleaning up they are of little use. The intelligence of the winchman does all the work.

Evans Flat Dredge.—Where practicable—that is, where there is sufficient room between stern of dredge and tailings—I believe in working the dredge diagonally to the face, so that no part of the bottom may be missed. That is to say, supposing I work the dredge with the bows parallel to the face, and across the full width of it, in returning with the diagonal positions I get *whatever bottom may have been left* in ridges by the previous parallel cut.

Manorburn Dredge.—Dredge is moved by steamwinch. Dredge is never moved more than 1 ft. each foot sideways across face. In taking feet ahead cut varies from 1 to 3 ft., according to nature and depth of ground.

Unity Dredge.—With the length of head-line as a radius, the dredge is moved across the cut with the side-lines taking the wash in a face of any convenient width, the buckets being kept scraping the bottom. After the cut is finished the dredge is pulled ahead from 1 ft. to 4 ft., and the same process gone through again.

Enterprise Dredge.—Take dredge ahead from 2 ft. to 4 ft. according to depth of ground working, and then work across the cut on the bottom.

Golden Terrace No. 1.—Pulling the *dredge ahead* about 4 ft. at one side of the cut, and keeping the buckets on the bottom. Pull the dredge sideways towards the opposite side as the dirt becomes exhausted.

Alpine Dredge.—When once on the bottom by taking the dredge about 2 ft. ahead at a time, and working sideways, the bottom is thoroughly cleaned.

Carrick Dredge.—Always keep the buckets on the bottom, and keep moving the dredge from one side of the cut to the other.

Buller Dredge.—After hauling ahead say, 3 ft., which is the length of our cut, the dredge is hauled across the face by the side-line, the buckets always cleaning up the bottom, which is of soft clay.

MODE OF DEALING WITH LARGE BOULDERS.

Jutland Flat Dredge.—By sinking a hole alongside or near the rock (if the bottom is soft), and dropping or pushing the boulder into the excavation. By blasting with an old boiler tube charged, if the current is not too strong. All depends on current and possible means of sounding as to extent and size of rock, etc. Modern dredges, *if intelligently handled*, can shift anything.

Manorburn Dredge.—If ground permits, stones too large to lift are buried by boring a hole in bottom and pushing stone in. If working in a flat they can often be pushed out on to face by *judicious* use of buckets and winches worked together.

Unity Dredge.—Clean round and leave them.

Enterprise Dredge.—Large boulders: Work up to and around same as far as possible. If working on sand or soft clay bottom, sink into the bottom close to the boulder, so that it will settle settle into it; if on hard bottom, work up to it and lift ladder over it, and continue so until you get ahead, so that buckets will clear it.

Golden Terrace Dredge No. 1.—We are not much troubled with large stones. *Merely lift the ladder* over them and drop it again on the opposite side.

Alpine Dredge.—By using large hooks, which take the place of a bucket. These either take up the stones or push them to one side.

Carrick Dredge.—Sink into the bottom alongside the stone. Then roll it in.

Buller dredge.—Large boulders are taken off the ladder on to the deck, and are put overboard again sufficiently far from the face to clear the buckets.

MODE OF DEALING WITH ROOTS AND TRUNKS OF TREES.

Jutland Flat Dredge.—Though very annoying, can be shifted by stripping. Have shifted as many as eleven in a cluster, and some 4 ft. in diameter and over 60 ft. long, by merely intelligent work. Roots and trees are the least trouble. Butts with roots 15 ft. in diameter, &c., can be easily enough shifted if stripped. Tackles, &c., have to be put on them, they can then be ferried away from the scene of operation.

Evans Flat Dredge.—Have no large trunks of trees, the only roots being gorse roots, which the buckets can effectively deal with.

Manorburn Dredge.—If possible get under one end, and if it will not break it will generally be possible to bend it to surface, and then cut in sections with axes.

Golden Terrace Dredge No. 1.—Very few trees met with. If stump gets jammed in the buckets, lift the ladder and fasten a rope or chain to it, and lower the ladder. Either take the stump ashore or convey to the after end of *paddock and let sink.*

Buller Dredge.—Cutting, blasting, dredging out, and hauling astern when practicable.

[Extract from New Zealand Gazette, No. 8, 30th January, 1899 :]

SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS TO DREDGES.

The following special rules shall be observed in the case of every dredge used for mining purposes:

1. Every dredge used for mining purposes shall be kept provided with safety appliances as follows: (a.) A lifebuoy, a light line, and a boat hook, near the bow of the dredge. (b.) A lifebuoy, a light line, and a boat hook, near the stern of the dredge. (c.) A boat containing a light line, and a boat hook.

2. In every case where the warden or inspector notifies the owner or manager of the dredge that the stream at which it is worked is deep or swift flowing, then, in addition to the foregoing appliances, the dredge shall be kept provided with not less than two boats, each of which must be furnished with a lifebuoy, a light line, and a boat hook. Life belts shall also be provided and *each member of the crew of any* boat shall wear a life belt when engaged in shifting the mooring lines of the dredge.

