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Quesnelle Forks.

Although we are very quiet here, preparations are slowly but steadily going forward for the several large companies, which will be in operation here this year and others that will be commencing.

Of the Cariboo Hydraulic mine on the South Fork your paper has already given full particulars and great things are expected of it.

On Black Bear Creek the Black Bear Company are in expectatation of making a good showing, having only started last year.

On the North Fork at Keithley Point, the Victoria Hydraulic Company have their plant all ready to start operations as early as weather permits and a few miles below them the North Quesnelle River Hydraulic Company, will commence work.

On the main Quesnelle river at 4-Mile creek the Fishback Hydraulic Company will start work as early as possible.

Twenty miles below here the Montreal Hydraulic Company should be working full blast and twelve miles below them the French syndicate are expected to investigate their ground.

The main Quesnelle Gold Dredging & Mining Company will shortly be putting in an appearance to commence dredging.

Jim Meathers is in town on business. He has a good proposition on the North Fork about a mile below Spanish creek.

John McRae and family arrived back here some three weeks ago, fit and hearty after a long trip to the coast. He has spent his time since his arrival putting up a new store house, with a fine hall above it for public meetings of business or pleasure.

The mail here is only regular once a fortnight in the winter, although we get at times an irregular mail between. It seems a great pity that the government does not help this ambitious little place by building a suitable road in, and allowing a weekly mail the year round.

Barkerville.

The work in the tunnel at Willow river will be resumed in March. The works have been shut down for about two months. Mr. Laird is on the ground and is anxious for spring to open.

The Slough creek tunnel pointing for the mouth of Nelson creek is suspended for a short time owing to accumulation of water, but work will be resumed in February. Mr. John Hopp the foreman, and a number of the men are wintering at the mine. It is expected to tap bedrock at mouth of Nelson creek. Nelson was a great producer in times past and there is a deposit at the mouth of the creek where the tunnel will strike that will make the promoters rich, let alone what is supposed to be in the deep diggings.

The tunnel which is being run to drain the works of the Cariboo Gold Fields is now under ground about 1,800 feet and about 40 feet under the surface. The original contract was for a tunnel 2,000 feet in length but it is thought that it will take several hundred additional feet to strike bedrock on the level of the drain.

Most of the hydraulic mines at Barkerville are ready to commence operations at first spring thaw.

Numerous drift diggings are still being prosecuted and will continue all winter.

Clinton Notes.

J. H. Barlean is able to be out amongs us again, recovering slowly.

Wm. Allen of Hat Creek is confined to his bed through sickness at the Clinton hotel.

James Bain is again with us. He officiated instead of Mr. Hardie as Sunday School superintendent last Sunday. Glad to see Jim take such interest in the Noble work.

Mr. Hardie is visiting Arthur Switzer at the 50.

Steve Tingley paid us a short vssit on his way from Cariboo to Ashcroft.

James Kelly made a flying visit to Aliceville Laturday evening.

MEXICO vs. ITALY.—We learn that a club had been organized at Mundort's last week. Raphael Valenzeula was the organizer while Marcus Sibeano an Italian was the unfortunate candidate, the latter received rather a rough initiation.

That Clinton is a busy little town may be judged from the following figures. During the month of January there arrived at the Clinton hotel 257 guests, and there were fed at the Clinton Hotel stables 384 horses.

Dr. Geo. Sanson returned from a professional visit to Lillooet.

Alex Meiss has sold his barber business to R. Tweedle of 150.

Dr. Jones, the dentist from Barkerville is in town and is kept busy in his profession.

The long expected boiler arrived yesterday en route for the Forks. It was removed from wheels to sleighs today and will be started north tomorrow.

Chester McAdams arrived today from the coast en route to the Forks.

The Outlook.

It is with gratification we note that all placer operations in Cariboo, Yale and Lillooet are ready to take a forward move. Numerous small hydraulic mines have produced for many years, but their operation was not to be compared to the huge operations of a concern using from 1,500 to 3,000 inches of water through two or three nozzles. However, the aggregate production of the little mines was considerable and they will keep pace with their average past out put for many years to come.

To the big hydraulic mines will be ascribed the glory of the upper country for it is not unreasonable to suppose that any of them now in operation, or some of the big plants now being established will turn out gold faster than has yet been accredited.

It is not unreasonable to say that Quesnelle river will be the scene of mining activity within five years where upwards of a dozen enormous hydraulic mines will be in operation. Any fair statement of the actual richness of the alluvial deposits of the Quesnelle district would be scouted at by parties who had not visited the region, and it is a fact that the experts who have reported have undervalued the gravel on the ground that the deposits would be rich enough to tempt capitalists without giving full value, being sure that the values given, though underrated, would give ample profits on money invested.

Lac La Hache.

The weather makes one have an idea. Spring comes at a very early date. But yesterday decided the length of the winter for another month at least, it being "Bear or Ground-hog day," these animals having come out of their winter habitations and retired dissatisfied, having seen their shadows. I personally do not know and am no prophet but the "sign believers" say so, and the Teamsters say that the sign is correct, so it must be so.

A surprise party took possession of Mr. Wright's home the other night and a very enjoyable night was spent. The dancers were loath to leave the floor even after they had excluded daylight from the Ball room for three hours.

The Teamsters are having hard times getting along with their sleighs as there are only short distances from Bridge creek to the 150 Mile House which have "sleighing bottom." Only on Lac La Hache itself, there is excellent sleighing.

