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FRUIT CULTURE.

BY THOS. G. EARL.

In concluding these articles on on fruit growing, I feel there are many points of interest to the producer that should be noticed, and as there has been a Fruit Growers Union formed in Washington and Oregon to market their products it strikes me that this province must do something in this line if we are to secure the best results. We still have the Fruit Growers Association and it has accomplished much good in opening up our markets and securing lower rates, and, if supported as it should be, would keep our interests before the public, but it seems strange that those who reap the greatest benefit from such an institution, are the very ones who take no interest in it, and with the membership fee of only one dollar will not join and yet they don't mind "jinning up" that would cost them two or three times the price of membership. So I fear, through lack of support, the Fruit Growers Association will have to go under.

Now the fruit growers don't give the Board of Horticulture much support, nor the Government either for that matter. They seem to think when they vote the pitiful sum of $1000 for the whole mainland it is too much. I wonder if they think the mainland members are getting rich with $500 each, out of which they have to pay all their travelling expenses and then are tied down by red tape at that.

As everyone does not know what good we are doing I feel that I should lay some facts before them. In the first place we have kept out the Codlin Moth and San Jose Scale, and our fruits are clean, while all around us to the south in Washington, Oregon and California these pests are a curse. It is the same in eastern Canada, which is full of Codlin Moth and they have the San Jose Scale in some places. We have twelve quarintine stations in the interior, and all the fruit imported is thoroughly examined and if free from insect pests is allowed to come in by paying $1, the fee for inspection. I, as member of the Board for the interior, have to receive their returns and correspond with them, and in seven years I have only been paid for this service the sum of $25 which is not one cent a piece for the letters I have written. I am also expected to attend the fairs and act as judge on fruit and as red tape would not even allow me my expenses paid out I could not afford to go, and how careful the custodians of the people's money are over this enormous sum of $1000.

Then some of the producers, whose interests we are trying to protect, raise the hue and cry about receiving $5 per day while we are out a month or so neglecting our own orchards. Of course out of this we have to pay our hotel bills and a hired man in our place at home. I must say, I as member for the interior, having no perquisities, should be envied. I only mention all this as there were some hard fellings about my not going to some of the fairs.

I wish to say that the Government has donated money freely in aid of all the fairs and especially to the provincial fair at Westminster, and it is very gratifying to me as well as to thousands of others to see the fine exhibits from the interior, and to think of Ashcroft tying with Vernon for first prize. I would like to see Ashcroft and Kamloops this year join and make one grand exhibit, with Dr. Reynolds and his Lady in charge. I well know the Lady would see to the artistic part of the exhibit while the Doc. would see that not one point was lost I think and guarantee the world could not beat this exhibit of fruits and farm produce from the Thompson river valley, and I do hope they will join this year.

I now will ask what figure the agriculturalist cuts in this province—a very sorry one I am thinking. Last year we had for Premier a farmer, but I suppose it was beneath his dignity to act as Minister of Agriculture, so the Minister was a publisher, who hardly knew a turnip from a cabbage head, while the department of agriculture was in charge of an able deputy, with a clerk's salary, and a type writer part of the time. Now, I cast no more blame to the late government than I do to its predecessor as it only followed in the footsteps of the former. I only wish to show the agriculturists have no standing with any of the government's so far. Well I don't wonder as the farmers themselves don't take any interest in their own welefare. They also take no interest in the Farmers Institutes or the Fruit Grower's Association, as I have seen when we had Prof. Fletcher and R. M. Palmer in this locality addressing meetings. The reason given is "we have no time," and still, when it comes to a horse race or a political meeting they will leave their plows in the furrows or the wagons loaded with hay, and off they go to elect some one to make laws to ruin them, for instance, the Alien Act and the eight hour law, for it seems they want to drive the very ones out who have capital and would help develop our resources and then when they have done this they come out, and without any justice, lay it to the Hon. Joseph Martin. The Premier, the Speaker of the House, and many others were farmers. Let us hope the present government will try and remedy some of these evils.

We now have every prospect of the greatest crop of fruit we ever had, and many mines are now shut down. We ought to try and secure a market for it in the Northwest, and how are we to do it so as to realize on our early fruit? The Fruit Growers Association would devote their annual grant to securing markets for fruit but there is no certainty of getting the grant in time to do any good. It is also the same with the Board of Horticulture, and I see no other way than for us to take great care and put the fruit up in the best possible manner. All the fruit should be carefully hand picked, graded and put in nice clean boxes. The boxes should be stencilled and sent to Kootenay and the Northwest. One thing is certain, only the very best fruit will pay, all the inferior fruit should be fed to the pigs. The Aberdeen ranch sends it produce to Winnipeg in carload lots, and they have an expert packer. They find ready sale for it. They import their boxes from Tacoma in carload lots of full 50 pound boxes, and after paying duty and freight lay them down much cheaper than they do from Westminster, and better boxes, so the manager told me.

I have noticed in the JOURNAL that the embargo on the importation of nursery stock is to be taken off. It was an injustice to us when it was put on, as they in the east have all these pests. As for ourselves we can quarantine all nursery stock and fumigate it so there will be no danger. And then we can import some of the fancy grape vines from California that we have not at present. I feel quite confident that we can grow them.

In my opinion the experimental farms have been of great benefit to this province in testing all kinds of fruit and seeds for us and in donating many varieties to all who write for samples. The gentlemany manager, Thos. A. Sharp, gives us an object lesson at the principal fairs, in fruits, grain and grasses, so that we may see for ourselves.

In conclusion let me remark I have just received the returns of one quarantine station at Waneta, which guards all fruit coming in through Washington for Nelson and other points and in March there were 710 boxes, quite a lot for so late in the season. Then there is a quarantine station for Rossland from which there should be as much more, and all from Washington or Oregon. If we had the late keepers we ought to supply most of this fruit, and in Vancouver there must be thousands of boxes coming in every week.

I am yours sincerely

THOS. G. EARL.

Fur Trade News.

Mink has met with a steady sale through last year, and with the present high values of other goods, are reasonable and are likely to be largely employed.

Mink was among the few furs that showed a declining tendancy at the March sales in London. This shows what a fickle thing fashion is. Mink has been popular for ladies neck wear, but is being supplanted by fox and other furs, with the result that these have advanced sharply while mink declined. Very high prices are being paid for silver fox skins for this purpose.

Omineca.

Col. Wright, manager of the 43rd Mining & Milling Co., of Ottawa, leaves in a day or two for the company's mines on Manson Creek, Omineca. He is accompanied by the companies book keeper, Mr. Davidson. At Quesnelle he expects to meet Indians from Stuart Lake who will take him by canoe up the Frazer to Fort George, then thence up the Nechaco river and Stuart Lake. A couple of short portages will take the party to Tatlah Lake, the nearest water point to Manson Creek.

Five years ago this spring Col. Wright made his first trip to Omineca and prospected the property which for four seasons he has been developing at a total cost of over $100,000. The opening of this mine has been very difficult owing to its being so far away from civilization. Everything in the shape of supplies and men has had to be taken from Ashcroft, 500 miles distant from the mine. Development work is now practically completed.