3. All safety appliances shall be kept in a conspicuous place within easy reach, and when damaged or lost shall be immediately renewed.

4. The well hole of every dredge shall be fenced or covered over as far as is reasonably practicable, and where such fencing or covering is not practicable a movable gangway of not less than 2 ft. 6 in. wide, and fitted with a substantial handrail on each side, shall be provided and used by persons for crossing the well hole.

5. No person shall step on the buckets or chain when in motion.

6. All exposed gearing, belting, or machinery shall be kept fenced to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

7. On *any dredge* which is not entirely covered in, the sides of the uncovered portion of the hull shall be fitted with stanchions not more than 8 ft. apart, and also with two substantial hand-rails or tightly-stretched wires or chains, the lower rail, wire, or chain not being more than 10 in. above the deck, and these may be made movable for the purpose of taking coal and material on board the dredge, but shall be kept in position at all other times.

8. Every dredge working close to the bank shall be provided with a gangway not less than 2 ft. 6 in. wide and of sufficient length to reach from the dredge to the bank. Such gangway shall be provided with a substantial hand-rail at each side and secured to the deck of the dredge in such a manner as to prevent its being upset.

9. A copy of these regulations shall be *kept posted* in a conspicuous place on every dredge, and shall be renewed as often as torn or defaced.

10. It shall be the duty of the owner and manager of the dredge to faithfully comply with the foregoing rules, and if they fail or neglect so to do they shall be severally guilty of an offence.

(To be continued.)

The Deep Leads of Cariboo.

The Incorporated Exploration Company of British Columbia, Limited, is engaged in operations the result of which is awaited with keen interest by those who believe that the Cariboo district of British Columbia is destined in the near future to again become a large contributor to the gold output of the Province. The fame of the Cariboo placer diggings of many years ago is a matter of world-wide knowledge, but it is not generally known that the "old timers" scarcely more than scratched the creeks and river beds and left untouched the deep leads which are known to exist and which have been proved to contain gold in such quantities as to warrant the belief that at no *distant date this* portion of British Columbia will be as noted for its deep alluvial mining as certain districts in California and in Victoria. Developments in the Cariboo are said to indicate strongly the presence there of the same kind of auriferous deep rivers as are met with in California and which extend into Southern Oregon. Almost all of the pay dirt in Cariboo resembles the material contained in the blue leads of California. It is a sticky compact conglomeration of highly washed gravel, sand and clay, with which every placer miner is familiar, and from which, when found, he always hopes to reap that rich reward of which he is in search. The Incorporated Exploration Company of British Columbia owns fifteen contiguous leases on Slough Creek and Willow River, having an aggregate length of about 11 *miles of auriferous gravels*, and two contiguous leases on Williams Creek, nearly two miles in length. The average width of the leases is half a mile each. Mr. William Thompson, a gentleman well and favorably known to West Australians, and who at one time held the position of President of the Coolgardie Chamber of Mines, has spent some time in British Columbia, and has described the company's properties as the "pick of the Cariboo district." Companies working on adjoining claims are doing exceedingly well, and on one property $30,000 worth of gold was recently taken out in one day. Unfortunately the operations of the Incorporated Exploration Company have been hampered in the past owing to the lack of working capital, but this deficiency has now been remedied, and after providing their leases with adequate *machinery the company* has something like £10,000 in hand wherewith to thoroughly test the value of the property. Mr. Thompson has quite recently made another examination of the leases, and so impressed is he with the prospects that he has accepted the position of managing director of the company. Needless to say, if the operations of the Incorporated Exploration Company prove successful as they promise to do, a great stimulus to deep lead mining will be given in the Cariboo district.—Colonial Gold Fields Gazette, London, Eng.

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All persons indebted to the undersigned will please take notice that we are closing out our business at Hat Creek on March 1st. All persons indebted to us will be expected to settle their accounts at once.
Anyone having bills against us will kindly forward the same for payment.
MCTAVISH BROS.
Hat Creek, Feb, 1st, 1900.

In the County Court of Cariboo,
HOLDEN AT ASHCROFT.

Between ANDREW KELLY, of Barkerville, Merchant, Plaintiff,
and GEORGE FERGUSON, of Barkerville, Miner, Defendant,

To GEORGE FERGUSON, late of Barkerville, B.C., Miner.

TAKE NOTICE that a plaint has been entered and a summons issued against you in the above County Court by Andrew Kelly, of Barkerville, for the sum of $900.00 and costs for goods sold delivered, and an order has been made that a publication of a notice of the entry of such plaint in the ASHCROFT JOURNAL for four successive issues thereof shall be deemed to be service of the summons upon you.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE, that if you, the said George Ferguson, do not enter a dispute note in the said action on or before the 5th day of March, 1900, the Court may order judgment to be entered as on default of appearance.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1900.
JOSEPH W. BURR,
Registrar of the County Court of Cariboo, holden at Ashcroft. 41-4

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Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 16th day of January, 1900, an assessment (No. 4) of Twenty-five cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, Room 14, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on MONDAY, The 26TH Day of FEBRUARY 1900, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at Public Auction; and unless payment is *made before, will be sold on Monday*, the Nineteenth day of March, 1900, to pay the delinquent assessment together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors.
E. L. PARKER, Secretary.
Office, Room 14, Nevada Block, No. 309 Montgomery St., San Francisco, California. 39

MEN OF MARK.

