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WAR IS DECLARED.

Washington, April 21.—War between the United States and Spain is a fact, although not officially declared so by Congress. The stirring events of yesterday were succeeded today with rapidity by others of equal importance, culminating in the afternoon in orders for the departure of the North Atlantic squadron for Havana. This practically is an act of war, so that the war between this country and Spain may fairly be said to date from today, April 21, 1898.

Ten minutes after the opening of the state department this morning came word from Minister Woodford that the Spanish government, having anticipated and prevented his intention to present the president's ultimatum, he had asked for his passports.

The administration, in a public statement, announced that it regarded the action of the Spanish government as rendering unnecessary further diplomatic action on the part of the United States, and further stated that it regarded the course adopted by Spain as one placing upon that country the responsibility for the breach of friendly relations.

Key West, April 22.—Toward midnight a hurry message came ashore ordering several officers of the flagship on board immediately. There was no movement on the part of the fleet, but signalling was still progressing and there were many signs of activity. It was said that the fleet was under orders to sail at 4 o'clock.

A Madrid despatch says: Spain's action today is considered a virtual declaration of war, and hostilities may begin immediately.

The latest Washington despatch says: Postmaster-General Gray has resigned.

A despatch from Madrid at 3.20 says: A semi-official note just issued says the Spanish Government considers the ultimatum of the United States constitutes a declaration of war.

The semi-official note adds that the Spanish fleet is already on the way to meet the fleet of the United States.

The following are the resolutions passed by both Houses in the United States congress this week:

"Whereas the abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the island of Cuba, so near our borders, have shocked the moral sense of the people of the United States; have been a disgrace to Christian civilization, culminating as they have, in the destruction of a United States battleship with two hundred and sixty-six of its officers and crew, while on a friendly visit to the harbor of Havana, and cannot longer be endured, as has been set forth by the president of the United States in his message to congress on April 11th, 1898, upon which the action of Congress is invited; therefore,

"Resolved—First, that the people of the island of Cuba are and of right ought to be free and independent.

"Second, that it is the duty of the United States to demand and does hereby demand that the government of Spain at once relinquish authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

"Third, that the president of the United States be and he is hereby directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States, and to call into active service the United States militia of the several states, to such an extent as may be necessary to carry those resolutions into effect.

"Fourth, that the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignity, jurisdiction or control over said island, except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people."

Washington, April 20.—The Cuban resolution is now a law of the land, and the ultimatum to Spain an accomplished fact. The president affixed his signature to the joint resolution of congress requiring Spain to evacuate the Island of Cuba.

An ultimatum meanwhile had been prepared at the State Department by Assistant Secretary Day, and at 11:30 the announcement was made at the White House that it had been signed by the President and had been sent to the Spanish Government. After the public announcement Day said the ultimatum was to be transmitted this morning to Madrid, addressed to Minster Woodford, who will deliver it to the Spanish Government. The Spanish Minister was furnished with a copy of the paper. The Minister as soon as he recieved it made a brief reply and requested his passports.

Although the text of ultimatum was not made public, it is known that with it is transmitted to the Spanish Government, through Minister Woodford, a copy of the joint resolution of Congress, together with the statement that they have received executive approval and in compliance with their terms the President makes demand upon Spain to withdraw her land and naval forces from the Island of Cuba and off its waters. In the event that a satisfactory response is not received by Saturday next, he will proceed with the armed forces of the United States to carry the resolutions into effect. The President does not name any hour Saturday prior to which spain must make answer, if at all, to our demands, but a reasonable assumption is that at any time up to midnight Saturday will be regarded as a compliance with the teams of the ultimatun.

Madrid, April 20.—The lobbies of the Spanish Parliament were crowded last night with members, new deputies and politicians, all discussing the situation The one predominating word was "war."

$85 Turns to $7,000,000 in a Year.