In his report to the directors of the company last winter Col. Wright says:

"With the completion of the short section of flume on the main line to Slate Creek, washing can be commenced on claim No. 22 at a small cost, as no elevator will be required. This I hope to have in operation about the middle of next season. All the sluice box lumber and riffles are on hand to go on with this work.

With the plant which is now in working order and ample provisions on the ground for next season, I see no obstacles ahead which will prevent us from washing all the coming season."

The company deserves every success for the energetic manner in which they have prosecuted the development of their property and for the excellent way in which the affairs of the company have been conducted by Col. Wright.

AGRICULTURE.

The last of the articles on "Fruit Culture," by Thos. G. Earl, a member of the Board of Horticulture, residing at Lytton, will be found in another column. The JOURNAL is indebted to Mr. Earl for the privilege of publishing his advice on fruit culture; an industry of the greatest importance to all fruit growers in the Thompson valley. Mr. Earl's opinions are valuable because they have been formed from actual experience.

But what a charge he makes against the farmers, that of indifference to their interests, and his statements are too plain and too well known to be doubted.

No government is warranted in providing money for the encouragement of any industry with such a lack of interest shown by those to be benefited, as Mr. Earl states the farmers do in the societies formed for their assistance. There is no doubt the Government will do their part when the farmers have done theirs. In fact they must do it because the whole country would concur in any action properly assisting such a valuable industry. It is well known to all who attended the fair at Ashcroft last fall that the display was the poorest ever seen here, yet, energetically and intelligently displayed at the Provincial fair at Westminster this display was awarded first prize. True Ashcroft did not hold the place awarded it by the judges, but it was because of the illegal and unwarranted action of the directors who, because of the objection of Vernon and their threat that if not given the first prize they would never exhibit again, acted the part of the baby and finally succeeded in pleasing neither Vernon or Ashcroft by uniting the first and second prizes and dividing the money. This was a greater error than their listening to Vernon, because they had only the right to divide the first prize and the third best exhibit should have taken the second money. Kelowna and Vernon Agricultural societies are, it is said, now selecting seeds to be placed in the hands of expert growers for the purpose of having a prizewinner at Westminster this fall. Good luck to them and may their enterprise be rewarded, but they should take caution from the treatment they received at the hands of the directors last fall and be prepared to take anything the wisdom of the directors may see fit to give them. The judges' decision don't go for much. Should the judges decide against them they need only to enter a vigorous kick and the directors will respond.

Would it not be a good idea to impress upon aspiring politicians the need of a progressive policy in the agricultural department and have it presided over by a farmer?

FROM THE FRONT.

The following are extracts from a letter received from Temple Cornwall, who is at the seat of war:

"14 miles from Graspan, Feb. 13th. We left Belmont last night at 5 p. m., camped till 3 a. m. when we marched; A company carrying overcoats and all as there was no room on the wagons so of course A company had to carry theirs. We got here (where?) at noon after a most trying march behind the Gordons and others and we held our own. We leave at daybreak tomorrow.

We have just heard of the relief of Ladysmith and of the death of Buller, but the latter, I hope, is not true. I found myself able to march along alright with the rest although the sun was terrifically hot. About 60 men of the Brigade fainted. We are brigaded with the Gordons, Shropshires and Cornwalls and are now on the way to Kimberly, we believe. We are in the enemy's country and of course we are liable to have fighting at any time. The Highland brigade, under Hector MacDonald, is just about a mile from us. We have left our tents behind and so will bivouac for the rest of our advance.

I write when I have a chance and I carry this paper in my helmet as it is the only place protected from the rain. My pencil is about an inch long so I stuck it into an old cartridge.

February 14: Marched to Reit river a distance of ten miles, it was a fearfully not day. When we got there companies A and B had to act as mules and awfully hard work it work it was—the transport wagons and guns had to be pulled up the river bank. Afterwards we had a swim which we enjoyed immensely. Feb. 15: Marched at 3 a. m. and went to a camp about nine miles down the Reit river; A company then went on patrol about a mile from camp till 5 a. m. next day. Jacobsdal was taken at 3 p. m. after two hours and a half fighting, our loss was 2 killed and 14 wounded.

Feb. 16: Marched to Jacobsdal at 7 a. m. Upon our arrival we killed calves and sheep and dined well after which I left the lines and sat in the shade near the water, which was refreshing after having seen no shade for days. Marched at 10 p. m. and traveled till 4:30 a. m., doing 14 miles.

Feb. 17: Left in direction of Bloomfontein at 6 p. m. and marched to Kruger's drift on the Modder river 18 miles. We arrived there at 5 a. m. on the 18th all tired out. At 6:30 we were ordered to fight, the Boers being entrenched about two miles up the river. Having got a slight and hasty breakfast our regiment, the Cornwalls, the Shropshires and Gordons and some artillery forded the Modder which took us up to the waist, and advanced in skirmishing order, the Roral Canadians being in the second firing line and at about 8 a. m. we were introduced to powder and lead. It took us about 7 hours to get within 300 yards of the enemy and the heat was fearfully trying. We were taking cover, when we could, but were on our stomachs the whole day and whenever one as much as showed his head a perfect hail of bullets landed all around you. I can well remember the sensation I felt when the first bullet struck about a foot from my head throwing dust into my eyes. At about 3 p. m. our regiment and the Cornwalls were ordered to prepare to charge, which they did like men, but they were falling like nine-pins, and they failed to take the position. However, down we went again and firing continued till darkness hindered us. I can remember seeing a Gordon shot dead close to me. A, company lost 5 men killed (all from our sections 1 and 2) and about 10 wounded, some severely, including our captain. The regiment's casualities are about 87. I got seperated from our company late in the afternoon and upon darkness setting in I went to our old camping ground but could not find it. I got among the 16th Lancers and they gave me a good dinner which I decidedly needed as I had not been asleep for over 60 hours, with the exception of two hours or so on the morning of the 16th, and had had practically nothing to eat for 24 hours, and had been fighting 10 hours. I then lay under a canvas with one of the Lancers and slept until about 5 a. m. although I was wet to the skin, having had to ford the river to get to camp.

Feb: Found out the cook and got some breakfast, then crossed the river and reported to the officer in command. In the meanwhile the roll had been called and I had been reported missing. A fatigue party then went out and hunted for wounded and killed and graves were dug. Victoria contingent lost heavily. A cart is just passing carrying dead to the graves, poor chaps.

The Scottish regiments say they have never seen men face such fire in the way the Royal Canadian Regiment did, and the Sergeant-Major of the Gordons said he was proud to be brigaded with us. Our men certainly did show pluck and grit and it is terrible to leave so many behind.

March 1: As you probably know, Cronje surrendered with about 6,000 men. We fought them on the 18th and have had them surrounded ever since. The Canadians went into the trenches the night before the surrendering and a warm time we had. We lost 12 killed and 31 wounded. This makes two days and one night under fire for us and we are getting used to it. All last week we were on half rations and very hungry we were the whole time, but now that we have captured our friend Cronje and his supplies we have enough. I got hold of 30 lbs. of flour and some of us got some coffee etc. and we are living highly and feel much better. Lord Roberts addressed the regiment yesterday and told us that we had done well.

I am in good health but am foot sore, which is very trying. Here the rainy weather is commencing, last week we were drenched to the skin for three nights and as we had no coats it was very hard on us, especially when we were on half rations.