John Y. Stone of Glenwood, Ia., has an apple orchard of 800 acres bearing 133,000 trees.

Sir Henry Hawkins, the great English criminal judge, has taken the title of Lord Brampton.

Dr. Nansen is building himself a handsome house, and it is believed that he has decided not to go on any more expeditions.

Joseph H. Choate says he owes his success as a lawyer to the fact that he never neglected a case, no matter how unimportant it was.

Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, who at 30 is the successor of Lyman Abbott in Beecher's pulpit, was at one time a church janitor at the salary of $1.50 a week.

Paderewski daily goes through a regular set of gymnastics for the purpose of strengthening his arms and hands. He employs for this an apparatus which he designed himself and of which he carefully guards the secret.

James Bryant, a sea captain who died in New York a few days ago, was the man who commanded the vessel in which "Boss" Tweed escaped to Cuba from New York. He was handsomely rewarded for the risk he took and kept the secret for many years.

Dr. Christomanos, who taught the late Empress Elizabeth of Austria Greek and lately published a book purporting to be her diary and sayings, has resigned his position as lecturer on modern Greek at the Vienna university, it is believed, through pressure from the court.

Thomas J. Lee of Missouri, whom President McKinley has nominated to be professor of mathematics in the navy, first came into prominence through his discoveries regarding celestial heat, which have practically changed the whole nebular hypothesis of Herschel and Laplace.

Since his arrival in Washington Ali Ferrough Bey, the Turkish minister, has adopted as his workaday costume a bicycle suit of dark gray cloth. This he wears almost constantly. He is young, good looking and athletic, and his favorite attire sets off his figure to great advantage.

General Sylvanus C. Boynton, a well known lawyer of New York city, who is over 70 years old, has just finished a term of six months' imprisonment for refusing to pay a $10,000 judgment in favor of a relative which he considered unjust. By his staying in jail the judgment was vacated.

Magistrate Wentworth of New York city recently declared from the bench that suicide is not a crime. The statement was made when he discharged a 16-year-old boy who had attempted self destruction. "When a man is through with life," said the magistrate, "let him shuffle it off. That's what I intend to do."

A Zurich publisher of revolutionary German books, J. Schabelitz, is dead. He brought out Count Arnim's famous pamphlet, "Pro Nihilo," and likewise the works of Herwegh, Gogg, Scherr, Voss, Fahr, Holz, Schlaf and Pfau. He was noted for the rudeness of the postal cards he wrote in rejecting manuscripts.

The foreigners to whom congress will this year extend the privilege of admission to the West Point Military academy are Luis Yglesias of Costa Rica and Andres Sonte-Ruego of Venezuela. Ricardo Iglesias, brother of Luis, and Albert Valencia Montoya of Columbia, will be admitted to the naval academy at Annapolis.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Black knot is the worst enemy of plum trees.

Stone fruits usually require very little pruning.

A low headed tree gives less purchase to the wind.

An open headed tree grows the fairest and finest fruit.

By staking newly set trees a straighter growth is secured.

The quince is greatly benefited by heavy manuring, especially if applied early.

It is never advisable to set young peach trees in the same spot where the old ones have died.

Salt will kill weeds to a certain extent, but it will kill other plants. Do not use too much of it.

When setting out trees, never put manure of any kind in the hole made to receive the roots of the tree.

Peach trees should never stand in grass unless the growth is naturally rich and they are heavily manured.

As soon as the condition of the ground will admit, fill all vacancies in the raspberry and blackberry rows.

All fruit trees should be trained low. The lower limbs should not be higher than necessary to cultivate under them.

HOOSIER SUPERSTITIONS.

If the cat washes her face, it will soon rain.

If a hen crows, bad luck is coming. Sell the hen to a peddler.

If you find a pipe of tobacco, don't bring it home, or some one will die.

If you sweep dirt out of the house, you sweep out your luck. Burn the dirt.

Don't turn back when once started on a journey, or bad luck will follow you.

If you give away a cat or one goes away, don't let it come back, or a cow or horse will die.

If you turn a chair around on one leg while you turn a loaf upside down, there will be a quarrel in the house.

If you don't put a horseshoe—one that has been worn by a 2-year-old filly—in the churn, the witches will take the butter.

Don't put your left stocking or shoe on first when dressing in the morning, or you will put your foot in it some way during the day.