In your issue of Jan. 18th, your Dog creek correspondent, "Oars," informs the athletic enthusiasts of a new athletic association having been formed in his district, and they intend to "represent themselves" at the Onward Ranch meet July 4th. The Lover's Lane sprinters, he says, "will need to sprint up" or the Dogites will carry all before them." Mr. "Oars" evidently overlooks the fact that there are a few athletic enthusiasts in Lac La Hache who would like to meet the "Dogites" at a friendly athletic gathering at any kind of sport the "Dogites" care to name, such as running, jumping, cycling, rowing, swimming, tug of war, &c. and they, the "Dogites" will have to practice up or the Lac La Hache boys will retain the laurels on this side of the "Lover's Lane" as we did last fall in the horse racing when Dog creek was represented by "Uncle Sam."

Feb. 3, 1896.

Lytton.

The annual ball on the 3rd and 4th, inst., was held in the city hall. The crowd present did not come up to the expectations out what was lacking in numbers was made up in quality. The dresses of the ladies were work of art and showed that the ladies of Lytton are up to date in Paris fashions. Miss Raspberry was universally considered "the belle of the ball," with Miss Higginbottom of Ashcroft a close second. The former was dressed in a pink silk waist with black silk skirt; the latter had a white valenciennes lace waist with black skirt of same material. The music was furnished by Hautier's orchestra. The music of this orchestra is too well known to require any comment from us. The supper was prepared by the Bailey Hotel and showed that this well known caterer understands his business.

Two strangers were noticed from the vicinity of Ashcroft this week, but their work is a little too coarse for them to do much business in this town.

The Rev. Mr. Small met with a painful accident though not serious, on the evening of the 5th having cut his forehead on a barbed wire fence in the dark.

The Horsefly.

Six cars additional of pipe for the Horsefly Hydraulic Gold Mining Company have arrived at Ashcroft from San Francisco during the past week and the railroad employes state that the pipe has all arrived. The amount is about 275,000 pounds. A great deal of the pipe has been forwarded and is strung out on the Cariboo road from Ashcroft to the 150-Mile House. A considerable amount was started up the road in December and unloaded at the hills and hard places, and when a load would be started subsequently it would be taken on as far as possible, much of it being served as the previous loads had been, unloaded when necessity required.

The pipe is of heavy sheet iron similar to that used at the Horsefly and Cariboo mines. Where laid it will be pitched on both sides, a plan that renders it impervious to rust.

A New Hampshire Query.

The following letter was received at this office this week and is unique in its manner:

MR. EDITOR, Dear Sir: I and a friend of mine are working at the present time for $1.35 per day. Now, we thought this summer we would go out into the Cariboo region and try placer mining.

Now, in the first place could we get paying claims?

Second, would our lives be safe.

I understand that 20 men who worked on Pine and Summit creeks last season made more than wages Would that be a good point to strike for?

If placer failed, could we get employment, and at what wages? What is the cost of living?

Charitably give us a moment of your time for the good of all in answering the above, and greatly oblige

E. E. TOWNE,
939 Elm st,
Manchester,
N. H.

We are in receipt of dozens of letters monthly, inquiring about mining, wages, living, &c., in Cariboo, but the above is one that we deem should be answered in print. for the reason that it really covers many points of inquiry that people in the east desire to know and should be posted on before starting for Cariboo. We judge that $1.35 per day in Manchester is a good standard of wages, for the place, and there are many people in British Columbia who haven't madethat, but the rate of wages is higher here. At the same time everything else is higher in like proportion. Only a small percentage of the actual residents of the province are engaged directly in mining, but much of the prosperity of the province is directly dependent on the steady flow of gold from the placer mines of the rivers and creeks. In order to pay at all the output of the mines must be much more than $1.35 per day. Wages in the mines are from $2.50 to $4 per day and board.

There is probably no given region on earth where security to life and property is assured as in British Columbia, and there is no danger to be feared, except from natural causes, or such ills as overtake the human race anywhere, or when engaged in any employment. While British Columbia has furnished some of the liveliest mining camps on record, and sports and attending profligacy flourished, the history of mining in the province has not furnished any of the horrid butcheries and killings which have painted in crimson the histories of so many mining camps in "the States." The desperado never gained a foothold here and he never will. When the first rush of miners came up the coast from California in 1858 they were naturally accompanied by many reckless and dissolute characters, but when they stepped across the line on to British Columbia soil, they instantly became tame, so tame, in fact, that they became afraid to carry weapons. Judge Begbie told the first of them that "If there was shooting, there would be hanging." And he meant it, too, and as a result, the killings by desperadoes, in all the history of our mines, from the first to the present time, can be counted on the fingers of one hand, and none at all for about 20 years. Taking the facts into consideration we conclude that the lives of the New Hampshire boys would be reasonably safe, unless from the effects of the deadly flapjack or bean, quantities of which are consumed against all laws of nature by the majority of miners. Some of the miners try to circumvent the flapjacks and bean by the use of leath r bread and beef soup dumplings, but the effects are nearly the same.

We don't know whether the inquirers could do better in British Columbia than where they are or not, but there are a great many people who think they can do better in Cariboo than any where else. We are of the opinion that they can.

A number of men did very well working in Pine and Summit creeks last year, but there are probably numerous other creeks where equally good results can be obtained.

Living is just as dear or cheap as the parties desire. The question cuts little or no figure.

The gold dredger from Vancouver, which has been many weeks getting as far as Sumas, will be towed up the rivers to Ruby Creek by the steamer Courier, which has been chartered by the dredger company for the work. The Courier leaves tomorrow for Sumas, and Captain Cooper expects to accomplish the task successfully.—Columbian.

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Traction Engine Petition.

TO THE HONORABLE G. B. MARTIN, CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF LANDS AND WORKS, VICTORIA, B. C.

