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Similkameen Wagon Road.

Strong pressure is, by all interested in the development of the Similkameen district, being brought to bear on the Provincial Government, with a view to secure the completion of a good wagon road between Hope and Princton. A centre link of about thirty miles of track there remains to be built at an approximate cost of $25,000, when with some necessary repairs to the sections of road already constructed near Hope and Princeton, respectively, a good highway of about sixty-five miles would connect the two points. Easy access could then be gained to the Similkameen. Hope being readily reached from the coast by either the Canadian Pacific Railway or by the route of the Fraser, on the south bank of which the old village of Hope stands. Nearly all traffic now making from the coast or Vancouver Island to the Similkameen, has to traverse a long rail and waggon road route, being taken by the C. P. R. as far north as Spence's Bridge—more than 60 miles above Hope—then hauled to Princeton over a long and heavy road of 125 miles. The construction of the proposed thirty miles of new road would afford a good market with quick and easy access for the farm produce of the agricultural districts of the Lower Fraser, and shorter by about a hundred and twenty miles than the route usually taken between the coast and island cities and the Similkameen district. Then re newed demand for the new road, which it is understood that the Provincial Government is inclined to consider favorably, is the result of exceptionally promising present conditions in the Similkameen, where recent development work has brought to light large and rich copper deposits. This is consequently encouraging a large influx of miners and prospectors. The Vancouver Board of Trade very naturally supports strongly the Similkameen road proposal, in expectation that it will, if carried into effect, afford a profitable new opening for the wholesale trade of the coast.

Westminster Exhibition.

In order to swell the influx of visitors to this year's Provincial Fall Fair, the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. have generously agreed to convey all exhibits from Calgary west absolutely free of freight charges, provided the ownership of the exhibits is not changed, and that they are returned immediately to after the show to the points from which they were originally shipped. Live stock will be carried at one fare. The Company have also agreed to greatly reduce rates of fare for visitors to the exhibition, as the following scale will show.

TO NEW WESTMINSTER AND RETURN.

Westminster Junction, 45c; Port Moody, 65c; Vancouver, 50c; Hammond, 80c; Haney, 90c; Wharnock, $1.20; Mission Junction $1.70; Huntington, $2.20; Agassiz, $3.15; Hope, $4.95; Yale, $4.70; North Bend $6.05; Lytton, $6.90; Spence's Bridge, $7.55; Ashcroft, $8.30; Savonas, $9.00; Kamloops, $9.75: Shushwap, $10.75; Salmon Arm, $11.70; Sicamous Junction, $12,25; Clan William $13.30; Revelstoke, $13.55; Illecillewaet, $14.40; Glacier, $14.90; Beaver Mouth, $15,60; Donald, $15.95; Golden, $16.45; Palliser $16.85; Field, $17.45; Hector, $17.70; Laggan, $18.00; Banff, $19.00: Anthracite, $19.15; Canmore, $19.45; Morley, $20.20; Cochrane, $20.75; Calgary, $21.45; Enderby, $12.95; Armstrong, $13.20; Vernon, $13.60; Okanagan Landing, $13.80; Kelowna, $14.80; Penticton, $16.50.

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Malcolm McLachlan, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by an order made by His Honor Judge Cornwall, Judge of the County Court of Cariboo, on the 12th day of August, 1899, 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 Malcolm McLachlan, 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 Malcolm McLachlan are required to send full particulars thereof fully verified and of the nature of the securities (if any) held by them to the said J. A. Fraser or the undersigned on or before the 17th day of November, 1899. After the 17th day of November, 1899, the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated the 12th day of August, 1899.
DENIS MURPHY,
10t5 Solicitor for Administrator.

MINERAL CLAIMS FOR SALE

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Thursday, Oct. 5th, 1899, for the purchase of the following mineral claims: A tender may be for any number of claims.

"Dominion," situate near 80 mile post, old Cariboo road.

"Cracker Jack," 5½ miles east of Ashcroft.

"Dufferin," 7 miles below Ashcroft, near 100 mile post, old Cariboo road.

"Gold Bug," about ¾ mile from Botanie creek and 1¼ mile from Thompson river, adjoining "Monarch" mineral claim.

"Noonday," about two miles from the mouth of Thompson river on the north side, adjoining "Albana No. 2" mineral claim.

"Tam O'Shanter," undivided ⅔ interest, on Basque ranch, near 100 mile post, old Cariboo road.

"Suter Johnny," on Langley mountain, near 100 mile post aforesaid, two-thirds interest.

All of said claims being the property of the estate of the late Malcolm McLachlan.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
DENIS MURPHY
Ashcroft.
Solicitor for estate of Malcolm McLachlan.
September 9th, 1899. 4t

CLINTON.

Henry Taylor, of Victoria, is at the Gang ranch spending a few weeks with his brother, who resides there.

Henry L. Brown, formerly of Empire Valley, has, it is reported, several fine mineral locations near Princeton. One of his quartz claims he has bonded for $5,000.

Never within the history of the province has there been such a ceaceless downpour of rain as has occurred this season, and much damage has been done to the hay crop, some still lying out that has been cut for the past six weeks. Fears are expressed that the grain crop will also suffer if the weather does not improve soon.

Quite a number of hunters, were on hand for the opening of the season. Among others, Dr. Sanson and Mr. D. Campbell are out for their annual hunt.

J. F. Derby, of Crow's Bar, has gone out with a large outfit, accompanied by several gentlemen from England and Ireland. They intend having a try at the big horn in the Lone Cabin creek country. As this district contains large game in great numbers the party will no doubt have good success.

One of the Clinton sports was off on a hunt, and being overdue home caused some anxiety. A search party was organized and went out firing volleys to guide the wanderer home. Fortunately he was found at no great distance from the beaten path and is now home and rejoicing thereat.

J. Davis, connected with the Goss brothers in the sawmill business, returned from a trip to Dog Creek this week.

J. Gallagher returned from New Westminster this week, where he has been at the hospital for treatment. He is still far from well, but hopes for speedy improvement.

HORSEFLY.

A down passenger on the stage of last Tuesday, who visited the Horsefly a few days since stated to a JOURNAL representative that at the Ward mine he took a shovel and turned up some of the clay like gravel on bed-rock, and in his words there seemed to be more gold than gravel. It was a marvellous sight. There will be a large wash-up soon at this mine as quite a bit of rich bedrock has been stripped but not cleaned.

Reports from the Miocene mine are that Mr. Campbell was, about the 25th of August, down 285 feet, and is experiencing no trouble with water. He has passed through about 150 feet of quartz gravel which all prospects in gold, but is now in a clay and gravel wash that does not prospect. He will doubtless strike gravel soon again that will be auriferous, as his prospecting shaft of last year, which was down some 450 feet, proves conclusively that the gold is there. We learn that very many claims have been staked in the Horsefly section, and excitement is still running high. There is a very extensive system of old channels through Horsefly which are believed to be rich in gold, that will, now that the rich gravel has proven so extensive in the Ward claim, be prospected thoroughly.

But He Didn't.

I knew a man who said he'd pay
That little bill that very day—
He'd just collect a little more,
And come right up and fork it o'er.
I heard him say that sum he'd fill,
And walk right in and pay his bill—
But he didn't.