If a chair falls as you rise from it, you will not marry within a year. If the housewife sweeps under your feet, you will not marry within seven years.—Indianapolis News.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Eggs may be preserved for a month by packing them one minute or steeping them for a time in sweet oil.

A doctor has said, "Mold and decaying vegetables in the cellar weave shrouds for the upper rooms." That is a good thing to remember and act upon as spring advances.

Paint and putty can be taken off glass by wetting the glass several times with a strong solution of soda. Wet the glass again with it till the spots soften and can be washed off and then polish with alcohol.

A bottle of gilding, cost 10 cents, is a handy thing to have in the house. The frames of the hanging lamp, the slightly tarnished picture frames or any article that is gilded may be refurbished at slight cost and trouble.

Too Deep For Mamma.

"I want to ask one more question," said little Frank as he was being put to bed.

"Well," acquiesced the tired mamma.

"When holes come in stockings, what becomes of the piece of stocking that was there before the hole came?"

Cannel coal was once used as a substitute for candles, because it can be cut into sticks or strips and burns with a clear yellow flame. Its real name is candle coal.

Undulating land is better for the growth of crops than a level soil.

Napoleon and the Cobbler.

On Napoleon's arrival at Marsla-Tours the mayor, a farmer, tried in vain to make the speech he had prepared. Bowing and scraping, he stood fascinated by Bonaparte's scrutinizing black eyes—an unhappy squirrel in the gaze of the rattlesnake.

Close behind the trembling mayor stood an old shoemaker, in figure a true Don Quixote, clad in his working dress. "Why don't you speak, you fool?" he muttered from time to time to his leader. At last his patience gave way. He pushed the mayor aside, advanced, with his left hand removed his greasy cotton nightcap, with his right lifted the horn spectacles from his nose, made his bow and delivered the oration: "Emperor, you are on your way to thrash the Prussian rogues once more. I hope soon to see you return crowned with glory, and I have nothing more to say, but that Caesar and Alexander were botches in comparison with you."

The emperor laughed and inquired of the old man whether he had any sons. "Yes; four were in the army—two of these in the guards." Their names were taken down, and the honest shoemaker soon saw them raised to the rank of officers and found himself provided with a comfortable pension.—Blackwood's.

Two Civil War Messages.

It was a day or two after General Fitzhugh retired that the telegraph lines between Carlisle and Harrisburg were put in condition for service, and the first two messages that passed over them gave more than one officer and civilian a laugh. The Harrisburg operator was of the army variety and not noted for choice diction or even grammatical accuracy, but he could be terse on occasion. The Carlisle man, a civilian named Noble, probably knew more of the rules of syntax, but he was a bit flustered. Here are the messages—and in those days they were of record, since receiving and sending by sound was not in vogue:

Query—Has the rebels went?

Answer—They is.

After all there is merit in the interchange. There was no room for doubt as to what headquarters at Harrisburg wanted to know nor as to the military condition at Carlisle. But poor Noble! His friends nearly forced him to resign by the methods known as "josh."

Sardou as Stage Manager.

Sardou is one of the few great stage managers in Europe. He and Sir Henry Irving are probably the two best. "How is it done? Well, you see," replied M. Sardou, "I know exactly what I want, and I take care that I get it!" Sir Henry's answer to the same question would not, one imagines, be very different from this. Sardou does not read a lecture to an actor whose intonation is incorrect or whose gesture displeases him; he takes the actor's place on the boards for a few moments and goes through the part.

In theory this is simplicity itself; in practice it is sometimes productive of emotions which the scene is not intended to convey. As a rule, M. Sardou's demeanor at rehearsal is beautiful, but if people will not do as he requests he can tear his hair and a speech to tatters with the best of them. When the hurricane is over, he becomes Mr. Honeytongue again, but he has carried his point.—Cassell's Magazine.

The Tail of a Cat.

Every one can tell a cat's tail from a dog's, but it seems that the movements of each do not mean the same thing. For instance, when a dog wags his tail from side to side, that is held to be a sign of friendship and peace, and it will usually be found, according to Dr. W. Main, that this, the horizontal line, is the line of peace.

There is, however, one conspicuous exception to this rule, for when tomcat waves his tail in such a fashion, so far from its being an indication of his desire for peace, the movement generally precedes an attack. Dr. Main thinks it possible that this seemingly peaceful action of the tail when really about to attack may have given rise to the charge of treachery so freely made against pussy.

Couldn't Make the Correction.

A local paper published a long obituary of a man who had died in the community, closing with the statement that "a long procession of people followed the remains to their last roasting place." The family read the notice and discovered the supposed error and asked the editor to make a correction in the word "roasting," but he said he could not do it as it all seven years' back subscription that the deceased owed had been paid.—Exchange.

How They Managed It.

"And so you have finally succeeded in getting your husband to take the gold cure? I thought he always claimed that he could quit drinking whenever he wanted to?"

"Yes, he did. We have just convinced him that he ought to take something to make him want to."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Fish as Turtle Catchers.