Our regiment has lost 90 wounded and about 35 killed since their first fight. I am afraid there will be several sad homes in Canada. How I managed to escape is wonderful for on the 18th lead was very plentiful just where our section was. After Cronje's surrender we collected and destroyed over 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition from the enemy's trenches. We are now (March 3rd) camped 5 miles further up the river and a prettier camp ground could not be found. We are all lookingt forward to a good square meal—hard tack is very good but one gets fearfully tired of it when eating it for weeks."

A Family Mix Up.

In Milone there is a case which admits of just as many complications as did the recent story of a man who married his son's wife's sister, which was printed in the Commercial. In this instance a man married his brother's wife's mother. He thus became, as will be seen, his brother's stepfather. The mother became sister in law to her own daughter and the daughter's husband was brother in law to his mother in law. The daughter was step daughter to her brother in law and the mother was the sister in law of her son in law.

It has several times been asserted that Vernon was awarded first prize for district exhibit at New Westminster last fall and Ashcroft second. This is entirely wrong. Let it be understood once for all that the judges awarded Ashcroft first prize. The directors revised the judges decisions of both Vernon and Ashcroft, cutting down the points awarded Ashcroft by the judges and allowed the same number of points to both. The first and second prizes were then evenly divided between Ashcroft and Vernon.

The Play Goes On.

EDITOR JOURNAL. Sir: With the political platforms of Messrs. Martin and Cotton before us, it appears a little strange that no criticism worth speaking of is being made of the declaration of these gentlemen.

The Colonist has certainly paid considerable attention to Mr. Martin's address and his late speeches which do not offer much assistance to that gentleman, but so far as I am aware Mr. Cotton's policy has not had much attention from the Colonist or any other newspaper. The "World's" editorials are sickening.

The recent shameful developments in the formation of a cabinet warrants both Conservatives and Liberals joining to defeat the policy of the Lieu-Governor and the establishment of a government selected by the people. How the Lieu. Governor must swell with pride when he consults his Finance Minister and Provincial Secretary on intricate questions affecting the parliament and government of the people, and how satisfactory must be the result when they from their great experience in managing affairs of state offer their advice.

Hon, Smith Curtiss said some time ago that the Premier was in no hurry to fill his cabinet, he intended to take plenty of time and select strong men. I guess they are strong enough, but it is strength that should be expended in another direction.

Now that the date for election has been settled and it appears we must thank the Dominion Government for arranging that little matter, leaders of the respective parties will no doubt make known their policies from the platform. The bell has been rung and the actors must take their places or spoil the show. We have had enough of the antics of the flunkeys and chore boys and now we want to see the stars. Until the first meeting of the actors and during their rehersals for the season's performances the affairs of the company will remain under the direction of the present local director, as the head office at Ottawa seems willing to permit him to prove the success of his management if he can do so. But when all the members of the company meet in the playhouse in Victoria next July there is liable to be a change which will undoubtedly displease many of the actors, as it will end the career of some, but will greatly please the audience. With the displacement of old stars by new ones there is likely to be a change in the local director's chair. New plays with new stars will give general satisfaction.

Here is a role prepared by myself Mr. Editor. It is not copyrighted nor has it had the approval of the local director. He favors the present star but I dont like him and besides the other players refuse to act with him. He's a little too noisy anyway and the audience says he spoils the harmony of the music, besides always wanting the hero parts in the best plays.

C. H. MacKintosh for Premier and Minister of Mines; F. Carter Cotton, Minister of Finance; Denis Murphy, Minister of Lands and Works; A. Henderson, Attorney Genaral and Provincial Secretary; Mr. Forster, Minister of Agriculture and Education.

Hold on! don't protest too quick. Yes, I see the mistake, no member from the Island among them, alright. Well I guess Mr. Turner had better be president of the Council; he can charge up car fare to stationery account.

As Ex-Attorney Henderson failed to get a conviction in the Sarel libel case he won't be a very great drawing card so I will drop him and give notice to Irving that I will let him play Minister of Lands and works, (although in the past he has always had a water scene allowed to him,) and Denis Murphy will have to dress for the Attorney General's part.

You say there are too many Conservatives in this arrangement, well I can't help it, there are more of that persuasion looking for places than there are Liberals. Of course if Davis or Bodwell could be persuaded to accept a position I should be only to happy to rearrange the company, but of the present applicants for places this is the best I can do. The head office at Ottawa will appoint the local director. It is a privilege they have retained, and they are a little jealous of their rights.

THOMPSON RIVER.

J. S. Place, merchant, of Dog Creek has been in town for several days. Mr. Place had a series of adventures on his trip out from Dog Creek. The first day his cart was upset and he was thrown out but was not hurt, the second days accident, caused by his horse falling, resulted in a black eye and a severe shaking up. He reports Moses Pigeon as being very ill, Dr. Herald, of the 150-Mile House, has been in attendance. The Big Bar dredge is still idle and so far as Mr. Place knows there is no immediate intention of starting it up at an early date.

J. D. Roberts, who travels all over British Columbia, selling to its merchants Blue Ribbon flavoring extracts, blue ribbon, Java and Mocha coffee, and blue ribbon and Ceylon tea, this week called on F.W. Foster, who handles these goods here.

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Kootenay Mines.

Rossland Record of the 7th says:—"The miners in the Le Roi resumed work this morning in a body and with the beginning of next week the making of contracts will ensue. The men are at present working merely to test the ground, with a view to determining what the work is worth, this being a preliminary to agreeing on a contract price. A similar method will be followed in the War Eagle and Centre Star next week.

The managers proposition is as follows:—

"That the companies are prepared to open up their mines under the contract system to their full capacity, as rapidly as circumstances will permit

"The contract system, putting it generally, provides that the contractors are to be paid for all the work they do and the companies pay for all the work done, at a price agreed upon and determined by both parties.

The two simplest systems will be adopted viz., (a) contract by lineal foot of hole drilled and (b) contract by lineal foot of completed working.

In stopes, the method of hole measurment has been selected, because of its extreme simplicity—contractors not being obliged to take any chances on the breaking qualities of the ground or the powder required, the cost of mucking or loss of time from smoke.

Blasting will be done, except where otherwise arranged, between the hours of 1 and 7 a. m., so that the probability of loss of time will be reduced to a minimum.

As to having all development contracts measured by the lineal foot driven, instead of by the length of holes drilled, it is understood that the most of this work will be let by the lineal foot. It would not be satisfactory to contractors or the companies to be confined to this method of measuring the quantity of work done. The method selected for any contract will vary with the mine, and the existing conditions, and is a matter of arrangement with individual contractors.

When through fault of the companies contractors find themselves obliged to do work not properly included in their contract, the time spent in doing such work, in excess of one hour, will be paid for at the standard scale of wages. When, by special agreement, contractors assume the chances of such occasional extra work, the price agreed upon will be made to cover it.

The companies will furnish all explosives to contractors at cost from distributing stations, or they will furnish this material free of charge when agreed upon between them and the contractors in any particular work.

The companies will furnish all machine drills, tools and implements necessary for the work free of charge to contractors, and no charge will be made to contractors for drilling machines broken while at work.