Eighty-five dollars was the price paid for claim No 29 on Eldorado a year and a half ago, which now holds for $7,000,000. This transaction and others like it have set the claim owners all agog. They are as wild many of them, as the prospectors that now choke the passes at Dyea and Skaguay. Most of them are small capitalists, but some are agents for bankers like the Rothschilds or for corporations, syndicates or trusts with unlimited capital behind them.

These men are cooler than the others. They deal with millions where the small fry handle thousands. But either for agents or speculators, big or little, there is grand opportunity for business in the Klondike region, and soon will be in many other similar localities in western Canada and Alaska. Indeed, it is much the quickest and surest way to make money if one has some capital to start with and good judgment.

A good half of the claims that are working now are in the hands of others than the men who staked them originally. On Eldorado, where are the richest of the Klondike claims, almost all were sold for $100, $150 and $200 and all of these have turned out well, the one mentioned above which sold for $85 being a particularly impressive instance.

There will be such chances for the cool man with cash, always. The reasons are several. One is that the ancient proverb of the berry pickers, "Stick to your bush," is held in no great esteem among prospectors. They are an impatient, roaming lot, wasting time and energy in rushing on from place to place after a $1,000,000 pocket or mother lode as though following a will-o'-the-wisp.

Always looking for something better they never keep anything good. They are victims of a fever which their system can never get rid of. There is a wildness and unrest about the prospector when this fever is on him that is seen elsewhere only in the gambler. Indeed gamblers say that the only difference between them and the prospector is that he works in the open air.

It is only the prospector with a vast amount of stick-to-itiveness that is sure to succeed. Especially is this true of the Klondike, where the miner works at thawing a hole in the icy gravel with only the stars for companions, and they not on speaking terms, the thermometer 40 degrees below zero and home 2000 frozen miles away.

When a man has sunk a shaft under these circumstances and finds even after drifting as far along rock bottom as his fire will burn, that the $1,000,000 pocket is not in sight, he is not satisfied, and wishes to sell out. Perhaps, too, he is hungry for something besides beans and bacon, or he may be so hungry that even beans and bacon appeal to him but he has none.

In either case the claim agent is on hand to examine his hole and make him an offer. A hungry man is "easy" for the claim broker. The hungrier a man is the less bargaining about the price. A hungry miner will offer his claim at such low figures that even an Armenian rug dealer would be ashamed to offer less.

And to the advantage of the claim buyer there are always hungry miners, men who, in spite of repeated warnings have gone into the Klondike and other gold districts insufficiently supplied both as to food and clothing.

So the prospector, with the fever buzzing in his brain and hunger buzzing in his stomach, sells his right for a mess of pottage, and having recouped goes out again, while the new owner of the claim records the transfer and hires men to dig out the pay streak and make ready for a summer's sluicing.

As a rule, the value of a claim can be estimated with a fair degree of accuracy, and the agents and brokers have not shown a disposition to take advantage of the necessity of the miners. Dealings have been frank and just, and the Klondike has been the most honest community in the world. But with the tremendous influx of the coming summer of prospectors, investors and speculators, conditions may so alter that the hungry miner—and there will be many more of him next winter than this winter—will have a hard time of it.

Competition will be all against him. It will force the speculators, fighting against one another, to drive hard bargains with the hungry miner, while he, if his supplies are gone, will have no power to hold out for the better price. —Chronicle.

QUESNELLE.

This week there has been unusual stir in this borough. The ice is clear from the river about twenty miles above, but the canyon ice has not come down yet. Last year the ice was clear from the river all the way on the 12th of April. A few are encamped here waiting the clearing up of the river.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthias and partner started up the river today in a boat for the Nechaco. Mr. Mathias is going to run the ferry there.

Captain Wilson and Dr. Carruthers' party leave tomorrow in a boat for the Omenica region. Captain Wilson arrived here over a week ago and Dr. Carruthers by last stage. They intend to go up the river as far as possible and if the canyon at the Cottonwood is not clear they may try to portage it.