The attention of the undersigned, your petitioners, has been called to *the fact that W. H. Armstrong of* Vancouver, as agent for certain parties, has given legal notice that he will at the next session of the Legislature make application for an act to incorporate a company to operate traction engines and cars on the Cariboo road, and it is reported and generally believed that other parties also contemplate operating such engines and cars on said road in the near future. This remonstrance is to respectfully represent:

1st.—That the interest of the many should not be subverted to that of the few; and

2nd.—That the road is in no condition to carry machines such as contemplated without badly damaging or totally ruining it in many places; and

3rd.—That the bridges are not of sufficient strength to carry engines of 16 to 20 tons as is the weight of those proposed; and

4th.—That it will, if successfully carried out, necessarily drive the teaming industry off of the road and result in building up a monopoly without benefit to any except those particularly interested in the company; and

5th.—That many residents of 30 years or more depend on the teams engaged in freighting for the sale of their feed and supplies; and taking away this means of sale, practically causes their farms to be worthless; and

6th.—It will be unsafe to life and limb to drive on the Cariboo road where these engines will be met and in many places entirely impossible for miles at a time to meet and pass such machines successfully with horses. For the above and many other reasons not herein enumerated we your petitioners would most respectfully request that the Government, acting in the interests of the many, give us such protection as seems to it just and right; and we will ever pray.

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End of the Series.

There was a fair attendance at the lesser Dana Hall on Friday evening to hear W. A. Carlyle's last lecture on mining matters. He opened with a reference to nickle deposits and showed that these at Sudbury and elsewhere, occur near large masses of eruptive rock. The ore masses were found along the outer edges of this eruptive or igneous rock, in contact with the adjacent rocks. These nickle deposits were not of aqueous, but of igneous, origin. Having been the first to cool in the molten mass of the vein, the nickle, by a natural law, crystallized on the outer edge. It was noticable that nickle was not found in paying quantities where there was a small amount of this eruptive rock, but only where the quantity was large. The rock conditions, he understood, existed at Rossland, and he looked forward with considerable interest to the possibilities in that region. Coming to the principal subject of the evening—alluvial or placer deposits—platinum, tin, and gold, the lecturer said, were found in this form, but he would confine his remarks to gold, which would be of the most practical interest. A vast amount of gold had been taken out of the modern placers. California had yielded, from this source, in 35 years, $1,100,000,000, and Australia about the same, while Canadian placers had yielded about $45,000,000 in 23 years. Gold was found to a greater or lesser extent in all rocks, and it was the decomposition and washing down of the gold bearing rocks that released the gold and deposited it, among gravels, in rivers and gulches, known as placer deposits. Gold was found in places as dust, as flakes of float gold, and in nuggets, instancing the famous Australian nugget weighing 2,200 ozs. and valued at $15,000. Placer deposits were found on the bars of rivers, the inner bends of the stream being the richest; also on benches, where rivers had formerly run, and even sometimes on the tops of hills, where old river beds had been thrown by the convulsions of the earth. Rich placer deposits have also been found in the alluvial flats at the mouth of the rivers. Most of the placers had been found to overlie the bedrock, which generally consisted of the shales or slates tipped up on end, and whose uneven surface formed an excellent riffle to catch the gold, which was generally found the richest there. The modern river channels had been pretty well worked out, continued the lecturer, and it was mostly the ancient river channels that were being prospected for now. These old river placers had been thrown into all sorts of positions by the twistings and contortions of the earth, and some of them had been covered up by volcanic matter. A chart showing a section of a Cariboo hydraulic mine of this character, prepared by the manager, Mr. Hobson, was shown, which plainly illustrated the manner of working these subterranean placer deposits. Some of these ancient placer deposits were now found to *be hardened into a sort of concrete*, that had to be broken up by powder, and in some cases milled. It was very important to thoroughly prospect such placers before beginning to work. The prospector's work was next referred to and mine developers were advised to spend more money underground than on machinery. Experience counts high in the work of developing any mining property.

Mr. Carlyle announced that his lectures would be followed by illustrated addresses on Metallurgy by W. Pelley-Harvey.

Walked off a Train.

Peoria, Ill., Jan., 29.—At Davenport last night John L. Sullivan went out after the performance and got drunk. On the Rock Island & Peoria railroad this morning about 11:20 o'clck, between Lafayette and Galva, he walked of the rear platform. The train was stopped, and men started to help him out of the ditch where he was lying, but he threatened to fight any one who touched him, and he got up and walked on to the train himself. It was backed to Lafayette, and a surgeon was called, but Sullivan would not allow him to touch him, and he went away on another train.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 29.—John L. Sullivan is worse injured than it was at first supposed, and it is feared he has sustained internal injury. Dr Dixon, the attending physician here, advised Sullivan not to enter upon the stage, but he went through his part in places, although he did not give a boxing exhibition with Paddy Ryan as advertised.

International Peace Message.

New York, Jan. 31.—The National Board of Trade has sent the following message of peace to associated Chambers of Commerce in Great Britain: "Peace on earth, good will to men."

His Sentence Commuted.

Port Townsend, Feb. 2.—Later advices from Alaska say the sentence of "Three Fingered Charley," an Indian who was to have been hanged at Sitka tomorrow, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

Belva A. Lockwood Disbarred.

Washington City, Jan. 29.—Belva A. Lockwood, once a presidential candidate on the Woman's Rights' ticket, and now a practicing attorney in this city, was today disbarred as a practising attoracy or agent before the pension bureau. This action grew out of a charge made against Mrs. Lockwood by the pension department, accusing her of having improperly accepted a fee of $25 in a pension claim.