A curious mode of catching turtle is practiced in the West Indies. It consists in attaching a ring and a line to the tail of a species of sucker fish, which is then thrown overboard and immediately makes for the first turtle he can spy, to which he attaches himself. The fisherman then hauls both turtle and sucking fish in.

Ahead of His Time.

"How do you like this idea of simplified spelling?'

"It makes me laugh. I've been spelling that way all my life, and till now everybody called me ignorant."—Chicago Record.

Misapprehension.

Guest—What have you got?

Waiter—I've got liver, calf's brains, pig's feet"—

Guest—I don't want a description of your physical peculiarities. What you have got to eat is what I want to know.—London Tit-Bits.

When my wife has company, she apologizes for everything she puts on the table, but when no one is there but myself she defends it.—Lacon Home Journal.

A Pathetic Portrait.

There is a peculiar portrait in Washington which has created much interest among those who know of its existence. Its peculiarity is that every year it has been changed to show the changes which time would have made in the original. The portrait is by a Washington artist and is that of his wife and was painted many years ago when she was a young bride. A few years after the portrait was painted the young wife died, and so great was the grief of the artist that he determined to keep her likeness with him all the time, and to do so he decided that year by year he would change the portrait so as to make it grow old with him.

Every year, on the anniversary of his wedding day, the artist locked himself in his studio and changed the lines of the face of the portrait, adding what he thought would make the difference of one year. There have been many anniversaries of that marriage day and consequently many changes in the portrait. Today the picture is that of an old woman, the hair turned gray, the face wrinkled and pale, but still beneath the marks of time, as made by the brush of the artist, can be seen the early beauty of the bride and the attractiveness of the young woman.—Washington Letter.

A Strange Marriage Custom.

It was an old idea that a husband, whose wife at her marriage was clothed only in a sheet, or in the most elementary linen garment, was not in any way liable for the debts previously contracted by her. Our parish registers and local traditions give us ample illustrations of this quaint idea. At Chiltern All Saints', Wiltshire, is the following entry: "John Bridmore and Anne Selwood were married October 17th, 1714, the aforesaid Anne Selwood was married in her smock, without any clothes or headgier on." Similar cases occurred at Gorton Green in 1738, at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1771, and at Otley in 1808.

The latest example of which the present writer knows comes from Lincolnshire. The register of Gedney has this commonplace entry: "Dec. 2nd, 1842, David Wilkinson, full age, bachelor, laborour, of Gedney," to "Susan Farran, full age, widow, of Gedney." Local tradition supplements this brief account by relating that the bride was dressed in a sheet, stitched about her, with holes cut for the passage of her bare arms.—"Lore and Legend of the English Church."

Clean Barber Shops.

There is not the slightest doubt that the average barber shop is a means of disseminating many affections which a little attention to asepsis could easily prevent. Many forms of alopecia are due to parasitic organisms which are probably acquired most frequently through the unclean interventions of the barber. Some ready method of disinfecting his tools of trade should be devised and its use thoroughly enforced. The towels should invariably be boiled after use, instead of the perfunctory dampening and ironing which is commonly employed. If such measures were taken and insisted on, under suitable penalty, trichophytosis and kindred ailments would become rare indeed and our dermatologists would miss many of the most annoying and persistent affections which they are now compelled to treat.—International Journal of Surgery.

A Spider's Musical Ear.

During the entire summer until late in the autumn a large black hunting spider (Lycosa) dwelt in my piano. When I played andante movements softly, she would come out on the music rack and seem to listen. Her palpi would vibrate with almost inconceivable rapidity, while every now and then she would lift her anterior pair of legs and wave them to and fro and up and down. Just as soon, however, as I commenced a march or galop she would take to her heels and flee away to her den somewhere in the interior of the piano, where she would sulk until I enticed her forth with "Traumerei" or Handel's "Largo."—Dr. Wier's Dawn of Reason.

Only Official Use of "Rebel."

In the public square of Santa Fe is a soldiers' memorial monument which is said to be the only one in the United States that bears the word "rebel" as applied to the soldiers of the Confederate army. The inscription reads:

To the Heroes of the
Federal Army
Who Fell at the Battle of Valverde,
Fought With the Rebels
Feb. 21, 1862.

On the other side a second inscription pays a similar tribute to the soldiers of the Federal army who fell in a fight with the "rebels" at Canon del Apache and La Glorieta pass March 28, 1862.

His Idea of It.

"Don't you fear the strong arm of the law?" asked the friend.

"Not always," answered the pugilist who was engaged in preparations for a meeting. "There's no doubt about the law's having a strong arm, but it's like the rest of us. It spends a great deal of time talking things over when it might be reaching for some one's solar plexus."—Washington Star.

Haunted.

Little Virginia—My mamma says you live in a haunted house.

Little Winnie—The idea! We don't either. Nobody ever heard of a ghost being inside of our house.

Little Virginia—Yes, but it's always haunted by a crowd of collectors.—Chicago News.