I knew a man who was in love,
And called on all the saints above
To wittness that his heart was true,
And what he was about to do.
I heard him heave a deepdrawn sigh
And say he'd win her hand or die,
But he didn't

I heard a man come in and jaw—
The maddest man I ever saw:
He'd teach us what to write about,
Or turn the office inside out.
I heard him say he'd spoil the face
Of every man about the place—
But he didn't

I knew a chap who had a plan
To make himself a wealthy man;
He'd haul the money in so fast
He'd own a state or two at last.
I heard him say with smile so bland,
He soon would drive a four-in-hand,—
But he didn't

Oh lively time; oh busy day
If these intentions all would stay—
What marvellous and unreal thing
would this unique arrangement bring.
What lively times if they'd come true.
These things that men have said
they'd do
And didn't.

Pretty sad news comes from Kansas as usual. A young man climbed up a cornstalk the other day, to see how the ears were getting along and now the corn is growing faster than he can climb down. Three men have undertaken to cut down the stalk, but owing to its radid growth, it is feared they they will not succeed in time to prevent the man from starving to death, though it is consoling to know that he has thrown down four bushels of corncobs but surely his supply must be getting low.—Ex.

FRASER RIVER DREDGE.

The turbulent Fraser River rushes down to the sea over golden sands, but up to the present it has cost a large sum of money to win a very small amount of the gold. Truth to tell, the people who hitherto have dredged the Fraser have adopted all the wrong methods. At last one company has taken a step in the right direction. It has engaged the services of a New Zealand dredge-master, deputed him to select machinery and is now having the machinery placed together under his charge.

The New Zealand gold dredging engineer is Mr. F. Satchell Clarke, formerly dredge-master of the Victoria Gold Dredging Company. He has just re turned from England, where he has been selecting the machinery to be used by the Cobbledick No. 2 Company, which has secured dredging leases at Lytton. This machinery is a sight to look at. The grinder stripped weighs alone eight tons, while there are 35 buckets weighing each half a ton. Mr. Clarke did not waste much time in Vancouver on his return from the Old Country, for yesterday he left for Lytton where he will act as dredge-master and consulting engineer. He expects to have the machinery all put together and the dredge started by December. Although he was a very busy man, Mr. Clarke had time to give a few interesting facts to the News Advertiser.

"We are going to give the Fraser River a good fair trial, and it will be the only practical trial that has been made," he said.

"I fully believe so. You have the same conditions here as in New Zealand, where they have yet to record a failure in gold dredging. In fact take away the trees on your mountains and you might fancy this a piece of New Zealand. We shall have one dredger that will dredge 200 yards a day continuously. I visited Sheffield and the Clyde to get the machinery. Such a state of prosperity as now exists in the steel and iron trades was never known of before, I think. It is almost impossible to get steel orders put through I have been many months getting our orders placed. We could not get one firm to do the whole order, and we had to go to two or three."

"Why did you not go to New Zealand?"

"Well, they are in just the same fix there. They cannot get their cast steel from England. The activity is something wonderful. There are mechanics on the Clyde who are getting as high wages as mechanics in the Colonies. The work-shops are filled and some of them have orders ahead for three years."

While in Edinburgh Mr. Clarke floated a dredging company with £20,000 capital. The company acquires from Mr. Clarke dredging leases in New Zealand and he shows his belief in the property by taking all his purchase price in stock.

Mr. Cobbledick is expected to arrive from England in a day or so. Mr. Clarke was accompanied up to Lytton by Mr. Barnum.

Justice Drake's Judgment Upset.

Victoria, September 6.—The full court today allowed the appeal for a new trial in the pack train trial in the case of Bird vs Veith, on the ground that justice Drake erred at the trial in ordering the defendant's exclusion from the court while the plaintiffs case was being given. The court decided as follows: "In our judgment the parties to an action have a right to be present during the trial, unless some good reason is shown why any of them should be excluded, and the mere circumstance that these defendants would or might, be called as witnesses did not entitle the plaintiff to require the exclusion. It is sufficient for the disposition of this appeal that no reason whatever was even suggested for the exclusion other than the supposed right of the plaintiff's to call for it.

Filipino Village in San Francisco.

A novel feature of the Mechanics' Institute Fair which opened in San Francisco Sept. 2, for an exhibition lasting five weeks, is a topical exhibit as they exist in the Philippine Islands, reproductions of the agricultural and manufacturing industries of the natives and complete displays of the natural productions of their land. In the native village there are over 60 Filipinos and they have brought with them a great variety of the domestic animals of the islands.

Passenger List.

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

DEPARTURES.

Miss Ward, B. T. Deake, Miss A. Geare, 150 Mile House; Lindley Crease, Mr. Lindley, F. Proctor, Clinton; Yan Wan, Quesnelle. Special stage to Chilcoten, A. W. Vowell and Mr. Green.

ARRIVALS.

Ryland Parker, G. E. Stephensen, S. H. Buxton, L. Wendell, 150 Mile House; Mrs. King, 111 Mile House; Sister M. Serena, 132 Mile House; W. R. Henderson, Soda Creek; Louis Hagen, Hat Ck; Mr. Morton, Mr. Spalding, Barkerville; C. Cotton, Soda Creek.

GOLD IN THE PHILIPPINES.

That there is gold-bearing gravel and rock in the Philippines is beyond question. How rich and extensive the placers may be, and how the quartz will pay, will not be determined until the hand and eye of the practical miner shall have made their unmolested presence felt on the banks of the streams and inland mountains now closed to white men. Lieut. E. S. Paxson, of this city, who has been on the sick list for several weeks and recouperating under the skilful nursing of his family, informed a representative of this journal that he saw Philippine gold at Manila, but could not learn from what part of Luzon it came. He said that some of the mountains, which are 8,000 feet above sea level, bore a striking resemblance to the Wasatch mountains around Salt Lake. He surmised the gold dust he saw was washed down from them.

A writer in a late number of the Review of Reviews—Ramon Reyes Lata—says that it was known that gold existed in the Philippines long before the Spaniards conquered and took possession of the islands. When they did, however, they thought they had found another Peru, and told extravagant stories of the weight and beauty of the bracelets, necklets and anklets of pure gold worn by the native. The Spaniards, however, helped themselves to all in sight as they did in Mexico and Peru, and made a fair exhibit of the gold output of the Philippines to Spain and her people. The mining was done after the crudest style and about as much slipped through the unskilful fingers of the Spaniards as they saved. They took the dust from the more accessable districts near the coasts, but the natives mined theirs in the interior of Luzon, where they obtained it in larger quantities. Mr. Lata says: "In certain regions there is not a stream, large or small, whose sands do not show the yellow trace of gold, while now and then natives of the interior offer heavy nuggets for sale." The inference is that the heavy pieces were specimens detached from pieces of outcropping quartz ledges by the actions of the elements, heat and water. There is no question that very rich gold-bearing quartz will be found in the mountains of the interior of the islands.

Mr, Lata says that "The principal gold-yielding region of Luzon is the district of Mambulao. The metal has also been found in Mindano, Panag, Cebu and the smaller islands of Samar, Calanduanes, Sibuyan, Bohol and Panaor. One of the larger islands, Mindoro, gains its name from its gold deposits, it signifying Mina de ore (gold mine)." The natives say there are places in the interior which are rich in gold. It is so plentiful in some places that the natives carry it in bags and purses for use in their ordinary buying and selling. The yield of some of the placers to the native miners is about 150 ounces a month to the man. What could an American placer miner do there with a little giant and plenty of water and fall?