The companies will arrange as far as practicable to have all holes in stopes blasted between the hours of 1 and 7 a. m., and they will also endeavor to have all timbering done when required so as not to interfere with the work of drilling.

Companies will furnish and pay for the service of engineers and pumpmen when such are required.

Mucking or barring down of rock will be done by the contractors or the companies as may be agreed upon at the time of making contract.

It is expected that the price agreed upon, based upon ordinary working conditions, will cover all delays which are inseparable from and incident to mining work.

It has been made clear that it is the desire and intention of the companies to afford the contractors every facility for carrying out their contracts to the end that all parties concerned may be mutually benefited.

The fact of an employe being a member of the union will be no bar to his employment, nor will the companies place any obstacle in the way of non-union men becoming members of a union.

The companies reserve to themselves the right to employ such men as they see fit whether they are members of a union or not.

It is the policy and intention of the companies to treat their employes fairly and not to discharge any employe, whether he be a member of a union or not, without just or sufficient cause, it being clearly understood that membership in a union will not constitute grounds for discharge.

With respect to the matters wherein the employes of the company may consider themselves aggrieved, the companies will, at any reasonable time, receive a presentation of the case, and consider the same in a fair and impartial spirit and endeavor to remove the cause when any is found to exist.

It is expected that the union will at all times use its good offices and exhaust all conciliatory methods, before permitting any strike or stoppage of work. And further, they will not seek to interfere with the companies in employing or discharging employes, or interfere with contractors.

Future of Canadian Coal Mining.

The output of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co's mine at Fernie at present is 700 tons daily. Of this amount 4,000 tons per month go to the coke ovens. The company has also started to open up two more mines on Michel Creek, one at Sparwood, 24 miles east of Fernie and one at Erickson, 27 miles east of Fernie, both close to the railway track. The seam at Sparwood is reported to be 12 feet thick, and the one at Erickson 15 feet thick. Coal is shipped from both places. The company completed 152 coke ovens in 1899 and laid the foundation for 38 more. It has also let contracts for the building of 300 more.

The Financial Chronicle of Montreal remarks editorially:—"The unprecedented use of coal has caused such an exceedingly active demand that the world's coal market is in a most unusual situation. Companies are stated to be in receipt of requests for quotations for shipping coal to almost all parts of the world. While this condition of things is doubtless traceable to Great Britain's war requirements, and the stocking of her various coaling stations to their full capacity as a precautionery measure in case of complications with others than President Kruger, it is also doubtless due in a part to the almost universal boom in commercial activity.

The Canadian coal fields are increasin value year by year and all the energies of our people ought to be devoted to mining the 'dusky diamonds' known to exist in Cape Breton, British Columbia, and many districts yet untouched by the miner's pick.

"If the world is threatened, as some would have us believe, with a coal famine, greater efforts must be made to increase the output of every mine in the Dominion of Canada. Let us make the best of our golden opportunities. It is estimated that the British Government has, since the South African war began, shipped between 225,000 and 300,000 tons of coal."—Ferguson Eagle.

Gold Brick Game.

Chicago, March 31—Sir Frederick G. Vigor and T. D. G. Drayton, owners of coal mines in Great Britain, have graduated from an American gold brick college, and their diplomas are now in the mails, following the graduates who sailed from New York to England Saturday. Two members of the faculty of the college are out $3,000 spent in entertaining and otherwise "drawing the Englishmen on." The graduation of the Englishmen followed the assay of six supposed gold bars that had been used by the sharks who had schemed to net $50,000 from the swindle.

Some time in January the London agent of Drayton and Vigor noticed an advertisement in a London paper of some Chicago men who claimed to have a mine from which they already had taken $50,000 worth of gold, and offering to sell an interest in the property. The agent was instructed to enter into correspondence with the parties.

In reply to the agent's enquiries came letters signed by R. G. Miller and William Schroeder, dated in Chicago. They claimed to have a mine of fabulous richness in an undeveloped mining country. A desire to secure control of the adjoining property was given as the reason for advertising in the London papers. The Chicago people offered to pay the expenses of the English investors if they would come to the United States and investigate. Security would be given them for their loss of time if the mine were not as represented. It looked like a "good thing" to the Englishmen, and they cabled the Americans to meet them in New York.

They landed in New York on February 21, and were met by Miller and Schroeder. All registered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Here the proposition was laid before Vigor and Drayton in the course of costly dinners and expensive entertainments provided by the Chicago promoters. After a week spent in New York all four came to Chicago, where they made their headquarters at the Hotel Metropolis. For two days the mining deal was not mentioned, the time being given up to continued entertainment. The Englishmen voted their new American friends royal good fellows. During this time several Coicago men were introduced and spoke highly of Miller and Schroeder.

The Englishmen asked to see the gold. They were conducted to the safety vaults and shown six bars. It was explained that the gold could not be sold at the mint for the reason that it was necessary to make an affidavit as to the place from which it was mined, which would frustrate the plan of securing the adjoining property. Drayton then proposed that the bars be tested. The Chicago men were only too glad to have a test made and borrowings were made in all the bars, the result of the test showing 76 per cent pure gold. A wine supper at the Auditorium Annex followed the test. Then it was disclosed that the mine was near Golden City, Col. The promoters suggested that Sir Frederick and Miller remain in Chicago while Schroeder and Drayton visited the mine. This was agreed to.

In the meanwhile Sir Fredrick Vigor in Chicago, asked Miller to give the security promised for their time and expenses to New York. This Miller was unable to do and the Englishman became suspicious. Miller, fearing arrest wired Schroeder to meet him in South Bend, Ind., and disappeared. Schroeder left Drayton at the hotel in Golden City one night saying he would call for him the next morning to visit the mine. Then Schroeder disappeared. During the day messages were exchanged between the two Englishmen and a few days later they met in Chicago. Satisfied that the mine was a swindle, they desired to find out what was in the six gold bars. Bankers advised them to let the matter drop, to which they replied that they "were not like you Americans," and wanted "to see how they intended to do it."

Smoking Stunts the Growth.

Whatever difference of opinion there may be upon the advisability of smoking for men, there is none as to its pernicious effect on boys. It effects the action of the heart and reduces the capacity of the lungs. Young men who are being trained for athletics are not permitted to smoke by their trainers because, as they say, "it is bad for the wind." The argument that will appeal most forcibly to your boy is that smoking will stunt his growth. It has been proved that youthful smokers are shorter and weigh less than their comrades who do not smoke. Cigarettes are particularly injurious. Nicotine, the active principle of tobacco, is said by chemists to be next to prussic acid, the most rapidly fatal poison known. The tender tissues of a growing boy cannot absorb even a very small quantity of it without most injurious results.—February Ladies' Home Journal.

Delagoa Bay Award.

Berne, Switzerland, March 31.—The following is the text of the decision in the Delagoa Bay railroad award, which is in six clauses;

"1. The Portuguese government, as the defending party, is condemned to pay to the government of the United States and to Great Britain, the claimants, altogether, in addition to the £28,000 paid on account in 1890, the sum of 15,314,000 francs in legal Swiss money, with simple interest on this sum at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, from June 15, 1889, up to the date of payment of said sum.