Fitzsimmons Gets Too Strong.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 29.—While boxing with his trainer, Jack Stelsnor, this afternoon, Fitsimmons landed with his left on Stelsnor's nose and broke it. He claims that the punch was a very light one, but Stelsnor will be in the hospital for a few days.

Dixon, Leeds and two bantams are expected here next Monday.

Mexico City, Jan. 29.—Secretary of the *Interior Coxio has wired to the state gov*ernment of Chihuahua that no prize fight must be allowed at Jaurez. Five hundred rurales (rural troops) will be sent there to prevent the fight.

Mrs. Mary E. Lease, of Kansas, the suffragist leader, is very sick with pneumonia at Windom, Minn.

The incorporation of Rossland will do much to make the coast cities realize that Rossland is the largest town in the Interior and the fifth in population in the Province —Rossland Miner.

In the matter of McAdams vs. The *Horsefly Hydraulic Mining* Co., Mr. Justice Walkem gave judgement in favor of the plaintiff for $1,250 and costs.

The latest, the very latest on the Turko-Russian Alliance is, according to the last press despatches. "It is positive that a strong alliance has been made between Russia and Turkey." "Today it is positively found that there is no truth in the reported Turko-Russian Alliance." Russia, France and Turkey have combined, this is authorative." "There is no truth in the reported alliance of Russia and Turkey." The latest and only truthful report is that no one can find out much about the reported alliance of the different powers and the reports sent out are all guess work.

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Placer Mining Claims.

In the construction of the Placer Mining Act the following expressions shall have the following meanings respectively, unless inconsistent with the context:

Mine, placer mine, and diggings, shall be synonymous terms, and shall mean any natural stratum or bed of earth, gravel or cement mined for gold or other precious minerals.

Placer claim, shall mean the personal right of property or interest in any placer mine; and in the term mining property shall be included every placer claim, ditch, or water right used for placer mining purposes, and all other things belonging thereto, or used in the working thereof. Placer claims shall be divided into creek diggings, bar diggings, dry diggings, bench diggings, and hill diggings.

Creek diggings, shall mean any mine in the bed of any river, stream, or ravine, except bar diggings.

Bar diggings, shall mean any mine over which a river extends when in a flooded state.

Dry diggings shall mean any mine over which a river never extends.

Bench diggings shall mean any mine on a bench, and shall, for the purpose of defining the size of a claim in bench diggings, be excepted from dry diggings.

Hill diggings shall mean any mine on the surface of a hill and fronting on any natural stream or ravine.

Streams and ravines shall include all natural water courses whether usually containing water or not, and all rivers, creeks and gulches.

Ditch, shall include a flume, pipe, race, or other artificial means for conducting water by its own weight, to be used for mining purposes.

Ditch head shall mean the point in a natural water course or lake where water is first taken into a ditch.

Free miner shall mean a person or joint stock company, or foreign company named in, and lawfully possessed of, a valid existing free miner's certificate, and no other.

Legal post, shall mean a post standing not less than four feet above the ground, and squared or faced on four sides for at least one foot from the top, and each side so squared or faced shall measure at least four inches on its face so far as squared or faced, or any stump or tree cut off and squared or faced to the above height and size.

Record, register, and registration, shall have the same meaning, and shall mean an entry in some official book kept for that purpose.

Record, when used without qualifying words showing that a different matter is referred to, shall be taken to refer to the record of the location of a placer mining claim.

Full interest, shall mean any placer claim of the full size, or one of several shares into which a mine may be divided.

Close season, shall mean the period of the year during which placer claims in any district are laid over by the Gold Commissioner of that district.

Cause, shall include any suit or action.

Judgement, shall include order or decree.

Real estate, shall mean any placer mineral ground held in fee simple.

Joint stock companies shall mean any company duly incorporated for mining purposes under the Companies Act, Companies Act, 1890, and any company duly incorporated in British Columbia for mining purposes under the Companies Act, 1862, (Imperial), and shall include all companies falling under the definition of a foreign company in the Companies Act.

Every free miner during the continu- [illegible] but no longer, has [illegible] and mine for gold and other precious metals, upon any land in the Province of British Columbia, whether vested in the Crown or otherwise, except on government reservations for townsites, land occupied by any building, any land falling within the curtilage of any dwelling house, and any orchard, land lawfully occupied for placer mining purposes, or Indian reservation. Previously to any entry on any lands already lawfully occupied, such free miner must give adequate security to the Gold Commissioner for any loss or damage that may be caused; and after such entry he must make full compensation for such damage.

A free miner may locate, and record a placer claim on each separate creek, ravine or hill, but not more than two claims in the same locality, only one of which shall be a creek claim, but can hold any number of placer claims by purchase.

SIZE OF PLACER CLAIMS.

Creek claims.—100 feet long in general direction of stream, and, in width, from base to base of hill or bench on each side, but when these are less than 100 feet apart the claim shall be 100 feet square.

Bar diggings.—100 feet long at low water mark, and in width from highwater mark, into the river to its lowest water level.

Bar diggings.—100 feet square.

Bench diggings—100 feet square.

Hill diggings.—A frontage or base line of 100 feet parallel to the main direction of the stream or ravine, and the side lines at right angles to the base line, extending to the summit of the hill.

Legal posts must be placed 100 feet apart on base and side lines.

Discovery claims, in dry, bar, bench, creek or hill diggings.

To one discoverer, one claim, 100 feet in length.

To a party of two discoverers, two claims, together amounting to 600 feet in length.

To a party of three discoverers, three claims, together amounting to 800 feet in length.

To a party of four discoverers, four claims, together amounting to 1,000 feet in length.

To each member of a party beyond four in number a claim of the ordinary size only.