Rich quartz lodes are said to be known in the island of Misamis, and also in the small island of Panaon, but about all the mining which has been done there has been done in placer ground. Doubtless the natives are well aware of the wealth of precious metal deposits in the islands, a fact which may have led them to make such obstinate stand against the advance of the Americans in the interior. They want the gold for their own use.

A Tribute to the Great Road.

Montreal, Sept. 5.—The following telegram, which was received by Mr. D. McNicoll, speaks for itself:

Vancouver, B. C., Aug .21st.

D. McNicoll, Assistant General Manager, Canadian Pacific Railway:

One hundred members of the Canadian Press Association are deeply grateful to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the unremitting courtesy and hospitality which have made their trip across the continent the most interesting and pleasant of all their outings. Though conscious of the sterling work accomplished in the spanning of a Continent, for a large part remote from settlement, and in the opening up of a territory as vast as some empires, the actual view unfolded on the journey has impressed the excursionists more forcibly than words can represent. The development all along the route, in cities as well as in agricultural and grazing sections, has been surprising, and is most encouraging to lovers of solid progress and hopeful prosperity. The ease and comfort with which the journey from ocean to ocean is attended in the cars and in the Canadian Pacific Railway hotels, through a service unexcelled anywhere, is a triumph for Canadian skill and enterprise, second only to the financial and engineering victories attained in the building of the greatest scenic and developing line in America.

(Signed) W. S. DINGMAN.
President, Canadian Press Association.

William Cameron, of Lytton, is spending a few days in town.

Cost a Million Already.

If the mines of the Slocan had been kept in operation during the past three months, instead of being closed down because of the eight hour law, they would have produced nearly one million dollars' worth of ore; they would have paid $500,000 in dividends; they would have disbursed $150,000 to $200,000 in wages and much more in the purchase of supplies and machinery, and would have added many thousands to the public funds of the province and to the many private enterprises dependent upon them. To say that the mine owners are alone to blame for this is false; and is equally absurd to say the miners should have expected the reduced scale proposed by the mine owner' association. The real blame for the disturbance lies not so much in the eight hour principle as in the manner in which the law was thrust upon us. Coming as it did, it was but natural for the mine owners to take such steps as they deemed expedient to help themselves. In doing so they acted unwisely in believing they could force all other interests to give way to them. But, ignoring all these facts; granting that all parties have acted in what they deemed to be the best interest of the mining industry and all parties engaged in it, it does not better the situation. It has been demonstrated in the past three months that the mine owners cannot operate their properties, and further, that the wage scale cannot be reduced. What they ought to do now is to resume operations, and pay the old scale of wages. If the law is unconstitutional, as they now contend, let a test case be made and the matter settled by the proper tribunals. It would not require much time to have the question settled. There is no merit in this curbstone oratory in opposition to a law that has never been tried. But first of all start up the mines!—New Denver Ledge.

Cariboo Companies.

Mr. Ross Robinson, Chairman of the Fraser River Consolidated Company, and a director of the Golden River Quesnelle Company, is now in the province from England. He left Vancouver on Wednesday to begin an inspection of the properties of the companies. His first stop will be at Yale, where about two and a half miles above Ruby creek the Fraser company's dredger is at work. This machine, which is of a lately patented suction variety, is at present operating amongst such coarse material that rocks weighing a hundred weight are frequently passed up through the pump. So far the ground has not been found to pay sufficiently for the three month's work already expended upon it. The water of the river is at present too high and the current too strong to permit of readily working the upper part of the lease where virgin ground yet remains untouched. Therefore while he was in Vancouver Mr. Robinson arranged for the charter of a steam tug and the purchase of 2,000 feet of inch steel cable by which to move the plant towards Yale, where it is hoped that more favorable returns will be obtained.

The Golden River Quesnelle Company is not in the best condition. An expensive dam was completed last year but the returns of gold have been very disappointing. Mr. Robinson will visit the property and advise his co-directors as to whether it would be expedient to add a dredge to the plant already in operation. Mr. Robinson hopes to complete these investigations within a fortnight and then will return to England.

Yukon Salaries Increased.

It is understood that the government has decided to increase the salaries of Gold Commissioner Senkler of the Yukon and W. H. P. Clement, legal adviser of the Yukon council, to $5,000 each. Clement, who was allowed to practice his profession and speculate in mines will be debarred from doing so in the future. All the officials in the Yukon will be given an increase.

Gold Commissioner Senkler and Major Perry, superintendent of mounted police, have been appointed members of the Yukon council. Perry takes the place of Major Steele, who ceases to be a member. An order has also been passed taking the power of issuing permits for liquor out of the hands of Ogilvie and placing it with the minister of the interior.

Times are Prosperous.

R. C. Campbell-Johnston returned Friday from a trip through the Boundary country and reports that times are prosperous there. The North Fork of Kettle river is opening up especially well from a mining point of view. The Canadian Pacific railway had laid their tracks as far as the bridge over the Kettle river opposite Grand Forks. The construction of the Smelters at Grand Forks and Greenwood is being pushed. The latter which is being constructed by Paul Johnson for the British Columbia Mining Company, is situated on Copper creek just west of the city limits. The town of Phœnix is enjoying quite a little boom. It is situated about six miles east of Greenwood, in what used to be known as Greenwood camp.

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THE POTHOOK MINE.

The development of the Pothook mine is being watched with interest by mining men throughout the Province. The property, however, will attract *still further attention* when its leading features are better known, and as the property possesses characteristics dissimilar to those possessed by any developed or partly developed mineral claim in B. C., a description of these characteristics and of the development of the property *will perhaps repay* perusal.

The group of claims composing the Pothook property is a large one, and is made up of five full claims—four claims varying from 33 to 45 acres in size and five fractions located during survey. *The whole of the ground com*prises an area of 425 acres. The property is situated on the plateau at the foot of the west slope of Sugar Loaf Mountain, forming the western extension of the Coal Hill camp. The chief claims were located in September, 1896, during the excitement *following the* first discovery of heavily copper stained rock on Coal Hill. Men were engaged for about a year crosscutting and sinking on the showings of copper-stained rock, and many big pieces of native copper were discovered, to say nothing of the stringers of copper glance and zornite. The work meanwhile was sufficient to demonstrate that considerable depth was needed to prove the value of these showings, but that nevertheless, the chances were most favorably for the investment of capital, in the making of more than one big mine. In November 1897, the claims now forming the Pothook group were taken *up under a working bond* by Mr. H. Croft, of Victoria, and systematic development work was commenced under the direction of Mr. Ashley. Extensive surface work, in the form of a series of big crosscuts and a few trial shafts, was first done to supplement the *work carried on by the original* owners. This proved the presence of a large vein, composed of a rather soft schistose veinstuff, resembling chiefly a very much altered diorite, but containing less silica and some talc, lying between a footwall of a fine granitoid rock and a *hanging wall of diorite.* The vein stuff was heavily copper-stained and was interspersed irregularly with native copper and copper glance. This series of crosscuts aggregate in length 560 feet, showing up the vein for a distance of over 5,000 feet with a width of over 350 feet. A double compartment shaft was commenced on the Pothook claim and sinking and crosscutting has progressed continuously since, with the exception of a short close down this spring for the erection of a new shaft-house and power hoisting gear. A horse-winze was installed in May, 1898, and in the fall of that year the property passed into the hands of the Scottish Copper Mines Syndicate of B. C., Ltd. Liability, of which Mr. Croft is the local director.