"2. This sum, after deducting what is necessary to defray the cost of arbitration falling on the claimants, and in addition to the balance of £28,000 paid on account in 1890, shall be employed in the payment of bondholders and other creditors, if there is need, of the Delagoa Bay Railway Company, according to their standing. The claimants will draw up a scale of distribution for this purpose. The Portuguese Government will have to pay into the hands of the government of the United States the sum, which, according to said scale, shall accrue to McMurde, represented by said government, in its quality of bondholding creditor of the first and and second degree. It will pay the surplus to the government of Great Britain for the benefit of all others having rights.

"3. The delay of six months fixed by the last line of clause 55 of the arbitration compromise shall run from this day forth.

"4. The costs of the arbitration, according to a scale to be drawn up in accordance with clause five of the arbitration committee, will be borne in equal parts by the three parties to the suit, that is to say, a third part by each of them.

"5. The conclusions of the parties in so far as they differ from the above award are set aside.

"6. An authentic copy of the present award will be delivered through the Intermediary of the Swiss Federal Council to each of the three parties to the case."

The award is unanimous.

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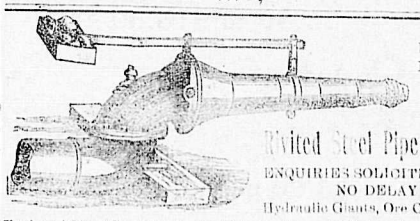
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YUSSOUF.

A stranger came one night to Yussouf's tent,
Saying: "Behold one outcast and in dread,
Against whose life the bow of power is bent,
Who flies and hath not where to lay his head!
I come to thee for shelter and for food,
To Yussouf, called through all our tribes 'The Good.'"

"This tent is mine," said Yussouf, "but no more
Than it is God's. Come in and be at peace.
Freely shalt thou partake of all my store
As I of his who buildeth over these
Our tents his glorious roof of night and day
And at whose door none ever yet heard 'Nay.'"

So Yussouf entertained his guest that night
And, waking him ere day, said: "Here is gold.
My swiftest horse is saddled for thy flight.
Depart before the prying day grow bold."
As one lamp lights another nor grows less,
So nobleness enkindleth nobleness.

That inward light the stranger's face made grand,
Which shines from all self conquest. Kneeling low,
He bowed his forehead upon Yussouf's hand,
Sobbing: "O sheik, I cannot leave thee so!
I will repay thee. All this thou hast done
Unto that Ibrahim who slew thy son!"

"Take thrice the gold," said Yussouf, "for with thee
Into the desert, never to return,
My one black thought shall ride away from me.
Firstborn, for whom by day and night I yearn,
Balanced and just are all of God's decrees.
Thou art avenged, my firstborn. Sleep in peace!"
—James Russell Lowell.

The First Impulse

An Eastern Story of Two Men Noted For the Good They Did.

BY JULES LA MAITRE

Turiri was a wealthy citizen of Bagdad who was far and wide renowned for his many virtues. In assisting the poor with his money he was so generous that he had to deprive himself of the luxuries of life, and the patience with which he listened to the laments of the suffering and cheered them with kind words earned him the love and admiration of his fellow citizens.

He bore with resignation all the petty annoyances which accompany man through life in an almost unbroken chain. He was truly tolerant and never waxed angry when others did not share his opinions, a rare and difficult virtue indeed, for there is no human being who does not wish in his innermost heart that all other human beings might be his inferiors and yet in his likeness.

He was a faithful husband, and this in spite of his wife being of a quarrelsome nature. He bore with her ill temper and seemed not to mind at all that she was no longer young and beautiful. Finally his unselfishness was so great that, though himself the author of numerous poems and dramas, he rejoiced over the success of his rivals and proved his joy by giving them sincere words of encouragement and rendering them all kinds of services. In brief, all his life was made up of mercy, gentleness, loyalty, unselfishness, and he was considered a saint—a chivalrous saint.

In spite of all this he showed a lack of that calm serenity which usually illuminates the face of saintly persons. His features had the suffering expression of one who has fallen a prey of wild passions or secret sorrows, and frequently, in the very moment of doing some kind act, he would cast down his eyes. Was it to collect himself or to avoid looking into people's faces? No one could tell.

Now, there lived not far from Bagdad an ascetic by the name of Maitrega. He was a miracle worker, and the pious from all parts of the world flocked to him to be helped by his prayers. Having renounced the world and all its usages, Maitrega had dug a cave into the bank of the river and become a holy man, whose prayers were always heard at the throne of Ormuzd. With his bony, hair covered arms uplifted to heaven he stood before his cave as unwearied as a tree stretching its branches upward, so that the swallows, deceived by his immobility, took Maitrega for an old willow and built their nests on his shoulders. His face was tanned brown by the sun and was black with dirt, and his long beard and tangled hair blew about him like the wind beaten grass blades on the ramparts of an old castle ruin. And so he had lived for many years, for such had been his will.

One day he overheard a pilgrim saying:

"Turiri appears like an embodiment of Ormuzd. If he only had the power to do what he likes, misery would surely disappear from the earth."

Maitrega's form became more rigid. It was apparent that the ascetic had entered into communion with Ormuzd. A few moments passed in silence, then he said to the pilgrim:

"I cannot compel Ormuzd to grant to Turiri the power to do everything he wishes, for in that event he would be equal to God. Ormuzd has, however, granted that beginning from tomorrow at all occasions the first wish entertained by Turiri shall be immediately realized."

"Oh," replied the pilgrim, "this almost amounts to the same. Turiri's first wish at whatever occasion will be like all his other wishes, always generous and good. You have announced to me, reverend sir, the happiness of countless human beings. Accept my best thanks."

Had Maitrega's beard been less impenetrable the pilgrim might have noticed an ironical smile gliding over his petrified lips. A moment later, however, the ascetic was again absorbed in deep meditation.

And the pilgrim returned to the city and rejoiced in anticipation of the beneficent miracles through which Turiri's power undoubtedly would become manifest.

The next morning Turiri on awakening happened to throw a glance upon his wife, who was still slumbering at his side. All of a sudden his wife, as though driven by some mysterious power, rose, rushed to the window and precipitated herself into the yard, shattering her skull on the pavement.

Turiri left his house and soon saw himself importuned by a crowd of beggars. He did not utter a harsh word to them and was about to distribute alms in his habitual kind way when, lo! all the beggars dropped dead.

Continuing his walk, he met fair Mandenika, one of the most noted courtesans of Bagdad. Eager to gain the wise man's love, she told him the story of her life and tried to persuade him that she was unlike any other woman of her profession. Turiri was moved to pity and was about to express to her his sympathy when the woman all of a sudden fell lifeless at his feet.

Arriving in the city, he found that the street which he had to cross was blocked with numerous carriages. After waiting a few moments he began to lose patience, when all at once drivers and horses, as though hit by some mysterious blow, dropped dead to the ground.

He went to the theater and there fell quarreling with the scholar Carvilaka about some verses which the latter ascribed to Nisami, while Turiri claimed that they were composed by Saadi. Suddenly the scholar uttered a shriek and expired. The play which was performed had a great success and was much applauded by the audience. Hardly had Turiri made up his mind to join in the applause when the author of the play breathed his last.

Turiri returned home, terrified at what he had seen, and, thinking himself the cause of all these murders, he killed himself in despair by plunging a dagger into his heart.