A creek discovery shall extend on each side of the creek to the summit of the hill but not exceeding 1,000 feet.

A new stratum of auriferous earth, gravel or cement, situated in a locality where all placer claims have been abandoned, is considered a new mine; and dry diggings discovered in the vicinity of bar diggings is considered a new mine and vice versa.

A placer claim must be, as near as possible, rectangular, and marked by four legal posts at the corners. Posts must be at least four inches square. One post must be marked initial post, and on that post a written notice must be placed stating—

The name of the claim.
The length of the claim in feet.
Its general direction.
The date of notice and
Name of locator.

If any side line exceeds 100 feet in length, legal posts must be placed on such line not exceeding 100 feet apart.

Locations made on Sunday are valid.

In any dispute as to title, priority of location will determine the right, subject to validity of record, and to the free miner having complied with all the terms and conditions of the Act.

All placer claims, and all records in respect thereof, must be recorded in the Mining Recorder's office of the mining division in which such claims are situated.

Every placer claim must be represented and bona fide worked by the holder, or someone on his behalf, continuously during working hours; and

If unworked on working days, for a period of 72 hours, except during the close season, some lay-over, or leave of absence, during sickness, or some other reasonable cause shown to the Gold Commissioner, it is deemed abandoned and forfeited.

Any free miner, or company of free miners, shall be entitled to one year's leave of absence from claim.—

Upon proving to the Gold Commissioner an expenditure equal to $1,000 on each full interest, in cash, labor or machinery, on a claim, or on any portion of a set of claims, without any return of gold or other minerals in reasonable quantities.

Upon application for such leave of absence being signed by all the holders of the claim or set of claims.

Leave of absence will not relieve the holder of a claim or set of claims from carrying out the provisions of the Act respecting free miner's certificates, records and re-records of such claims.

The above does not affect the discretionary power of the Gold Commissioner in granting leave of absence under other conditions.

After recording a placer claim, the removal of any post by the holder, or any person acting for him, for the purpose of changing the limits of the claim, shall act as a forfeiture of the claim.

Every forfeiture shall be absolute—notwithstanding any rule of law or equity to the contrary.

No placer claim located and recorded within 14 days before, or at any time during the close season, will be laid over, unless sufficient work is done thereon to satisfy the Gold Commissioner that such claim is fairly entitled to be laid over.

When the supply of water is insufficient to work a claim, such claim may be laid over during such insufficiency, but no longer, except by leave of the Gold Commissioner; but notice of the same must be posted on the office of the Mining Recorder within three days from the cessation of work. This does not apply to mining property held under leases, such leases being governed by the terms thereof.

A free miner is entitled to the use of so much of the water naturally flowing through or passing his placer claim, not already appropriated, as the Gold Commissioner shall deem necessary for the due working thereof.

The Gold Commissioner may grant a water right in any unappropriated water, for placer mining purposes, for any term not exceeding ten years, on such terms and conditions as he may see fit; but no free miner shall be charged any money rental for such water used by him for mining purposes on his own claim.

Before applying for grant the free miner must—

Post notice on legal post on conspicuous part of ground where water is to be used; and a copy of same on Mining Recorder's office for at least 20 days, which notice must contain the following particulars:

Name of each applicant.

Number of each applicant's certificate.

Name or description of stream, lake or other source from which the water is to be taken.

Point of diversion, or intended ditch head.

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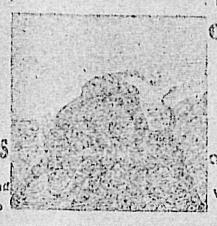

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LOCAL NEWS.

S. Tingley made a trip to the capital this week.

Fred Coglan, a turner at the C. P. R. shops at North Bend was in town this week.

Tommy Jones, for sometime night clerk at the Cariole House went to Vancouver this week to be gone a month or so.

Mrs. W. B. Gladwin is expected back from California soon. It is expected that she will spend the summer in Ashcroft.

Al. Fecault a prominent Cariboo road teamster has sold his freighting outfit and is taking a "lay off." We predict he will soon be on the road again.

A. D. Whittier of Barkerville, came down on Tuesday's stage and proceeded on to Victoria where he goes to be present at the session of the legislature.

The teamsters were engaged in piling up their sleighs at Mundorf's last week but it is very probable that they will have plenty of use for them yet this season.

It is now certain that the hydraulic *mine on Hixon creek will start to piping* as soon as the snow commences to melt. The plant under the management of Mr. Wm. Fry, promises to be a good producer

The weather this week has been admirable and has been much enjoyed by all classes but the teamsters who want more snow or cold weather, or a total absence of either and dry roads

Ed Hayes, of Loomiston, Wash., who *has been in the employ of Eagle & Paxton* of Williams Lake the past season, passed through Ashcroft the past week on his way to his old home for a visit of a few weeks.

From 8 to 14 inches of snow fell on the Cariboo road Monday night and the *sleighing is now said to be good. It is a* boon to the teamsters who had begun to think fate was against them for this winter, at least.

Miss McGillivray who has been visiting the Misses Campbell of Cache Creek for the past month returned to her home in *Vancouver last Wednesday evening.* The Misses Campbell accompanied her as far as Ashcroft on her way home.

The skating rink has been the victim of warm weather again this week and instead of being able to furnish nice smooth ice for the Ashcrofters, the rubbernecks have only been able to growl because the weather clerk has permitted folks to go around in their shirt sleeves, instead of bowing in humble submission to Jack *Frost, Esq.*

The earnings at Ashcroft from freight and passengers for the year 1895 were $63,201.30. Freights forwarded from Ashcroft earned $16,567.14, making a total of $79,768.44, which is the most earned by one station between Vancouver and Winnipeg. *This amount does not* include 25 carloads of hydraulic piping from the Atlantic seaboard to Ashcroft, the charges on which were paid from the seaboard to Kamloops, which amounted to about $400 per car or about *$10,000.* From the above figures it will be seen to what dimensions the shipping into Cariboo have grown. It is probable that the year 1896 will see even much more freight dropped off here.