The Albany Capitol Guide.

One of the first things done by a stranger visiting Albany, says the Philadelphia Call, is to pay 25 cents and put himself at the mercy of a capitol guide. The guide makes a profound and obsequious bow, like a prestidigitator about to charm an audience, and proceeds to lift the veil which hides the mysteries of the great building.

On a recent occasion the guide led the stranger regretfully past "McGinty's" empty frame and proceeded to identify the heads of notables that decorate the stairway. He did fairly well until the stranger pointed out Shakespeare and Homer and asked who they were.

"Them," replied the guide, undaunted, "are the heads of two politicians whose names I disremember."

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 1900.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

The Albion Iron Works have orders enough on hand to keep them very busy for a long time to come. They are recognized as one of the best firms *in their line in Canada* or the west in general.

Brackman & Ker, head office, Victoria, manufacturers of the celebrated B.&K. Rolled Oats, are the largest dealers in B.C. in hay, oats, seed grains, etc. They ship oats *direct from their* own warehouses in Edmonton, Alberta, North-West Territories.

The Clinton ball will be held next Thursday and Friday. The usual good time which everyone has at the Clinton balls will be as much to the fore this year as in past years. With such a committee and Mr. Jos. E. Smith as *secretary, nothing but a well arranged* general good time can be looked for.

Mr. H. R. Bellamy states that he expects to place a dredge on the North Thompson in the early spring, although there is a possibility of delay owing to unsettled conditions in *England*, brought about by the South African war. In this issue is an interesting article written by Mr. Bellamy regarding the North Thompson as a gold bearing stream.

The Water Works Company intend next week, or as soon as the weather permits, to complete the large pipe line supplying Boston Flats, and also the flumes across the flat. The property has been leased and the expectation is that next summer will see a *large crop produced. A large orchard* will be planted and will comprise apple, pear, plum, peach, cherry and quince trees of the most approved varieties. An experimental patch of tobacco will also be sown.

Miss Murcutt, the cefebrated W.C. T.U. lecturer and organizer spent a few days in Ashcroft this and last week. Miss Murcutt is a most energetic and capable worker and a pleasant speaker. Her principle lecture here was on the Life of the Australian Natives, accompanied with limelight scenes of their surroundings. Under her direction a branch of the W.C.T.U. was organized with Mrs. A. A. Dorrell as president; Mrs. Muir, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. B. Laidley, recording secretary; and Mrs. T. Croston, treasurer. Monthly afternoon meetings will be held at the residence of Mrs. Dorrell.

Pither & Leiser, of Victoria, will shortly begin the erection of their new store, which will adjoin their present building. The new building will be 50 x120 ft. and, with their present building, 34 feet in width, will give them a building in all, 84x120 ft. four stories in height and will have all of the modern improvements, electric lights, etc. It will be a credit to Victoria, and such *investments is proof practical of the* views of men of judgment that Victoria is a live and active town in whose permanence as a business centre Messrs Pither & Leiser are firm believers. Max Leiser, who occasionally visits Ashcroft in the interest of his firm, is one the best salesmen that visits this section. Of course he vies with Tom Allice in telling fish stories, and a two pound trout may, a week later, have grown to a seven pounder, still we consider him a good fellow and enjoy his day in town.

Government Telegraph.

The arrival of several men in Ashcroft this week of the advance guard going north to begin operations on the Ashcroft-Dawson line has already caused an improvement in business affairs of the little town. Mr. A. Charleson, who with Mr. James Trodden will have charge of the Quesnelle construction party, has very kindly given us such information as he possesses of details regarding the building of the line.

Eight-gauge galvanized iron wire will be used. The 75-mile stretch from Tagish to Atlin was built of this wire, and although the weather has been reported as 57 below zero there has been no breaks in the line—365 pounds are *used to the mile, as well as 33 insula*tors and poles.

Messrs. Charleson and Trodden will first visit Quesnelle to make arrangements for beginning work there, accumulating supplies, etc., and will then return to Ashcroft. About 100 men will be employed on line-building. The wages will be the usual rates paid in Atlin last season—$2 per day and found. Men at special work will receive higher pay. Several pack trains will be worked from Quesnelle north. In all from Ashcroft something over 110 tons will be forwarded, and the usual rates to teamsters will be paid. Houses will be built every 20 miles instead of every 30 miles as we had before understood. From 5 to 7 miles per day will be completed as soon as work can begin, which will be in April, it is supposed.

Mr. Charleson stated that he did not know what would be done, but supposed it would require at least three or four operators and that the manager or superintendent of the line now at Benett would, he presumed, be stationed here. In all, it will make Ashcroft an important telegraph point. Mr. Charleson stated that only 25 men were brought from the east and that most of them would go to Dawson and Atlin to build new public buildings. The Quesnelle party will build to Hazelton and until the party meets one building from Telegraph creek north. Meantime a third party will build from *Atlin south to Telegraph creek.*

It is very satisfactory to learn that it is the intention of the government to patronize so far as they can, the local firms and home labor.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

When you find a tea that in price and taste suits you, then you want that tea always. Blue Ribbon Tea, sold by F. W. Foster, is just that kind.