Mr. St Laurent organized a party which left this week for Hazelton to open up the trail for the Klondike. The party, consisting of six, is in charge of a well known explorer, James Deacon. The intention is to go to Hazelton on snow shoes and out the trail from there to Telegraph creek. They expect to reach Hazelton in eighteen or twenty days. They intend to open up the trail in advance of horses and make the trail passable. The party have a difficult trip before them but they are all able active men. All their provisions for the trip are packed, using three or four dogs and the men on snow shoes when necessary. There is a common but prevailing idea that this trail will lead through the gold belt of Omenica. This is a mistake as it takes the route far from the Omenica about 150 or 200 miles so that the most practicable route for those proposing to go to the Peace river country is to take the Fraser river by Stewarts lake or Giscome portage by boat. When the river is clear of ice this is by far the most feasible route and the most accessible. Few obstructions are encountered by the water route. Those who wish to go to the Omenica region will do well to take the river from Quesnelle.

There arrived also this week two other parties from Ashcroft. Dr. Meredith and Mr. Ferguson are the chiefs. There are four tents set up at Quesnelle and clearing of the river is awaited. They are building a large boat to carry about five tons of freight. Their objective point is the Peace river.

Mr. St Laurent, road superintendent sent out a party to clear a trail up the Quesnelle on the eastern side this week. They will be occupied with it a few weeks.

Dr. Craighead went up today to the Cottonwood where his dredge has been all winter. He will have it in operation as soon as the river is free from ice.

A report has reached Quesnelle that Mr McCorkill has died of pneumonia.

Mr. Anderson, constable, returned from the coast where he had been with two prisioners, who were sentenced to a term of inprisonment for horse stealing and biting a nose off respectively.

The M.E. Church.

EDITOR MINING JOURNAL—Sir: Some years ago the various Methodist bodies, including the Methodist Episcopal, the Wesleyan Methodists, Free Methodists, etc., united under the title of "The Methodist Church of Canada." There is no Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada. The largest division of Methodists in the United States is known by that title. Its use in these parts is clearly unwarranted. CORRESPONDENT.

[We publish the above by request and do not in any sense vouche for the facts in the case.—ED.]

John Bull Means It.

He must be a victim of the worst form of Anglophobia who finds no pleasure in watching England's actions during the present crisis. Not one chance has been lost to express friendship for America and sympathy with the principles maintained by the United States.

To assert that this is merely pretended and prompted solely by the selfish hope of gaining an ally against the European powers is so false as to be absurd. The signs of friendship come not from the diplomats alone but from men of all classes—lords, merchants, laborers. England—the real England that lies behind the diplomats—wants the friendship of America and is taking the right way to win it. When John Bull opposes all the other powers of Europe and forces them to keep hands off from Cuban affairs, he proves himself something more than a fair weather friend.—Spokane Chronicle.

Prohibition Federation.

The British Columbia branch of the National Prohibition Federation met in Victoria on the 6th and 7th of April, and duly organized. The officers that were elected are: President, Rev. J. C. Speer, Victoria; secretary, Rev. J. P. D. Knox, Nanaimo; assistant secretary, Miss G. Grant, Victoria; treasurer, Rev. R. W. Trotter, Victoria.

The federation represents the various temperance societies and most of the religious denominations of the province. A plan of work was outlined to be carried out if the Dominion government decides to give the country the privilege of voting on the prohibition question. The following resolution was unanimously passed for publication, and a copy also was ordered to be sent to the lieutenant-governor of British Columbia:

"We the British Columbia branch of the National Prohibition Federation, met in Victoria city, desire to express our highest esteem for His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, and more especially on account of the noble stand taken by him and Mrs. McInnes in banishing from their table all alcoholic liquors. We also strongly denounce the course pursued by those who most indelicately dared to impeach the hospitality and good intention of the host and hostess of Carey Castle."

Representation of East Kootenay.