The mine buildings which have been erected as occasion required now consist of the shaft house, 36x40; blacksmith's shop, 16x24; cook-house, 20x28; bunk-house, 16x32; managers office, 18x20; cottage 16x24; with large stables and barn, power house, root house etc. They are plain, substantial frame buildings, the cook-house and bunk-house being large, airy, comfortable *places. Mr. Ashby believes in looking* after the creature comforts of his men, and is deservedly popular; while he in turn says that his men are as good as can be found in the Province. Mr. Ashby's close attention to their well-being creates a responsive willingness *and interest on the part of the miners* that make matters work smoothly and attains the highest efficiency and economy for the company. In the shaft-house is a six h. p. gasoline engine, and a fan for ventilation which draws up the air from the levels through a 10 inch pipe of *galvanized* iron. The shaft is a double compartment one, each compartment is 4½x5, inside measurement. It is well timerbed all the way, one compartment being used for hoisting and the other as the downcast air-shaft and ladderway; the ladders are inclined with landings every twenty feet. This shaft is now down 330 feet, and four levels have been driven from it, cross-cutting the vein. It is now possible to study the character of this immense vein. The vein-stuff is apparently in very much altered or imperfect diorite. It is almost amorphous in character, very soft and very easy to work, and at a depth of 330 feet it is no harder. Even at this depth it is evidently altered by decomposition, due to infiltration of water. This vein appears to be the channel by which the water finds its way to the drainage level of Cherry creek and Kamloops lake. A good *proportion of the water in the workings* gets away through the vien, and very little is lifted. Under these conditions of a soft easily decomposed vein material, the continuous water action and the certain leaching out of some of the copper contents, it is evident that the *full values will not be realized until* the drainage level is passed, which means a depth of over 500 feet. Meanwhile there is notable improvement in values and extent of ore, as evidenced by comparison of the lower with the upper level. The first crosscut the A level was commenced at a depth of 80 feet, this was driven 30 feet to the south and 24 feet to the north. The whole 60 feet carried a fine distribution of native copper, *averaging from 1* to 1.5 per cent., with an irregular mass of 3 feet of glance, yielding all through 18 per cent. copper. A picked ton of this sent to the Kaslo sampling works yielded 30 per cent. copper. The B level was commenced at a depth of 150 and has been driven 243 feet to the south and 214 feet to the north, the showings in this crosscut are a great *improvement* on the A level, and the vein assumes the character of a more regularly banded mineralized zone. The native copper occurs rather unevenly distributed all the way in the south crosscut and for 100 feet from the shaft in the north crosscut, along *with a little glance.* In the south crosscut a 3 foot chute reticulated with veins of bornite was met 60 feet from the shaft, and a little further a 4 foot band, carrying 3 per cent. native copper, then native copper in varying quantities for 100 feet, when a band of *quartzite of considerable width* was met, 3 feet of copper pyrites averaging 5.8 per cent. in copper and $3.60 in gold and silver. At 212 feet a rich band of native copper was met, and the change when this was gone through indicates that the vein was passed through. *This last band was 17 feet wide, and* the native copper was very uniform throughout. A sample taken across the first foot yielded 3.25 per cent of copper sample from the last foot containing also some finely distributed copper glance, which assayed 7 per cent. copper, and a sample taken all across the 17 feet of assayed 4.55 per cent. in copper and $3 in gold and silver. A drift was made along the north side of this band, and samples taken from the vein-stuff as it came out gave the same values as the first assay over a distance of 60 feet. A second crosscut was then made and in addition to the native copper an irregu*lar mass of several feet of bornite* was encountered. This occurance of a large band carrying good values in native copper and bornite was very gratifying to the management and the company. The drift of the vein and these bands is to the south, that is, *away from the shaft, and the C level,* at a depth of 250 feet, is not yet sufficiently advanced to meet this 17 foot band, but the showing for the 230 feet attained is an improvement on the B level. Twenty-five feet from the shaft a band of 4 feet carrying copper pyrites was met: at 80 feet a 12 foot band carrying veins of bornite, native copper and some fine copper glance; at 227 feet the same quartzite that was noticed on the B level was met and was much wider. At the time of writing the face is still in quartzite, which carries a good amount of copper pyrites, 27 feet of this assaying 4 per cent. of copper, with $3.50 in gold and silver.

The D level, at a depth of 325 feet, is only in 80 feet from the shaft, and so far carries the same characteristics as the upper ones. A considerable amount of native copper has been met.

On the dump at the mine there is now *700 to 800 tons of low grade ore,* carrying 1.5 to 2 per cent. native copper, with a small proportion of copper pyrites and copper glance, and carrying values of $3 a ton in gold and silver and 25 to 30 tons of picked high grade ore. The low grade ore is practically a run of mine ore, *chiefly from the* upper levels. The material from the lower levels is considerably higher in copper than the average on the dump, but taking this average for our basis of of calculation, we shall see that this immense mass of low grade ore is sufficiently valuable to yield a good profit when concentrated. Experiments with samples of the ore show that it will *concentrate perfectly and cheaply,* and the gold and siver values are saved with the concentrates. Its concentrating ratio is ten to one or a little over. This will yield concentrates carying about 20 per cent. copper, worth at smelter price $40 per ton, *possibly more, and $30 per ton gold* and silver values. The remarkable ease with which this soft ore can be mined and crushed reduces the cost of mining and concentrating to a very low figure. It is estimated that $2.50 per ton will cover all mining expenses; *but allowing $3, each ton of concen*trates will cost $30 per ton. Freight and smelter treatment costs at present $12.50 per ton, leaving a balance of $27.50 profit per ton of concentrates.

No stoping has been done on the richer bands, and no allowance has been made for the irregular tenticular bodies of high grade ore which are evidently distributed through the mass *of the vein. When ore is being taken* out in quantity from richer bands and the high grade ore accounted for, the value of the run of mine ore will be at least doubled. The low grade ore bodies are now shown to have sufficient size to warrant the erection of a larger *plant and the establishment of concen*tration works on a large scale. As soon as this is accomplished the Pothook should take rank among the mines working large bodies of low grade ore, which, not unfrequently, pay very handsome dividends.

A complete new plant for the mine is now ordered and is expected to be in position by October. This plant will consist of a 50 horse power hoisting engine, a sixty horse power air compressor and five machine drills. When this plant is in place, the staff of men will be largely increased and sinking and crosscutting at lower levels will proceed more rapidly. A *tramway route to the selected concen*trator site adjoining the railway track and the Thompson river has been surveyed, and the grade is easy and regular. The distance is two and one half miles, and the tramway will be of the gravity type—inexpensive to construct. It is expected to complete the concentration works by next spring, and at that time there should be a large supply of ore at the mine, and a large *amount blocked out below ground.*

A remarkable resemblance of the Pothook vein to some of the native copper deposits of Lake Superior will be noticed, but I think this is the first deposit of its kind to be developed in British Columbia.

In conclusion I desire to add a word of praise in respect to the sound business-like policy pursued by the management of the Pothook mine. All the money spent has been spent as far as possible in underground development, on buildings and other accessories to development, these being added only as required. Now that the future of the property is more or less proved, the question of tramways and treatment can be advantageously considered. The system of developing a property before equiping it is not so general as it should be, unfortunately for Kamloops camp and possibly others Some engineers are so full of schemes *for building roads,* tramways and locating possible smelter sites, that mine development is often neglected, and a good property with facilities for treating and handling ore is closed down for lack of funds before the ore is even blocked out. In the Pothook *we have a good example of "how to do* it properly," and the manner in which the mine has been systematically developed reflects great credit on the business capacity of Mr. Ashby the superintendent of the mine, and of Mr. Croft, the company's resident director. Meanwhile an earnest *effort is being* made in Kamloops at the present time to conduct mining on a more business-like basis—a consummation devoutedly to be wished.—John Redman in Mining Record.