See the Victoria B.C. Cold Storage and Ice Works Co's ad. in another column. They are ice manufacturers, using distilled water, and have bonded and ordinary cold storage warehouses.

Whatever your business in Victoria *the Victoria Hotel will suit you* in point of location, comfort, and service. The dining room will be found replete. Meals are served by competent and obliging waitresses.

Tai Soong & Co., Ashcroft, and Victoria, are one of the largest Chinese firms in the Province. They import large quantities of rice. The Ashcroft *store carries general* merchandise besides Chinese goods.

Victoria seems a busy city even if times are called dull there at present. Among the firms of wholesalers that are always at work with a large force are R. P. Rithet & Co. whose *immense* business that has been built up by the firm in Victoria is a fair showing of what enterprise and strict business principles will do. No firm in Canada enjoys a better reputation than does the great wholesale house of R. P. Rithet & Company.

Soldiers Like the Tea.

Acknowledgment of a donation to the Canadian boys in South Africa.

The following is a copy of a letter received by James Turner & Co.:

Belmont, South Africa, Dec. 20, 1899.

Dear Sirs: I beg to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of eight cases of Ram Lal's pure Indian tea, which has been so kindly presented to the Royal Canadian Regiment by your clients.

Will you please convey to them the grateful acknowledgment of the officers and men of that corps, for their most acceptable gift, and our full appreciation of the thoughtfulness which prompted their remembrance of us. Nothing could have been more welcome under the circumstances nor give greater pleasure in its use. Yours *very truly*, W. D. OTTER, *lieutenant*-colonel commanding Royal Canadian regiment.—Hamilton Spectator.

Ram Lal's pure Indian tea is for sale at Harvey, Bailey & Co's, who have the sole agency for Ashcroft and vicinity. A trial of this tea will satisfy the tea drinker of its strength and excellence.

Last Saturday's Smoker.

In honor of Messrs. Oldham, Radwell, Hunter and Fisher, who have joined the "Strathcona Horse," a very *pleasant smoking concert was held in* the town hall last Saturday evening. Messrs. Radwell and Oldham were present. Hunter and Fisher had gone to Kamloops. Mr. D. Murphy acted as chairman and after a short, well-delivered, patriotic address an impromptu programme of vocal and instrumental music was gone through, with an occasional interval to "wet down" and "light up." The chairman declared this was necessary to bring some of the singers to the proper pitch. Whether this was accountable for the step dancing is an open question, but there is no doubt it assisted.

Messrs. Howie, Burr, McCosh, Cotrell, Shaw and Warren *delighted* the audience with appropriate songs, accompanied on the organ by Mr. Oldham. Mr. Warren sang a catchy song accompanying himself on the guitar. Arthur Haddock and Mr. Tetlock played a violin and organ duet as did *Messrs. Chambers and Oldham. Toasts* were drunk to the departing volunteers and to those who had volunteered and were rejected. Mr. Radwell was presented by the Oddfellows' lodge of Ashcroft with a visiting card and informed by Mr. M. Dumond, the "Noble Grand," that the lodge would pay his dues during the continuance of the war.

The sum of $54.50, which had been collected by Messrs. Crozier & Gordon, was presented to Oldham and Radwell to be equally divided amongst the Ashcroft contingent. Both of these gentlemen made suitable replies.

The smoker broke up at 11 o'clock with the hearty singing of the National Anthem.

Messrs. Oldham & Radwell have promised to write the JOURNAL of their movements at every opportunity. It It would seem the old way of cheering, "hip, hip, hurrah," is the best, certainly *it gives all an equal chance to cheer.*

South African War.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: One of the most momentous issues of the struggle now going on in South Africa, consequent upon the success of our arms, must be this, that all men—British, Boer and aboriginal—will be able to dwell together with equal rights under *the British flag*, in place of the domination of a Boer oligarchy over British and colored alike. It should ever be borne in mind that in the Transvaal, a black man is not considered a human being.

The Rev. J. S. Moffat, son of the veteran South African missionary, Dr. Moffat, writing from Capetown says: "The war now going on between white men is being watched by the natives with interest and concern. As one of them said to me the other day: 'If the English win, then we black men can breath and live; if the Boers win, then we may as well lie down and die, for we shall be no more looked upon as men, but as cattle; so we shall all pray to God to make the arms of the English strong.' "

Yours truly,
A. ANSTEY DORRELL.

FIREMEN'S BALL.

The Ashcroft firemen have reason to congratulate themselves on the great success of their first ball last Wednes*day evening. The committee mention*ed in last week's issue had faithfully done their parts and were energetic in looking after the interests of their guests. Mr. M. Bailey acted as floor manager, a position in which he was most successful. The music was furnished by Messrs. A. Hautier, violin; Burr, piccolo; Tetlock, organ.