R. C. Campbell Johnson, a mining engineer who has been in British Columbia *for the past four years,* is at the Occidental, say the San Francisco Examiner. He has been examining a number of the big mines at Rossland, Boundary Creek and other camps, for British capitalists. "*Your* people up in Seattle, Tacoma, and other cities in the north, know British Columbia well enough," he said, "but I am very anxious that the Californians should know more about the mines up *there. They need capital and capital.* As it is the Americans have made the country as far as the mines are concerned. The mines have been entirely developed by miners from over the border. Judge Turner of Washington *started up the Le* Roi mine at Rossland, which has just paid its third dividend of $50,000 within nine months. Marcus Daley has bought into the new camp on Boundary creek. Then there is J. A. Finch of Idaho, and others in quartz. Up in the gravel mines in the Cariboo are John Hobson, D. F. Hughes and other well-known Californians. The mines of British Columbia offer as fine a field for capital as any in the world, and they have not been half explored. The laws are very liberal as to locating mines. Any one wishing to prospect may so do on taking out a license, which costs but $5. *Americans, too, are well liked there.* They are allowed to vote in some cases in municipal elections without becoming *naturalized.*

A. H. Walters took a trip into the Lillooet district this week.

Miss Kate Cao of Vancouver is visiting her sister Mrs. F. Yolland.

Freight receipts at Ashcroft for week ending February 7, were 217,120 pounds.

The management of the Manor House, Vancouver, has changed, Capt. Woolley taking charge.

E. C. Davison a prominent Kamloops merchant was in town a few days this *week on business.*

Ice is traveling down the road to Lyne's ice house at the rate of five tons a day. It is brought from Evan's lake.

L. M. Lapointe, the well known cattle buyer of Vancouver started for Empire Valley this morning to purchase cattle.

Mrs. Steadman gave a very delightful party last night to a number of her young *friends which was thoroughly enjoyed by* all present.

Collins & Hadduck started seven teams up the road last week, with commercial travelers and mining men. Their business seems to be holding its own at a satisfactory rate.

On Monday night a fall of three inches of snow occurred. Indications were that the heaviest snow of the season was commencing but a change in the atmospherical conditions counteracted the first prognostications.

J. Norwood, canvasser for the San Francisco Examiner, spent two days in Ashcroft this week. Besides having a good paper to canvass for Mr. Norwood is a *genial and companionable man who* leaves friends behind him where ever he stops.

M. P. Stewart, baggage master at the C. P. R. depot returned happy and smiling this week from a trip down Kootenay way. Gossip has it, however, that the *genial Matt only went a few miles up the* road to a town where resides a charming feminine acquaintance. His cheerful features would seem to indicate the rumor to be true.

Harry Walters, who has the mail contract from the 108 Mile House to Horsefly, was over to Nicola this week, to purchase two teams of four horses each, to put on the road between the points named above. He has a contract to deliver about 75,000 pounds of freight to the Horsefly mine, and intends to take it in on the snow.

Thomas Bawden, a Barkerville prospector and miner came down on Tuesday's stage, and proceeded eastward to England where he goes to make a visit. Mr. Bawden has been connected with some very good mining schemes in the vicinity of Barkerville and at one time owned one or two of the claims now being exploited by the Cariboo Gold Fields Company.

A "Woman's Rights" lecture was given in the parlor of the Ashcroft hotel this week by Mrs. Griffiths of Vancouver. The ladies will not tell just what the talented lecturess said to them but we have noticed two or three self important symptons since as though a slight feminine rebellion might take place at any time. The ladies who attended agree that it was a *pity that no more turned out to hear the* good things that were said.

After standing on a freight wagon in the suburbs for a couple of weeks the second boiler for the Underwood dredger at Quesnelle was hitched on to yesterday *morning and started north to its destination.* The other boiler is now far on its way. H. C. Rayson & Co., have the contract to deliver the boilers and machinery and it is unnecessary to say that the *material will go through.*

Much conjecture is being expressed by B. C people as to the probable *disposition of the senate silver bill* now pending before the United States *congress.* It is simply idling away time to debate what President Cleveland will do if the bill is passed, for he will veto it. It is not at all probable that the bill will pass the house for the simple reason that the politicians do not want the matter settled; for, if it was settled much of their noisy occupation would be gone.

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WOOD-BOYLE—On the 31st. of January by the Rev. James Turner, at the Clinton, Hotel, Clinton, B. C., George Gordon Wood, of Windsor, Ont., and Mary Jane Boyle of Empire Valley, B.C.