During the same night died also Maitrega, the ascetic.

Both appeared simultaneously before Ormuzd.

The ascetic thought in his mind:

"How I shall rejoice to see this man judged according to his desert! This man whose hypocrisy was almost as much admired as my virtue as soon as he had power to do what he liked showed his true nature by committing countless crimes."

Ormuzd, however, turned smilingly to Turiri and said:

"Welcome, virtuous Turiri. You were truly a good man and my faithful servant. Enter now into my eternal peace."

"That's a good joke," said the ascetic, with a sneer.

"Never have I been more in earnest than at this moment," replied Ormuzd and addressing again Turiri, spoke: "You wished the destruction of your wife because of her unpleasantness and homeliness; the destruction of the beggars because of their annoyance and the repulsive sight they offered; the destruction of the courtesan because of her foolishness and indecency; of the drivers and their horses for causing you an unnecessary delay; of the scholar Carvilaka for disagreeing with you; of the playwright for his being more successful than you. All these wishes were perfectly natural. The troubles with which you were charged by Maitrega were, without your knowing it, the effect of your first wish, that wish which no one is able to command. It is quite natural to hate all that is disturbing and obstructing, and it is just as natural to desire the destruction of what we hate. Nature is egotistical, and the name of egotism is destruction. This sin and crime take root in the hearts of even the most virtuous, and if mortals had the power of realizing their first involuntary wishes the earth would feet become depopulated. This, Turiri, I purposed to show by your example. But I judge men after their second impulse only, that impulse which alone is in their power. Without the mysterious gift for which you did not ask and which made your last day so murderous you would have continued to lead a beneficent existence. It is, therefore, not your nature that I have to consider, but your will, which was good and ever ready to curb nature and to improve any imperfect work. And for this reason, my dear coworker, I open to you the gates of paradise."

"So far, so good," said Maitrega, "but what reward do you grant to me?"

"The same," replied Ormuzd, "although you only partly deserved it. You were a saint, but you were not a human being unless you through your pride. You succeeded in stifling the first impulse in your heart, but if all men would live like you mankind would be even faster exterminated than it could be through the fatal power granted to my faithful servant Turiri. Now, I want mankind to exist, as I find pleasure in its sight, which at times is very beautiful. Even your efforts, miserable ascetic, were not entirely devoid of beauty, and therefore I pardon you your foolish error. And thus I receive Turiri into my bosom, because I am just, and you, Maitrega, because I am merciful."

"But"— objected Maitrega.

"I have spoken."—Translated From the French For Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Roberts of Utah in the House.

"Utah—Brigham H. Roberts!" sang out the clerk. Roberts, pale but self possessed, walked down the aisle toward the speaker's chair. At the end of the aisle Roberts stood with his hands resting upon the two desks at his right and left.

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"He ought to," replied her companion, "with three wives to keep him tidy."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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Honest Boy.

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"You don't call that boy honest?"

"Yes, sir. This morning I received a postal with this on the back: 'Dear Sir—Here is your postal. I started in business with the penny you gave me and have prospered. Thanks.'"—Chicago News.

Kissing and Hugging Take Time.

It's all very well for you and Nellie and Emsie to unite in millions of hugs and kisses, but please consider the time it would occupy your poor old very busy uncle. Try hugging and kissing Emsie for a minute by the watch, and I don't think you'll manage it more than 12 hours a day.—Letter of Lewis Carroll.

"You are nothing but an imitator,"

said the magpie, full of wrath at hearing its cry so accurately mimicked.

"All that this you?" slowly retorted the mocking bird. "Is that you are engaged in? Then sing your song so lightly that you run."—Chicago Tribune.

So Fear When Death Draws Nigh.

"I have seen thousands of persons die under all sorts of circumstances, and never yet have I seen one display the slightest fear of death." This remarkable statement was made the other day by a physician who has practiced many years in Philadelphia and who has seen a great deal of hospital service.

"It is a popular fallacy," he went on, "to imagine that a deathbed scene is ever terrible other than as a parting between loved ones. The fear of the unknown is never present at the last. Even amid ignorance and vice I have never experienced such scenes as a novelist who strives after realism will sometimes picture.

"When a patient is told that he cannot recover and the end is near, he invariably seems resigned to his fate, and his only thought seems to be of those who are to be left behind. This is true alike of men and women.

"Those who become hysterical and declare they are not fit to die are the ones who are not as ill as they think they are. They always get well.

"A psychological reason? Oh, I don't know that there is any. It's just a human trait."

A Composite Name.

"One of the differences between the east and the northwest," said a Puget sounder, "is the names of places, and the Skikomishes, the Snohomishes, the Snoqualmies, the Wahkiakums and the lot of them give a man funny feelings, and when he runs across Bucoda, on the Northern Pacific railroad in Pierce county, Wash., he doesn't know whether it is Chinook or Siwash or what. But it is none of them—like Kenova, in West Virginia, which is near the junction of Kentucky, Ohio and Virginia, or Delmar, where Delaware and Maryland come together.

"Bucoda is a composite name, and its story is simple enough. When the Northern Pacific came in, a town sprang up, and it must have a name. There were Indian names in plenty, but something more novel was wanted, so Messrs. Buckley, Coulter and Davis, all N. P. officials, put their heads together first and their names later, and the name Bucoda was evolved, with an etymology very apparent to any one who is at all informed in terminology. Bucoda it has remained, and it is not half bad as names go in the Puget sound country."

The Peculiar Jains.

Ernest M. Bowden in The Nineteenth Century reports a chat with Raja Sivaprasad on Jainism. The Jains pay more regard to the feelings of the lower animals than any other sect in the world; will not kill them or injure them; are careful to avoid destroying even insects, sometimes wearing a handkerchief over the mouth to prevent any living creature being breathed in. It may be argued that this tenderness will prove in the long run fatal to its possessors, handicapping them seriously in the struggle for life with less scrupulous rivals. As evidence to the contrary Mr. Bowden points to the Jains:

"Notwithstanding the opposition, if not active persecutions, of bygone times, the one small sect which, more than any other in the world, has taught and practiced the doctrine of 'ahimsa,' or 'noninjury,' to living creatures, stands today, after some four and twenty centuries, by far the most prosperous community in a population verging on 300,000,000."

Weapons of the Skunk.

A skunk once challenged a lion to single combat. The lion promptly declined the honor. "Why," said the skunk, "are you afraid?" "Very much so," said the lion, "for you would only gain fame for having the honor to fight with a lion, while every one who met me for a month would know I had been in company with a skunk."

This reminds us of the story about Henry Ward Beecher's father, the famous Dr. Lyman Beecher, who, when asked why he did not reply to somebody who had severely attacked him in a newspaper, replied that when a young man, crossing a field one night with an armful of books, he saw a small animal and after hurling several volumes at the animal found he got the worst of it, and ever since had thought it better to let such animals alone.—Our Dumb Animals.

And the Minister Smiled.

The York (Me.) Transcript says that a Portland minister recently called upon one of the families in his parish. He ascended the steps and knocked at the door. Receiving no response, he was about to depart when he heard a window in the next house open and a woman's voice say, "Mrs. Smith, the minister's at your door."