HORSE RACES AND SPORTS.

The following is the programme of horse races and athletic sports, in connection with the annual fair of the Inland Agricultural Association, to be held at Ashcroft Sept. 28th and 29th:

HORSE RACES.

FIRST DAY. 1st Race—Purse, $40 to first and $10 to second; 5-8 mile heats, two in three; catch weights.

2nd Race—Purse, $35 to first and $10 to second; half-mile dash; catch weights; for 2, 3 and 4-year-olds; provincial bred horses only.

3rd Race—Purse, $25 to first and $7.50 to second; quarter-mile heats; catch weights; for provincial bred horses only.

SECOND DAY. 1st Race—Purse, $50 to first and $20 to second; half-mile heats; two in three; for provincial bred horses only; catch weights.

2nd Race—Purse: $30 to first and $10 to second; 5-8 mile dash; catch weights.

3rd Race—Purse, $25 to first and $7.50 to second; trot or pace; free for all; half-mile heats; for provincial bred horses.

4th Race—Consolation purse, $20 to first; half-mile dash; catch weights; for horses that have not won money at this meeting.

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Race, 100 yards, girls under 16, open	2	1	
Long jump, running, open	3	2	
Hop, step and jump, running, open	3	2	
Hop, step and jump, standing, open	3	2	
High jump, running, open	3	2	
Obstacle race, open	3	2	1
Sack race, open	3	2	1
Three-legged race, open	3	2	1
Bicycle race, ½-mile, in three heats	5	2	50

Gymkhana races.

Three entries in each event or no second prize. The decision of the judges to be final.

Fall Fairs.

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

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In the Matter of the Estate of Malcolm McLachlan, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by an order made by His Honor Judge Cornwall, Judge of the County Court of Cariboo, on the 12th day of August, 1899, 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 Malcolm McLachlan, 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 Malcolm McLachlan are required to send full particulars thereof fully verified and of *the nature of the securities (if any) held by* them to the said J. A. Fraser or the undersigned on or before the 17th day of November, 1899. After the 17th day of November, 1899, the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

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Notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the estate of Thomas Meldrum, late of Soda Creek, deceased, to send the particulars in writing of their claims or demands to me, the undersigned, on or before the 10th day of October, 1899, after which date I will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which I shall then have had notice.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1899.

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Orchards stretch their bloomy span
Round the walls of Hamadan.
Purples deepen on the grape,
Lyric brooks make blithe escape,
Yet are all the glories gone
That the lord of Macedon
Saw ere drew the revel on,
And the Bacchic orgy ran
Round the walls of Hamadan.

Gone the great sun temple where
Golden stair rose over stair.
Gone the gilded galleries,
Porticoes and palaces,
And the plaintive night winds plead
For the memory of the Mede,
Sob for alien ears to heed,
Pilgrim train and caravan,
Round the walls of Hamadan.

Naught of all the radiant past,
Naught of all the varied, vast
Life that throbbed and thrilled remains,
With its pleasures and its pains,
Save a couchant lion lone,
Mute memorial in stone
Of three empires overthrown—
Persian, Median, Parthian—
Round the walls of Hamadan.

All the splendor vanished, still
Wheels the world for good or ill.
Where's the wisdom hoary sage
Shall unriddle us this page?
Temples toppled from their base,
Victor race o'errunning race,
Yet, within the ancient place
Mirth and love of maid and man
Round the walls of Hamadan!

—Clinton Scollard in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

To Suicides Commencing.

The advertisement in the newspaper ran as follows: "Suicides commencing—These should write for appointment to Rex Blake, 73 Uppingdon Gardens, South Kensington."

Herbert Streuth, artist, received an appointment for 2:30 on Wednesday afternoon. He called at the South Kensington address and was shown into a solidly furnished library, where a podgy little old gentleman with white hair shook him warmly by the hand and bade him to be seated.

"I am very pleased to see you, Mr. Streuth, and I trust that I may be of some service to you—in fact, that we may be of service to each other. But I must begin by asking you a plain question, which you will answer truthfully and in one word. Is your intended suicide connected in any way with severe poverty or overwhelming financial losses?'

"No," said Streuth, "I am considered, I believe, to be fairly well off."

"Delighted to hear it," said Mr. Blake, rubbing his chubby hands together, "now we will proceed. I tell you frankly that with me this thing is a business and nothing but a business. If you decide that I can serve you I shall expect a moderate fee. Now, what *are the principal objections to suicide?*'

"The law does not permit it," said Streuth.

"Precisely, but in the case of the successful suicide the law is not asked. It says that you may not take your life away, but if you do it cannot compel you to take it back again or punish you in any way. We can leave the law out.'

"There is also the religious objection," said Streuth.

"Many very religious people," replied Mr. Blake, "have not found it cogent. Take the case, by no means an uncommon one, where the death of one man may be an inestimable benefit to many to whom he is really sincerely attached. Is an act of self sacrifice to be regarded as a crime? No; it seems to me that each suicide must be judged on its own merits, taking into consideration the motives and beliefs of the person suiciding. Any other opinions?"

"I know none," Streuth answered. "In fact, I have not been thinking much about it. I want to get out of things. I don't ask myself if there are *any objections or not. I don't care if* there are any objections."

"You surprise me," said Mr. Blake. "You are an artist, and yet it has not occurred to you that the manner of the suicide is of essential importance. The throat cutting is very dirty, and the same objection applies to the use of firearms. Have a little foresight. Imagine what you look like afterward, and the state of the bedclothes, and all the rest of it."

"I was intending," said Streuth, "to drown myself."

"I have here," said Mr. Blake, "a little work on forensic medicine. There are some interesting chapters on the signs by which you can tell the length of time the body has been in the water. Did you ever hear of adipocere? There is an elegant little description of it in this passage. Just read it."

Streuth took it and read a few lines. "I can't stand this," he said; "it is too nauseous."

"I thought you would see it in that light," Mr. Blake replied. "People *mostly do when I put it to them.* You really can't tell what a river's going to do to you. It may give you back at once, or it may keep you for a bit. Even if it gives you back at once you don't look pretty. Here's a description of the face of a man taken out of the Thames on"—

"You needn't go on with that. I have given up the idea of drowning myself. There is still poison. A little prussic acid and the bother is all over.'

"Excellent," said Mr. Blake. "If you know the right dose, you die almost immediately. But you've got an awful moment. If you don't know the right dose, you have a very bad time. You will be found with your hands violently clinched, your eyes glistening and your pupils dilated, and you will shriek just before your death. Unpleasant, isn't it?"

"Well," said Streuth, "there are other poisons."

"All are open to objections. Chloral may kill you comfortably or make you sick. Other anæsthetics may lead to *your being discovered while in a state* of unconsciousness, but not dead, and the treatment they give you then is not pretty. Many quick poisons are painful, very painful, and in any case you leave your body about after. So untidy—such a want of neatness! Every suicide is anxious to wipe himself right out, to get away from public attention. If he leaves that body about after, people sit on it and say that he was temporarily insane, and one of the jury is rude to the coroner, and the coroner is severe to one of the jury, and the whole thing gets into the papers and the family is disgraced, and everybody feels that the death was grossly inartistic."