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

Feb.	1, W. H. Keatley, Lillooet...	2,559
"	1, R. Rutherford, 150.....	8,600
"	1, A. *Tressano, 150,*.....	8,200
"	1, H. C. Rayson & Co., Ques.	12,000
"	1, J. R. Feiler, Lac La Hache,	8,000
"	1, D. *McGillivray,* 150,.....	8,600
"	1, A. McRae, Quesnelle Forks,	5,000
"	1, W. Keatley, Lillooet.....	4,00
"	3, J. Walker, 150.....	1,200
"	3, B. C. X. Co, 108 Mile House,	4,500
"	3, D. McLeod, 70 Mile House,	4,000
"	3, H. D. Rayson & Co., Ques. Forks	5,500
"	3, J. Walker, Quesnelle & Co.,	8,400
"	3, A. McRae, Ques. Forks & Way	9,100
"	4, P. W. Foster, Clinton,...	1,700
"	4, A. Tressano, 150	7,800
"	4, D. McGillivray, 150,.....	8,600
"	4, J. Canson, Clinton.....	1,313
"	5, A. Bain, 70 Mile House.....	4,000
"	5, H. C. Rayson & Co., Carpenter's Mountain.....	7,000
"	6, R. Cummings, Lillooet....	1,700
"	6, A. McRae, 150	4,100
"	6, J. Chennall, Stanley.....	7,500
"	6, B. C. X Co., Clinton & 108 .	8,000
"	6, A. McRae, Ques. Forks & Way.....	5,200
"	7, P. Eagan, Carpenter's Mount.	8,000
"	7, H. C. Rayson, Quesnelle..	18,400
"	7, *J. Bishop, Carpenters.....*	*10,101*
"	7, B. C. X. Carpenters.. ...	10,100
	Total.....	202,732

J. W. Allen, J. C. Barnes and F. W. Foster are a committee selected by the petitioners to represent their interests in presenting the remonstrance to the use of traction engines on the Cariboo road. Messrs. Allen and Barnes went to the coast Tuesday night and will meet Mr. Foster there. All three are well posted on the question and it is presumed are ready to make a strong representation against the use of the engines.

Kamloops.

Building promises to be fairly active in Kamloops during the coming summer, *mostly private houses being so far spoken* of. Some of those employed in the building trades who thought of going elsewhere for the summer will remain, so that though there will be work for the men now in the city, there are enough men for the work.

There is strong probability of some of the Tranquille hydraulic leases being worked during the coming summer on a much larger scale than before. A man with large experience in California will be employed as manager and sufficient water brought on to work efficiently.

J. H. Russell is calling for tenders for 160 feet of tunnel on the placer claim on Tranquille, which he took up last year, and on which two men made wages by sluicing. He intends prospecting the ground thoroughly with a view to ground sluicing.

The new hotel scheme is receiving renewed attention and it seems possible that it will mature.

The cigar factory appears to be doing a rushing business and the demand for Kamloops cigars increases.

A war between mongolians and Britishers broke out last week but the whites hoisted the British flag and the chinamen discovering the emblem desisted from further depredations and drew off their forces in good order.—Sentinel.

We notice just now a lot of rot in the eastern papers all pertaining to mining and all more or less in the form of advice to investors. All the *different methods of swindling the* public are here duplicated in colors, *showing how the smooth mining* promoter comes with his pockets well filled; he wines and dines his victims; he has highly colored maps, reports and assays of his great mining property: claims it to be a second Anaconda, and forthwith begins to dispose of his shares in a daly incorporated company. He may have one of the best mining properties in the West, and again he may not, but if would be speculator is foolish enough to put up his money on such bare statements, why, all we have to say, he might have parted with it to those who would not have done so much good with it. As a rule the mining promoter at least keeps it in general circulation. If people put their money into a *mining scheme without* a personal inspection of the property *they are purchasing, they are going it* blind, and deserve but little consider*ation from anyone.* Would a man purchase a mercantile business of any kind without first making a close inspection? Then why should he put money into a mining venture without doing the same? When money is expended in legitimate mining enterprises it invariably pays greater returns than any other kind of investment. There are still innumerable opportunities in the West to invest, and that safely with every surety of making handsome returns, but it should be done in a business like manner. No mining property should be purchased without first properly examining it, and if you are so unfortunate as not to know the difference between a piece of quartz *and a brick, the proper thing to do is* to employ a competent mining expert *to advise you. When this is carried* out there need be no great amount *of failures recorded.* No truer words were ever uttered than "A verdant green is born every second" and we might add "None of them ever die." —Western Mining World.

A petition for a charter to build a railroad from the C. P. R. to Barkerville has been presented to the legislature. The petition recites that the road shall commence at Ashcroft or at Kamloops, or at a convenient point between the two places.

Interest in mining investments continues steadily, and inquirers for gold and copper properties are numerous. There is bound to be a general revival in mining throughout the *entire West during the coming summer.* The outlook was never brighter *all things considered, than it is at the* present.

Senator Carter in a recent silver interview said that he believed that the next session of congress would enact a tariff bill which would exact *gold import duties from gold standard countries.* This he believed *would make New York the clearance* house of the world instead of London.

All the prominent sawmills in the Northwest, including mills in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, have entered a combine to advance the price of lumber and regulate the cut to supply the demand. It is of immense importance to the mill men but creates dire havoc with the profits of the middle men wherever they are located, as it enforces a raise of $2 per M on all classes of lumber. The mill men declare they have been cutting lumber for cost for a number of years and that the new scheme will enable them to make a little money themselves, and also raise the wages of their employes.

Claim Jumping.

Under the above heading a considerable amount of discussion is being indulged in by different papers in the province, and the weight of sympathy seems to go against "claim jumping". Just why a claim should not be jumped, when the claimant fails to comply with the law and usual regulations is not stated and for our part, we deem that the howl against claim jumping is more to distract public thought than any thing else.

A man either has good right to a claim, or he has no right to it. He either complys with the laws, or he does not do so. There is no penalty *to be enforced for not complying* with the laws which provide that a *man may hold a mining claim* and his sufferance, or possession, might go on forever, if the community at large and individuals in particular, allowed him to usurp possession of a valuable claim without doing, for the sake of holding it, what the law plainly provides he shall do, to hold it.