Hon. F. W. Aylmer will probably be a candidate for northeast Kootenay against all comers at the ensuing provincial elections. Mr. Aylmer is, however, desirous of seeing a convention of the opposition party, when an understanding might be arrived at and so avoid any split in the ranks. Mr. Wells' friends are also canvassing on his behalf. M. Daiuard is another prospective candidate who has been promised a good deal of support.—Golden Era.

Japs Protest.

Toronto, April 19.—The "Mail's" Ottawa correspondent says: "A strong protest has been made by the Mikado's Government against the anti-Japanese legislation enacted by British Columbia and pending in the Federal Parliament. In consequence of the representations made, it is understood that the Government will not countenance the Japanese poll tax proposed by Mr. McInnes, M. P., and is now considering the advisability of disallowing the amendment to the Oriental Labor Act which passed the British Columbia Legislature.

Miner's Licenses.

Hon. Mr. Sifton has given orders for free miners' licenses to be issued at the summit of both the White and Chilkoot passes. This is the concession for which the American miners have been clamoring. By those who are in a position to know its effect, it is claimed that the concession will be disastrous to the trade of Victoria especially, as well as to Vancouver, as it will not be necessary for American miners and others outfitting at Seattle, Tacoma and other ports, to lay over at Victoria and Vancouver to procure licenses, or their outfits.

Buncoed the Party.

C. P. N. steamer Tees reached Vancouver Wednesday morning. She had on board a prisoner in irons, the man Grider whom it will be remember left early in March on the Boscowitz, at the head of a large party os men whom he was to pioneer into the Omineca country where he had diggings which would yield $100 per day per man.

The place was somewhere near the Nation river, but on arriving at Hazelton the party, which was composed largely of well-to-do Stockton, Cal., citizens, grew suspicious, secured their money and placed Grider under arrest. Grider, with tears in his eyes, informed a reporter at Vancouver that the treasure was there, but his partner had "sold him," secured the money and was leading the men to untold wealth on Nation river.

Sensibly Returned Home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pease, of Seattle, who spent a few days here on their way north had their horses loaded up with 200 to 250 pounds each the other day, and were about to make a start but found they could not get their supplies all on their horses, and that they would be overloaded in any case, so very sensibly concluded to go back home to Seattle, leaving the young men of the party to make the trip. This is the party of six who were all christians but one and he was an episcopalian, according to the statement of Mr. Pease. The old gentleman and his wife have been exhorting on the street Sundays, and as he says, with success, as they have one conversion and another enquirer. They are a very good and without doubt well meaning old couple, but not fit to cope with the ordinary conditions of a town like Ashcroft.

The Yukon Railway.

Ottawa, April 20.—The following correspondence has just taken place between the government of British Columbia and the federal government:

"Victoria, B.C., April 15.—A railway from the ocean to Teslin lake is of immediate and paramount importance to the province at this juncture. We are prepared to assist. May I ask how far your government will contribute?

(Signed) J. H. TURNER."

To this despatch from British Columbia the premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, replies:

"Ottawa, Ont., April 16.—My government fully recognizes the importance of the subject to which you refer, but in view of the attitude of the senate it is now impossible to say what action can be taken.

(Signed) WILFRID LAURIER."

LOCAL NEWS.

John Wilson shipped four car loads of cattle to the coast this week.

W. E. Fisher, barrister, returned from a visit to Victoria and will go up to Clinton.

Bicycles are being gradually added to the amusements of the young people of town,

J. T. Wilkinson, representative of the Vancouver Province, was in town last Tuesday.

A. Gunter, formerly section foreman at Ashcroft, returned from a couple of weeks' visit to the coast.

Miss Katie Newland and Pauline Tingley returned to Kamloops the first of the week to attend school.

Henry Bird, A. J. Wood and F. L Atkinson, of Vancouver, went up on last Monday's stage to Cariboo.

The freight at the C. P. R. station has been coming in pretty fast lately filling the sheds to their utmost capacity.