"I don't know," said Streuth, "if you imagine that by telling me these things you can deter me from the end which I have in view. If so, pray do not waste your time and mine any further."

"I had no such idea," said Mr. Blake. "All I wish to do is to give you a chance of *committing suicide in the* best possible way. No pain, no scandal, no untidy body lying about afterward. A simple, mysterious disappearance, your own self respect saved, and the feelings of your family spared."

"Well," said Streuth, "what is it?'

"Fire, plain fire, that is all. Near Weybridge there is a certain furnace which is kept going day and night. Its heat is enormous. There are no half measures about that furnace. The very moment you go into it you are dead. Half an hour afterward nothing of you is left that is recognizable as ever having been human. I will give you directions and admission card in exchange for your check for £5 so soon as that check has been cleared."

Streuth pulled five sovereigns from his pocket and put them on the table.

"I will take the directions and card of admission now."

"Certainly," said Blake. "This little plan makes your way clear from Weybridge station. It is six or seven miles, and you will have to walk it. Cabs can be tracked."

"I quite see that," said Streuth.

"For similar reasons you must not inquire your way. You cannot miss it; the plan is on a large scale and every possible landmark is indicated. When you reach the furnace (which is supposed to be used in connection with some brick works), you will find a deaf mute as night porter in charge. Hand him the ticket, and he will show you by signs what to do."

Streuth took the ticket and plan, shook hands and went out.

He was a passenger in the last train to Weybridge that night.

Three days afterward Streuth, with a smile on his face, called once more on Mr. Blake. Mr. Blake did not seem at all surprised to see him.

"Let us speak plainly," said Mr. Blake. "You were afraid of the fire?"

"I was," said Streuth.

"Everybody is. It is the most awful element, having in it something of the supernatural. I have sent 175 suicides to that place and only three handed their tickets to the night porter."

"And did the three commit suicide?"

"No! They came out again. Not one of them has committed suicide or ever will. You won't, for instance."

"No," said Streuth; "common sense has dawned. After all," he muttered, "she is not the only girl in the world.'

"Many of my clients," said Blake smilingly, "give me some little present, some trifling souvenir on their return."

Streuth put his hand into his waistcoat pocket. As he fumbled with the coins he said, "Suppose that one of *those three who did give up his ticket* to the porter had committed suicide, you would have stood a fair chance of getting yourself into a mess."

"Not at all," said Blake genially, "not at all. To prevent the possibility of accidents there isn't any furnace."

He swept the sovereigns from the table into the palm of his hand.

"Most liberal of you, I'm sure."—Barry Pain.

The Hotel Porter's Neat Joke.

In the barber shop connected with a big down town hotel works a colored porter who chatters incessantly. The hostelry has had the misfortune to be the scene of an unusually large number of violent deaths recently, and the porter has plenty material for conversation.

He loves to dwell upon a suicide or a murder and is looked upon as an authority on the death record of the hotel. The other day he was brushing a customer's coat and commenced the following conversation:

"Say, boss, hear 'bout de horrible murder on floor Y dis mornin?"

"No!" exclaimed the man. "Is it possible there has been another?"

"Sure 'nough," said the negro, devoting renewed energy to the brushing operation.

"Who was killed?" asked the man.

"Oh, a wall paper man done went up dere and hung up a border."

The customer paid his bill and left. The colored porter went into the checkroom, where he could laugh as hard as he wanted.—Chicago Journal.

A Mule Chews Tobacco.

Balaam's donkey is doubtless the only one that ever spoke to man, but it seems that there are some trying to imitate man's ways. A Fayette county farmer has one of this sort. Old Silas for years had his stall in a tobacco barn, where it often chanced that scraps of the soothing weed got into his rations. Perhaps he regarded it as a kind of sauce; anyhow, he finally became attached to it, like his master, and now he can't do without it. If he fails to get his morning's chew, it is useless to *harness him to anything.* He will not budge a peg—his no means no. His master knows what the trouble is. He goes down in his pocket, fishes up his own twist and makes a peace offering. The old mule almost laughs as he rolls the quid into his cheek and proceeds to his work as meekly as a lambkin. His master claims that Silas is as good a judge of a "chew" as of oats.—Winchester (Kan.) Democrat.

A Sinking Sensation.

"I understand that you were in that elevator which fell ten stories the other day. How did you feel as it was going down?"

"Just as I feel when I get within sight of my home at night ten minutes late and suddenly remember that my wife wanted me to hustle out early as she had arranged for a dinner party."—Chicago News.

A Satisfactory Result.

They met at the crossroads and pulled up their teams for a talk.

"Well, Josh,' said the first farmer, as he took a wisp of straw from between his teeth, "I hear some eastern chaps have been diggin for gold on your place. What do you git out of it?"

"I git," said the second farmer, "a darn good well."—Wall Street Topics.

An Atchison mother's boy married recently, and his wife made him shave off his mustache before she would make him any soup, of which he was very fond. When he lived at home, he got his whiskers in the soup every day, and his mother took it as a compliment to her cooking.

Good Stories of a Bishop.

Many anecdotes were told of Bishop Williams of Connecticut, after his death, for the good bishop was as well known for his love of fun as for his earnest piety.

At a meeting of the bishops a measure was proposed and explained by its orginator, but with such incoherence that nobody understood it. A second speaker essayed to make the matter clear, but only darkened it. When he had finished Bishop Benjamin Smith of Kentucky tried to explain the question and also the explanations. Feeling that he had failed, he said:

"Bishop Williams smiles. What has he to say about it?"

"Only this," said the old bishop, "that 'the mess of Benjamin was found to be greater than the mess of any of his brethren.' "

"The humor of Dr. Williams," says a *friend, "was always present and* ready like the flash of sunlight. It had one peculiarity, it never scorched nor left a scar behind."

At an assemblage of noted men, a lawyer who conducts the legal business of a great railway system tried to "guy the parson" by malicious quizzing. At last he said: "Why don't you get these railway managers to give you a pass over their roads, bishop? You can pay for it by giving them entrance tickets into heaven."

"Oh, no!" gently replied the bishop. "I would not part them so far from their counsel in the other world."

The laugh was general, and the lawyer concluded to "let the parson alone."—Youth's Companion.

The Shape of an Anæsthetic.

It is a Bath physician who tells the following:

"Some time ago I happened to spend the night in a country town not far from Bath, and it happened that there was stopping at the same hotel an *itinerant eye specialist.*

"We drifted into a conversation, and during the course of the evening he told me of some of the marvelous operations he had performed on the eye. One case in particular he spoke of that caused me considerable astonishment, for I didn't know, I confess, that the operation had been successfully performed. He said he had recently taken out a patient's eye, scraped the back of it and returned it to its proper place. The patient, he said, was never troubled by bad eyesight afterward.

"That was a difficult operation, doctor," said I.

"Yes," said he, "it was."

"I suppose you found it necessary to employ an anæsthetic?"

"Yes, I did," he admitted.

"What anæsthetic did you use, doctor?" I persisted.

"Oh, well, unless you are familiar with such operations, you probably wouldn't understand if I were to tell you. But—well, it was shaped something like a spoon," explained the emi*nent specialist.*

Unsuspected Energy.