What was the pastor's surprise and amusement when he caught Mrs. Smith's response wafted gently around the corner of the house, "Sh, don't you s'pose I know it!"

The next Sunday after service Mrs. Smith met her pastor and expressed her sorrow that she was away when he had called.

He Knew Playfair.

The manager of the phosphate mine was a Scotchman, tall, big boned, with the strongest Glasgow Doric in his tongue. At first he was obdurate and desired us to leave the ground and to drop the specimens which we had taken before he appeared. At last I addressed him in good Scotch and asked him whether he thought I was a mining adventurer. "Aye, that's just what ye are."

"No," I replied, "I am a Scotch professor."

"Then, if ye are, ye'll be havin a name."

"My name," I said, "is Playfair."

"Man," said my Scotch friend, "are ye Lyon Playfair?"

I assured him I was, but expressed surprise that he knew the name, to which he replied, looking from his 6 feet 2 inches with compassion on my 5 feet 4 inches, "Hoot, man, yer name's traveled farther than yer wee legs will ever carry ye."—Letters of Lyon Playfair.

A mad monkey is heavier to me than fear. He would as soon attack a lion as a goat, and as long as he can look into your eyes he will not submit. He considers himself the master. Avert the head and he gives in. This is a recognized fact among animal trainers. The ringtail monkeys taken about by Italians are very gentle and are never whipped.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1900.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

H. Bostock, M. P., is on his way home from Ottawa.

Mr. Calder has returned from a long visit with relatives at Seattle.

Services were held yesterday in the Methodist and Episcopal churches.

The Strathcona Horse have arrived at Cape Town having made a very quick trip.

Ralph Jarvis came in from Hat Creek with the 43rd Mining & Milling Company.

The returned Liberal Convention delegates report having had a very noisy time.

Fifty extra men are required for the Strathcona Horse. They are to be recruited in the West.

W. H. Decks, a commercial traveler of Toronto, was in Ashcroft this week in the interests of his house.

Several cars of lumber have been received here from the Ashcroft W. E. I. Company's mill at Kamloops.

S. G. Fladgate has leased one of the stores in the new brick block to be built by Harvey, Bailey & Co.

Stewart & Crozier's livery stable was almost emptied yesterday, so many citizens spent the day driving.

Some beautiful lawns can now be seen about town. S. Tingley and J. H. Clements have particularly fine ones.

A general cleaning up of the streets and yards in Ashcroft would add to the appearance of the town very much.

Mr. S. B. Snyder, traveler for G. L. Allan the wholesale Boot & Shoe dealer, of Vancouver, was here yesterday.

Mr. C. A. Chambers has returned from a months' visit to Victoria and has resumed his position with F. W. Foster.

Parker's stage line has added a new six horse stage coach to its rolling stock. It was built in Victoria and is a fine looking rig.

John Shields, chairman of the Ashcroft Water, Electric and Improvement Co. is president of the Kamloops district Liberal Association.

Rev. Mr. Boyle and family who, since they came to Ashcroft, have been guests at the Ashcroft hotel are now living in their house on Bancroft St.

J. A. Bremner, Oliver Harvey and F. S. Reynolds left by B. X stage for Lillooet yesterday. They will visit the McGilvary Creek mines, returning on Tuesday.

Col. Prior was told by Mr. Fisher today that nursery stock from the States could not be admitted to British Columbia this year as it is too matured and would be destroyed by the fumigating process.

The JOURNAL is asked to correct the statement made last week in the article, "Minty Wins," where it is said Mr. Minty was a rejected Transvaal volunteer. Mr. Minty successfully passed such examinations as he took, but for other reasons was compelled to give up his intention of going.

The usual manner of taking an oath was somewhat changed by an Ashcroft Justice of the Peace lately. He swore upon the Koran. This is not supposed to be a regulation of the new government, and those who might have explained the use of the Koran have not done so.

A well known Cariboo rancher intimates his willingness to enter the matrimonial state providing the right lady can be found. The conditions are that the lady has cash and youth on her side. Applicants may address care of JOURNAL stating former experience if any and enclosing testimonials. Their letters will have immediate delivery.

Messrs. Harvey, Bailey & Co., at present the owners of the only brick building in Ashcroft, have joined with S. Tingley in the erection of a one storey brick store on the lot owned by them and Mr. Tingley next to their store. It will contain two stores 15x50 feet with suitable accommodation in the rear for storehouses. Johnston and Gill, contractors, of Kamloops, have the contract and are expected to begin work soon.

An old Chinaman is the only witness of a boat upsetting near Lytton on the 6th inst. and the consequent drowning of an Indian and an Indian boy. It appears the Indian, who was known as "Billy Lytton," crossed the river opposite Thos. G. Earl's farm and on returning was accompanied by an Indian woman and her son of about thirteen years. In some manner unknown the boat upset and the Indian and boy were drowned. The mother was saved by holding to an oar. All Indians usually in this vicinity were attending the funeral of the Chief Machell.

The Grand Jury brought in "no bill" in the Sarel libel case.

Frank Reynolds, of the JOURNAL staff, attended the dance at Savonas this week.

Mrs. Chisholm and family registered at the Ashcroft Hotel Thursday, from 141 Mile House.

Mr. and Mrs. Davies, of Chilcoten, spent a few days in Ashcroft en route to Victoria.

Nash & Burrow's moving pictures of the war will be here next Wednesday and Thursday.

A jeweler is likely soon to be located at Ashcroft. With suitable side lines this should be a good point for business.

The shade trees planted last season on the streets look to be generally in good condition. Plenty of water should be used as the sandy soil allows it to pass down very rapidly.

Joe Burr, jr., came suddenly to the earth one day lately. He was thrown from Earnest Lyne's horse but not hurt. He had plenty of grit, however, and finally conquered the bucking cayuse.

Jas. C. Shields and J. A. Bremner have been investing in Ashcroft real estate each having lately purchased three lots in blocks ten and thirteen. The lots are well located and are valuable properties.

The House was dissolved on Tuesday afternoon. Nominations are fixed for May 26th and the elections on June 9th, the writs being returnable on June 30th, and the House is to be called on July 5th.

The young men who attended the dance at Savonas Thursday night returned yesterday, having had an enjoyable trip. One of them says he learned how to row a boat while there.

The baseball game yesterday, according to report, was rather an extreme affair, one side scoring so high they forgot the count while the other did not score enough to make it worth while keeping any.

Only one car of wire for the Ashcroft-Dawson-Quesnelle telegraph line will arrive here this week and not two as reported last week. Two cars have been ordered to be delivered at Vancouver.

A. Charleson, who will superintend the building of the Quesnelle end of the Ashcroft-Quenelle-Dawson telegraph line, came up from the coast on Thursday. Mr. Charleson will not go to Quesnelle just now.

Farmers and fruit growers of the Thompson Valley are, we believe, appreciating the articles kindly contributed to the JOURNAL by Thos. G. Earl, of Lytton, who is undoubtedly the best authority on fruit growing in this section if not in the province.

PASSENGER LIST.

The following is the list of passengers arriving at and departing from Ashcroft by the B.C. Express Co.

DEPARTURES.

Miss McIntosh, Mr Sairk, J A Bremner, Oliver Harvey, F S Reynolds, F P Mulrey, Miss B Hall, G L Bretts, R Head, Mr Butts Rev C Ladner F Webb.