We do not believe a little technicality, such as a stake falling over, or being burnt, or a trifle defect in survey, or a claimant failing to be on the ground a few days, should be construed so as to invalidate his possession, but it frequently happens that a claimant grossly violates the law, and outrages his fellows, by attempting to hold a good claim without doing the proper thing.

There should be no law against claim jumping, for such a law would simply play into the hands of the lawless class who probably now are *behind the movement to provide a* protection against claim jumping, so *that they could hold claims in de*fiance of right. The principle of the *thing is just the same.*

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The following is from a recent report to the shareholders:

"Work was begun on the company's claims on the first day of April under the supervision of Mr. Robert Stevenson, one of the oldest and most experienced gold miners in the province, and has been steadily prosecuted since. We fully expected to be hydraulicking before the middle of August, but owing to series of accidents over which we had no possible control, we have been delayed in our work for the period of three months. Being situated about 110 miles from the railroad and our goods having to be turned and packed that distance, principally by Indians (who place very little value on time) and some of the machinery being too heavy for packing, we had to build a raft and boat and transport them by lakes and rivers, succeeding extremely well in spite of the difficulties encountered until within a few miles of the claim. The raft unfortunately got snagged in the Tulameen river, capsized, depositing its load in the bottom of the stream. As the river was then rising rapidly we had to wait for it to subside before attempting to recover the articles, which we recovered intact *weeks afterward* none the worse of the submersion. This accident has been the principal cause of the delay that has occurred. One has no idea, unless by visiting the works, of the amount of work *necessary to put this valuable property in* shape. We have built over seven miles of wagon road, and also several miles of foot trail (these being necessary to get around, the hills being precipitous) We have built two wagons, one raft, one boat of two tons capacity, a boarding house, a lodging house, office and stables. A saw mill, (water power) has been erected, size 25x40 feet, with tanks and ditches leading to the reservoirs on the hills. This mill *is 55 horse power and capable of cutting* 24,000 feet of lumber per day-the contract only called for a capacity of 2,000 feet. The supply of water is intermittent. We are thus enabled to cut a very large quan*tity of lumber in a very short time when* conditions are favorable. This mill in future will constitute a very valuable asset of the company by doing custom work for other companies on the Tulameen river and at our own prices. Two hundred thousand feet of logs are cut, hauled and stacked alongside the mill in readiness for use. Trestle work for the flume of a most substantial nature has been laid through the Gladstone claim to the North Fork of Granite creek, a distance of 7,500 feet. This trestle has mostly been run around the face of a high precipitous bluff and has necessitated a vast amount of dangerous work as well as endangering the lives of the workmen, yet no serious accident has happened. We have run a tunnel 172 feet on the flume line through a "hog back," it being much cheaper than to run a long distance around.

The piping, over 8,000 feet, is now all on the ground and placed in position, and a large tank of 10 inch lumber for a penstock has been erected on the Gladstone, and sites for the monitors and pipes blasted out of the solid rock.

Gold Strike in Montana.

Denver, Feb. 3.—A special to the Republican from Butte, Mont, says a rich gold discovery is reported from Flint creek, in the Georgetown district. Nine weeks ago Sam Snyder, a destitute and hungry Butte *prospector, trailed a deer over the* hills and accidentally discovered a fabulously rich ledge, which he has been working since alone and in secret. He came to town a few days ago with thousands of dollars worth of gold. The report has caused a stampede into the new district.

Englands "Kindred."

London, Feb., 3.—Hon. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury and *Conservatives leader in the house of* commons, spoke at Bristol tonight, confining himself mainly to home politics. He declared that the government had done all in its power to prevent the Armenian horrors, and that it had not prevented Russia from intervening. Russia, he said, had not been willing to undertake the duty. Mr. Balfour closed with an eloquent peroration in favor of an Alliance between the two great Anglo-Saxon races. "What would Edmond Burke have thought," he asked, "had he been living now, to have seen our brethren across the Atlantic forgetful of all the ties of kindred? His eloquent voice would have been raised in pleading for the common *language of government and hearts.* If we have no Burke, either here or in America, I am persuaded that the generous sense of both great countries will speak, even without the mighty influence of his voice.

"I do not believe this empire need fear the menance of external foes. Still less do I believe that it has anything to fear from the menance of an internal division."

Massacre at Sabanilla.

Key West, February 2.—Some time ago when the insurgents entered Sabanilla, the Spanish official report stated that they were driven out by the garrison, and that "unfortunately three women were killed by stray bullets." The truth of what happened there has just been learned, and it shows that the Spaniards are acting as barbarously in Cuba as the Kurds in Armenia. Sabanilla, which is an important town in Matanaz province, was entered by 400 insurgents under Garcia. The Spanish regulars retreated to the barracks, and made no resistance. The Spanish volun*teers, however, retreated* to the church and fired on the insurgents. The latter returned the fire, killing five volunteers. The volunteers then ceased firing. The inhabitants received the insurgents cheer *fully, and many poor people who had* eaten nothing but cane were fed by Garcia who made the merchants open their stores and told the people to take food. Thirty stores were looted of provisions, and one *storekeeper was shot for resisting.* The insurgents then retired.

As soon as they were gone the Spanish volunteers came out of the barracks, and opened fire on the people in the streets. *Forty-six were killed, of whom thirty* thirty were women and children. Their only offence was cheering the insurgents and taking food to save themselves from starvation. After shooting these people, the volunteers took *ten Cubans, who had* surrendred on promise of amnesty, and shot them in cold blood. Two thousand men, women and children have reached Matanzas from Sabanilla. They fled, fearing further massacres by the Spanish volunteers. These facts are vouched for by Mayor Juan Galvez, of Sabanilla, who is in Havana to ask Gen. Maria to punish the volunteers.

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