"Law me, but I'm jes' plum beat out frum runnin 'cross lots, but then I seed Mis' Green headin this way, an so I jes' sez, 'Marthy Potts, don't you give thet miserable ole gossip ther satisfaction uv tellin Mis' Brown ther news fust,' an dropped my bakin an rushed right over here. You remember that lopsided, snag toothed Hiram Medders, what went to ther city las' month, or ruther he had to go, fer he wus so ornery an shiftless nobody in town would put up with him? Well, what do you think! He hadn't been in ther city a week before he got in ther way uv a street car, gittin both legs broke an gen'rally jarred up, an doggoned if he didn't have seven thousan dollars given him fer it! Jes' think! Made seven thousan dollars an him only in ther city a week! Laws a-massy! An we said he'd never amount to anythin!"—San Francisco Examiner.

A Tailor's Advertisement, 1734.

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Too Honest to Ever Grow Rich.

Emerson keeps a grocery store on Grand avenue, opposite the limekilns, west of Western avenue. As all his customers are either Greeks or Italians, he keeps a stock on hand somewhat different from other grocers.

One day a drummer strayed into the store. Emerson was waiting on an Italian woman, while her 4-year-old son was stealing sugar out of a barrel.

Eggs were 18 cents a dozen. The woman wanted only one egg. The solitary prospective chicken was wrapped up.

"Two cents, please," said Emerson. She paid and received a small slip of yellow paper.

"What was that slip you gave her?" asked the drummer, after she left.

"H'm, you see, eggs are 18 cents a dozen. That makes 1½ cents for each egg. The woman would not pay a half cent too much, and, as I did not want to sell the egg for 1 cent, she paid 2 cents and I gave her the slip good for one-half cent. Thus she will get the next egg for 1 cent if she brings the slip."

Has Any One Seen Her?

Supposing your wife should run off with a handsomer man and you were called upon to give her description to the police—do you think you could do it any better than was done by a Coffeyville man who communicated as follows with the officers at Wichita:

My wife left here last night at 10:30 on the Missouri Pacific railroad, and she wore a white straw hat and a black dress, but she has got a lot of other dresses with her. They are green, brown, striped and two silk waists, one is red and the other is pink. She is with a fellow named A. M. W., a traveling man for some binder company, and if you find them I wish you would hold them and put them both under arrest and wire me at once and I will come on first train. Do all you can and you will be paid for it. I am yours, E. S.

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83-Mile House	68
87-Mile House	72
100-Mile House	85
105-Mile House	90
108-Mile House	93
111-Mile House	96
115-Mile House	100
117-Mile House	102
121 Mile House	106
122-Mile House	107
127-Mile House	112
132-Mile House	117
134-Mile House	119
137-Mile House	122
141-Mile House	126
144-Mile House	129
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Alexandria	181
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Bohanon's	200
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Beaver Pass	261
Stanley	267
Barkerville	280
Big Lake*	159
Beaver Lake*	167
Quesnelle Forks*	191
Berry's†	22
Finny's†	28
Martley's†	37
Pavillon†	40
Garigan's†	41
O'Halloran's†	41½
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LOCAL AND DISTRICTNEWS.

Alec Shields was down from the dam this week.

Rember the date of the Clinton races Thursday and Friday, Oct. 5 and 6.

The Golden River Quesnelle Mining company closed down on the 8th inst.

F. H. Case, of the JOURNAL office, has been on the sick list for the past week.

Jos. Burr, junior, is all right and shall go duck hunting again some of these days.

Mr. G. E. Johnson is reported from Victoria as not improving in health for the past few weeks.

The Main street under the direction of Government Agent Burr is being put in good condition.

Several weddings are in anticipation in the near future in Ashcroft. More particulars later on.

Attend the fair and afterwards visit New Westminster and afterwards visit Clinton and see the races.

Mr. Christie, so long a wheelwright in the employ of the B. C. X., is now working in the shop of Mr. I. Lehman.

Miss Foster, of Clinton, who was so seriously injured by springing from a carriage recently is convalescing nicely.

Fishing in the Thompson has been better of late and good catches of rainbow trout are reported nearly every day.

Daniel O'Hara, Seargent-at-Arms of the Provincial legislature, was in town this week from his ranch on the Bonaparte.

The bans are being called in the English church announcing the marriage of Miss Brown and Mr. Rowlands on the 13th inst.

A large wagon load of furniture for the offices of the Cariboo Consolidated Mining Company, at Barkerville, left Ashcroft on Friday.

E. J, Prell returned this week from a visit to Portland and other parts of the Northwest. Mr. Prell says he is glad to get back home again.

Miss Seeley, of Kamloops, is visiting Mrs. Chas. Sherr for a few days. Miss Seeley admits that the bustle of a busy town like Ashcroft is a novelty.

Joseph W. Burr, of Ashcroft, Government Agent, has been appointed Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for the Yale Land Recording Division.

W. R. Henderson of Soda Creek came down on Thursday night and is off to Scotland for a visit. Mr. Henderson expects to return in four or five months.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Leslie and son returned this week from a trip to the eastern part of Canada and the States and are now visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jas Haddock.

George Carson and sister, of Pavilion, spent a day in Ashcroft this week. They will both spend a portion of the ensuing year at Vogel's Commercial College, Vancouver.

The secretary of the B. C. Express Company wishes to notify all parties to keep out of their enclosure southof town. Remember the warning and "keep off the grass.

A large quantity of freight is now moving up the road and teamsters, owing to the unusually heavy roads, the season having proven phenominal for rain, are having a hard time.

The Dreyfus case is expected to close and a verdict be rendered on Monday next. The general feeling throughout the world seems to be that Dreyfus is innocent but will be condemned.

Mr. P. C Dunlevey, who has been so seriously sick at Soda Creek, is somewhat improved but still far from well. His many Cariboo friends hope for his speedy and complete recovery.

The weather has somewhat improved for the past few days and haying is progressing but still under difficulties. The amount of rain a "dry belt" is receiving this season is astonishing.

Owing to the prolonged rains the directors of the Kamloops Agricultural Association have decided to postpone the exhibition until October 11, 12, and 13. The original dates were Sept. 20, 21 and 22.

Dr. Clark yesterday accomplished thesaid to be impossible feat of taking near a salmon with a fly in the Thompson Ashcroft. Guess Rudyard Kipling was right after all the criticesm about salmon never taking the fly.

The Pittsburg dredger is now at work on Rich Bar, a few miles below Quesnelle, it having been dropped down the river by Mr. Lee to a more favorable place for operating. What the results are is not yet obtainable.

Fred Rath and W. J. Massey returned from a very successful trip to Cariboo this week. They were gone twenty-one days and made the entire round, even crossing on the almost impassable trail from Horsefly to Quesnelle Forks direct.

Lindley Crease, one of Victoria's prominent barristers, is spending a few weeks at Crow's Bar with Mr. Derby Mr. Crease and a friend who accompanied him will enjoy the shooting in that vicinity. It is reported as good.

H. L. Roberts, manager of the F. W. Foster store in Ashcroft, is spending a well deserved vacation in Victoria. Mrs. Roberts will return with him in a few days. Mr. Foster is down a few day from Clinton during Mr. Robert's absence.

Dr, Clark and Arthur Bailey went out fishing the fore part of the week, a few miles up the Thompson, and in a few hours caught and brought to town 60 fine trout. They weighed from one to four and a half pounds each and were fine fish.

Lewis Wendel, jr., of New York, returned on Tuesday's stage from Quesnelle Forks, where he has been spending a few weeks in the interest of his company, the Gold Point. Mr. Wendel speaks very encouragingly of the prospects in that section.