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NOTICE TO ADVESTISERS.—Patrons will greatly oblige the JOURNAL office by having change of advertisement in before Thursday noon.

If there is any trouble in the family; sickness or disagreements; no matter what it is, just buy a package of Blue Ribbon Tea from F. W. Foster and everything will be pleasant.

Write Smith & Bryson or W. B. Bailey & Co. if you want a road cart, buggy, democrat, farm or freight wagon. They have a good assortment of the well known Studebaker Bros., make.

F. W. Foster has just added Blue Ribbon coffee and extracts to his stock of table delicacies. Blue Ribbon goods are rapidly coming to the front and are winning their way through merit alone. Try the Blue Ribbon vanilla it is mild and delicate.

"To the Christians of Canada" were the words placarded on a car of fruit that passed through here Thursday bound for some point east. T. McEwen, who happened to be at the station when the train came in, suggested to the conductor that as the placards surely meant Ashcroft as its destination, the car should be dropped here. The conductor evidently doubted this assertion so the car proceeded, like the hunt for a happy man with a shirt, to find "the Christians of Canada."

O T C

Having closed out our business at Hat Creek we hereby give notice that all accounts owing us not paid before April 25th, 1900 will be placed in the hands of our solicitor for immediate collection.

Ashcroft April 14th 1900. McTAVISH BROS.

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The property known as the Old Nelson Ranch lately called the 18-Mile House, will be sold cheap by the undersigned. Apply to
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NOTICE.

After January 10th, 1900, we will charge ten (10) per cent on all accounts due us at the 150-Mile House.
35tc (Signed) VIETH & BORLAND.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate immediately adjoining Lot 164, on the 150-Mile House property, in the Cariboo District:

Starting at a stake marked C. P. Cunliffe, S. W. corner; thence north 10 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south 10 chains; thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less.
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In the County Court of Cariboo,
HOLDEN AT ASHCROFT.

Between JAMES REID of Quesnelle Mouth, Merchant, Plaintiff,

and PITTSBURG & CARIBOO GOLD DREDGING COMPANY, Defendant,

To PITTSBURG & CARIBOO GOLD DREDGING COMPANY.

TAKE NOTICE that a plaint has been entered and a summons issued against you in the above County Court by James Reid, of Quesnelle Mouth, for the sum of $140.30 and costs for goods sold delivered, and an order has been made that a publication of a notice of the entry of such plaint in the ASHCROFT JOURNAL for four successive issues thereof shall be deemed to be service of the summons upon you.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE, that if you, the said Pittsburg & Cariboo Gold Dredging Company, do not enter a dispute note in the said action on or before the 23rd day of April, 1900, the Court may order judgment to be entered as on default of appearance.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1900.

JOSEPH W. BURR,
Registrar of the County Court of Cariboo, holden at Ashcroft. 48-4

NOTICE.

The following are the rates at which freight will be hauled from Ashcroft:

Barkerville, 6 cents per pound.
Stanley, 5½.
Beaver Pass 5¼.
Wing Dam, 5.
Cottonwood, 4¾
Quesnelle, 4.
Quesnelle Forks, 4.
Beaver Lake, 3½.
Alexandra, 2½.
Horsefly, 3½.
Soda Creek, 3.
158-Mile House, 2¾.
115-Mile House and 150-Mile House, 2½
Above the 100, 2¼.
100-Mile House, 2.
83 and 87-Mile Houses, 1¾.
50-74-Mile Houses, 1½.
Clinton, ¾.

Half cent extra rate for furniture, ¼ cent for any lot of freight under 500 pounds, ½ cent for machinery in single pieces exceeding 6,000 pounds.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Between THE MARION STEAM SHOVEL COMPANY, Plaintiff,

and THE FORT GEORGE GOLD DREDGING COMPANY,
and THE PITTSBURGH & CARIBOO GOLD DREDGING COMPANY, Defendants.

In obedience to a writ of vendition exponas issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Yale Registry, at Kamloops, and to me directed in the above named suit for the sum of $3420.76 and $7.00 for costs of execution, etc., and also interest on $3420.76 at six per centum per annum from the 7th day of January, 1899, until payment; besides Sheriff's poundage, officer's fees and all other legal incidental expenses, I, unless the said execution debt, interest and costs are sooner paid, will sell by public auction, on THURSDAY, the 26th day of April, proximo, at 2 p.m., at Rich Bar, about four miles below Quesnelle, on Fraser River, the following described goods and chattels, or sufficient thereof to satisfy the said execution debt, interest and costs, that is to say:

A complete dredging plant, known as the "Youngs Dredge," and consisting of 1 scow 26x80x5 feet, 1 scow 16x77x1 feet, 2 boilers of 50 h.p. each, 1 double steam hoisting engine 8x10, 1 double steam wheel engine 10x12, 1 dynamo with fittings complete, 2000 lineal feet of assorted steel cable, 650 lineal feet of 2-inch manila rope, about 600 lbs. of bolts, nuts and steam fittings, a full outfit of machinists', blacksmiths' and carpenters' tools, a large quantity of tools and appliances used in operating the dredge, and other articles too numerous to mention; also a set of steam hoisting engines now stored at Quesnelle; also 4 Dredging Leaseholds, each comprising 5 miles of the bed of Fraser River, commencing at a point on said river about 5 miles above the mouth of Cottonwood River and extending thence up stream a distance of thirty miles.

JOHN STEVENSON,
Sheriff of Cariboo.
Barkerville, B.C., March 23rd, 1900. 47 td

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Fred R. Lyne, of the Bradstreet Co. here, was on Wednesday last presented by the local staff of the company with a handsome carving cutlery set on the eve of his approaching marriage. The presentation was made on behalf of the staff by Mr. Teskey, provincial manager, with suitable congratulations and expressions of regard. Mr. Lyne, who was previously one of the World staff, is well and favorably known to the company's subscribers and others with whom he has come in contact during his residence here.—World.

Mr. Lyne is a nephew of Wm. Lyne, proprietor of the Ashcroft Hotel.

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Dated at Ashcroft this 23rd of February, 1899.
30tc C. W. EAGLE.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate telephone and telegraph lines within and throughout all the cities, towns, municipalities and districts of the mainland of the Province of British Columbia, and to construct, erect, and maintain such and so many poles and other works and devices as the Company deem necessary for making, completing, supporting, using, working, operating and maintaining the system of communication by telephone and telegraph, and to open or break up any part or parts of the said highways or streets as often as the said Company, its agents, officers, or workmen think proper and for the purpose of the undertaking to purchase, acquire, lease, expropriate, hold and sell and dispose of lands, buildings or tenements within the limits aforesaid, and to purchase or lease for any term of years, any telephone or telegraph line established or to be established in British Columbia connected or to be connected with the line which the Company may construct, and to amalgamate with or lease its line or lines or any portions thereof, to any company possessing as proprietor, any line of telephone or telegraph communication connecting or to be connected with the said Company's line or lines and to borrow money for the purposes of the Company, and to pledge or mortgage any of the Company's assets for that purpose, and to receive bonuses or privileges from any person or body corporate, and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers, or privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1900.
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