Between 35 and 40 couples were present and dancing commenced early in the evening and lasted until early in the morning.

$34 was the amount cleared which, we understand, pays the balance of the debt against the fire company.

Passenger List

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

ARRIVALS.

Albert Boyd, Cottonwood; P C Dunlevy, Soda Creek; W Abel, Hi-M.H.

DEPARTURES.

G A Vieth, 150-M.H; J Conroy, 144-M H.; Mr. Stevenson, Stanley. By special stage, Messrs. Cameron & Taylor.

He Wanted to Talk.

A solemn looking Irishman entered a business house the other day and, walking up to one of the men employed on the lower floor, asked:

"Is dhere anny chanst fer a mon t' get a job av wur-rk here?"

"I don't know," answered the man addressed. "You'll have to see Mr. Hobart."

"An phwere is he?" asked the Irishman.

"Up on the second floor," was the answer.

"Shall Oi walk up an talk t' him?" queried the seeker for employment.

"No need of that," replied the man. "Just whistle in that tube, and he'll speak to you," pointing at the same time to a speaking tube.

The old Irishman walked over to the tube and blew a mighty blast in it. Mr. Hobart heard the whistle, came to the tube and inquired:

"What's wanted down there?"

"'Tis Oi, Paddy Flynn," answered the Irishman. "Ar' ye th' boss?"

"I am," replied Mr. Hobart.

"Well, thin," yelled Flynn, "sthick yer head out av th' second sthory windy whoile Oi sthep out on th' soide-walk! Oi want to talk t' ye!"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The custom of keeping birthdays is many thousands of years old. Pharaoh's birthday festivities are mentioned in the Pentateuch.

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In obedience to a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Yale Registry, at Kamloops, and to me directed in the above named suit for the sum of $3420.76 and $7.00 for costs of execution, etc., and also interest on $3420.76 at six per centum per annum from the 7th day of January, 1900, until payment; besides Sheriff's poundage, officer's fees and all other legal incidental expenses, I have seized and, unless the said execution debt, interest and costs are sooner paid, will offer for sale by public auction, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, *proximo*, at Rich Bar, about four miles below Quesnelle, on Fraser River, the following described goods and chattels, or sufficient thereof to satisfy the said execution debt, interest and costs, that is to say:

A complete dredging plant, known as the "*Youngs Dredge*," *and consisting of 1 scow* 20x80x5 feet, 1 scow 10x77x4 feet, 2 boilers of 50 h.p. each, 1 double steam hoisting engine 8x10, 1 double steam wheel engine 10x12, 1 dynamo with fittings complete, 2000 lineal feet of assorted steel cable, 650 lineal feet of 2-inch manila rope, about 600 lbs. of bolts, nuts and steam fittings, a full outfit of machinists', blacksmiths' and carpenters' tools, a large quantity of tools and appliances used in operating the dredge, and other articles too numerous to mention; also a set of steam hoisting engines now stored at Quesnelle; also 6 Dredging Leaseholds, each comprising 5 miles of the bed of Fraser River, commencing at a point on said river about 5 miles above the mouth of Cottonwood River and extending *thence up stream a distance of thirty miles.*

JOHN STEVENSON,
Sheriff of Cariboo.

Barkerville, B.C., February 6th, 1900. 42 4

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NOTICE.

Charles Joachim Paulson, DECEASED.

All persons having claims against the estate of the above are requested to send them to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of February, 1900, after which date the executors will proceed to wind up the estate.
JAME INNES,
JAMES STONE,
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Barkerville, B.C., Jan. 19th, 1900.

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NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Hugh McDougall, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by an order made by His Honor Judge Cornwall, Judge of the County Court of Cariboo, on the 4th day of January, 1900, 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 Hugh McDougall, deceased intestate, late of Ashcroft, B.C. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount due by them to the said John A. Fraser or the undersigned forthwith. All persons having claims against the said Hugh McDougall are required to send full particulars thereof fully verified and of the nature of the securities (if any) held by them to the said John A. Fraser or the undersigned on or before the 6th day of April, 1900. After the 6th day of April, 1900, 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 6th day of January, 1900.
DENIS MURPHY,
3915 *Solicitor for Administrator.*

MINERAL ACT, 1896.
(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE—Empress No. 1, Empress No. 2, Empress No. 3, Empress No. 5, Empress No. 6 and Empress fractional, situate in the Yale Mining Division, of Yale district.

Where located—Near Agassiz.

Take Notice, that I, William A. Bauer, acting as agent for The British Columbia Agency Limited Free Mines certificate No. 20114 B., The British Columbia Gold Trust Limited F.M. certificate No. 20115 B.

Free Miner's Certificate No. , intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under *section 37, must be commenced before the* issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 11th day of January, 1900.
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Quesnelle Forks, 4.
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Horsefly, 3½.
Soda Creek, 3.
115-Mile House and 150-Mile House, 2½.
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