For the accommodation of all in the northern country from Ashcroft, as much business should be done through the Ashcrof bank of B. N. A. as possible. cheques drawn against them are much more convenient to the workingman and saves exchange in many cases.

We sincerely hope that some of the good people at the coast will enjoy the privilege of buying steaks from the old ox team, if we thought that locally we would have to get away with the 21 old fellows alone while our coast neighbors enjoy fat four year-olds it would be awful.

The forty-foot extension to the depot building is being added by the carpenter gang. It will make quite an improvement so far as room is concerned The corner of W. B. Bailey's wareroom platform has been removed and the track changed so as to give room for the extension.

The machinery for the big dredge at Lytton is of the New Zealand pattern and the dredge will be of the central bucket or elevator type. The machinery weighs about 120 tons and is imported from England. Mr. J. Cobbledick is at the head of the company that is putting on this plant.

We learn from a reliable source that the Newell dredger reached its destination safely some 20 miles below the Forks, at which place it was launched. It is further reported that the work being done by this dredge is showing the gravel to be very rich, and that Mr. Newell is much pleased with the showing that is made.

All persons are warned not to dump refuse or garbage on vacant lots in the townsite or on the alleys adjacent to it. It will be no excuse that a chinaman does it unknown to the parties he is working for. Tin cans and garbage are neither ornamental nor beneficial on another man's property. Take warning or expect a prosecution.

The Vancouver Transfer Company, the principal stockholders of which are Messrs. McLellan, Reid and Langley have a very complete barn and transfer outfit at Vancouver They employ some 22 men and 60 to 80 horses and seem to be doing a remarkable business K.B. McLellan, formerly of Hat Creek, is the manager.

Dr. Welsh, who expected to be in Clinton by the 26th of last month, has been delayed by work in Savonas and has not yet visited Clinton, but expects to open an office for dental work there on Wednesday, the 13th inst. After the arrival of the stage there those desiring work done will find him at his office there after that date.

Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, will be held as follows: Clinton, September 21: Richfield, September 26; Nanaimo, September 27; Victoria, October 4; Vancouver, October 10; New Westminster, October 17; Kamloops, October 17; Nelson, October 17; Vernon October 24; Donal October 31.

Andy Walters, for some years a resident of Ashcroft, but now of Texada Island, spent a day in town this week on business and visiting old friends. Mr. Walters states that on the boat he came down on a large quantity of copper matte was shipped from the Island smelter, and that the outlook in every way for the section where he resides is very bright. Mr. Walters has a business card in another column of this issue.

The engineer for the past two years on the Oleson dredge, who is a resident of Tacoma, came down this week from Quesnelle and is off for a vacation. He reports that the dredge operated by Mr. Seeley is a success and is making money, but thinks one with larger capacity could be used to better advantage. The Hall dredger is probably again at work, it having shut down for repairs a couple of weeks ago.

Mrs. A. Stephenson, wife of the Government Agent at Quesnelle Forks, and son, spent a couple of days in Ashcroft this week. Mrs. Stephenson, who has resided continuously at Quesnelle Forks for the past 28 years, is going to Victoria to spend a few months for the benefit of her health, it having been very poor of late. Mr. Stephenson, after seeing his mother safely domiciled in Victoria will return to Vancouver and will attend the H. B. A. Vogel Commercial College for a year or two. The knowledge of the excellence of Mr. Vogel's Commercial school is reaching out in all directions and large classes are the results.

The last trip of the last ox team on the road. A story could be written on the subject of teaming with ox teams on the famous old Cariboo road since the early 60s. Harry Strout left with his twenty-four head of oxen and three waggons for Soda creek this week. He has sold to C. H. Gibson the team entire to be delivered on their return and this, therefore, is the last trip of what is almost beyond question the last ox team on the Cariboo road.

Archie Clements will leave on Sunday with the best wishes of his numerous Ashcroft friends for his new home at Grand Forks, where he goes as agent for the C. P. R. Mr. Clements is a thoroughly competent man and one who does his work well. Ashcroft regrets much his removal. Mrs. Clements will spend a few months in Vancouver before going to Grand Forks. It is not yet made public who will be Mr. Clements' successor.

The Honorable Sidney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, has been invited to deliver the opening address at the Ashcroft fair. Mr. Fisher intends to be in this section about the date of the opening of the fair and is to deliver an address at New Westminster, so it seems quite likely that the committee may be notified of Mr. Fisher's acceptance of the invitation to deliver the opening address. The committee's invitation is being forwarded by Mr. Bostock.

The new owners of the 150 Mile House are, through their manager, inspecting the Little Lake ranch and the Vieth & Borland property in Quesnelle Forks for some years managed by Henry Vieth, with a view of adding these properties to their holdings. There seems good reason to think that the deal will be completed. All taken together the properties of the new Cariboo Trading Company will cover a wide range, and a very large business will be done by the company.

At the Golden River Quesnelle Company's workings the gates were to be closed last Monday to dry the river bed and from sixty to eighty men are probably at work. Joseph Hunter, the superintendent, intends employing white labor altogether if it can be secured, but owing to the scarcity of men in that section may not be able to secure a sufficient number.

The Lightning Creek Gold Gravels & Drainage Company are reported as pushing work along rapidly, some 25 or 30 men being employed. We hope within a few weeks to be able to give a detailed report of the work going on along Lightning Creek. From the present outlook it may well be expected that the ground will be made to yield again soon, and if gravel one-fourth as rich as contained the ten or twelve millions taken out in the '70's, is found there will be proven to be mines almost inexhaustible in the old bed of the creek.

The decision arrived at by the directors of the Agricultural Association to postpone the exhibition at Kamloops until October, is a wise one. The unsettled weather has kept back harvesting and for the next few weeks farmers will be too busily engaged to spare time to send in exhibits and to attend the exhibition had the original date been adhered to. As it is, the date now fixed will provide ample time for the completing of the season's work and the completing of exhibits. These facts were recognized by the directors and the postponement is the result.—Sentinel.

Jack Webb, of North Bend and Dr. Williams and son report the shooting as not yet first rate near Mammet Lake Their bag for three days hunt is variously estimated by the different members of the hunting party from 50 to 200, as they fed a good many to their dogs and eat a large number, they were unable to talley up as many as one would suppose. We were out duck hunting also last week and we aver that we do not proposeto exaggeratethe number of ducks we got but this is the truth, that we shot so many in two days' hunt that Wm. Elmore brought them down from Separating lakes with a team and hay rack.

Much work in the way of a ditch system and pipe way has been done on Boston Flats this season. Ten miles of wire fencing is being put up and the new pump that is guaranteed to raise 9,000 gal's a minute 260 feet will soon be delivered, the manufacturers are under contract to start the pump and work it for some time. The Albion Iron Works are manufacturing the pipe and it would have been delivered before this time but for the trouble the company are having in getting the proper material as manufactured steel and iron is in great demand. The light and water system in Ashcroft is first-class there being plenty of power available from the damming of the Bonaparte. We understand that the company have secured another dam site and next season pupose putting in another dam about a mile below the present one to develop power for pumping water on the flats across the Bonaparte where there is several hundred acres of splendid land if properly watered.

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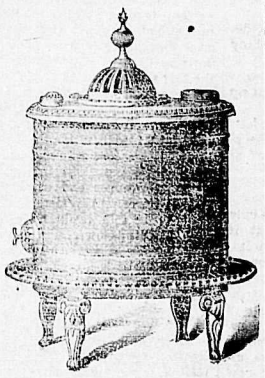

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