G. E. Snyder, foreman at the Horsefly mine, returned from his home in California last Saturday and went up to the mine to commence work.

Application to be put on the voters list is the same as heretofore. The recent attempt to having to swear before a justice of the peace has been repealed.

The poles for the use of the electric wires to be used for lighting the town are all in place around town and the stringing of the wire will take place shortly.

Miss L. Wardell has opened up dress making parlors in the rooms above McArthur & Harper's store and is prepared to do all kinds of dressmaking in first class style.

Miss Hughes, milliner for McArthur & Harper at Kamloops, will visit Ashcroft next Tuesday, and will show some of the newest styles in millinery at their store here during the week.

P. C. Dunlevy, merchant at Soda Creek, arrived in town from Victoria last night, and will leave for home by stage Monday morning. Mr. Dunlevy has spent the past winter in Victoria with his family.

The estate of the late Chief Justice Davie has been sworn at $101,000. The executors named are the Rev. Fathers Nicolaye and Althoff. Rev. Father Yorke, brother of the late Mrs. Davie, is guardian of the children.

Dr. Clarke, the coroner, on Saturday held an inquest on the remains of William Lane, father of Mrs. Ed Cannel, who resides about six miles up the North Thompson. Deceased died suddenly on Friday and a verdict that Lane died of disease of the heart was returned.

A man named McLennan, alias McDonald was arrested this week by Constable Burr on a charge of stealing clothing from a man at Salmon Arm. He had been around town a few days and had got into some trouble, and on suspicion Mr. Burr arrested him on the above charge. He had his preliminary hearing before a justice of the peace and was sent up for trial, He was taken to Kamloops.

The redistribution bill which is now before the house adds four new members to the legislature, making the total 37 instead of 33. The bill gives one new member to Cassiar and one to Vancouver city. East Kootenay is divided into two ridings, making an additional member. West Kootenay also gets another member, being now divided into three ridings, taking in part of West Yale, principally the Boundary Creek district. The rest of the districts remain the same.

Lord Aberdeen Remains.

It is semi-officially announced in London that Lord Aberdeen will remain in Canada as Governor-General until September, 1899, making a six years' term. Under these circumstances the Imperial Government feel no need of hurrying on the appointment of his successor, and despite various rumors to the contrary no action in this regard has yet been taken.

Will Not Exclude Aliens.

An attempt was made in the Provincial legislature to instruct the mining committee to insert in the proposed amendments to the mineral act a provision excluding aliens from the privilege of holding mining property in British Columbia. The mover was Mr. Braden, the workingman member from Victoria city, who in past sessions also has moved in the same direction. The suggestion met with little favor and was disposed of by being ruled out on the grounds that to forbid the miners' license to aliens would affect the revenue, with which only the government may deal.

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Second Day On Spokane Route.

Dr. D. C. Newman received a letter from W. T. Wren, the guide in charge of the overland expedition which left Spokane for Klondike Wednesday. The letter is dated at Davenport, April 14, and is in part as follows:

"We arrived here this afternoon, after making 25 miles from Deep Creek, where we camped last night. Everything is in splendid shape. The stock, with one exception, is traveling well. I am much pleased with our train and the start we have made. The road thus far is in good shape, although a little dusty. Feed gets better all the time, and I expect to reach good grass between here and Wilbur. Will probably be in Wilbur Saturday noon and will camp at Crescent tomorrow night."

As a contrast to the pleasant journeo which these Spokane men are making, the following from a recent issue of the Skaguay Daily Alaskan is interesting:

"H. C. Feldman and Ruththyn Turney, two gentlemen well known in this city, have made the attempt to go over the Chilkoot and have succeeded, but their story of the hardships encountered should deter any one else from the effort. Two months and a half ago they left Skaguay with 1,000 pounds each, went to Dyea and started the undertaking of getting their outfits over. As with every one who tries all went well as far as Sheep Camp, but from there on the task was herculean. They labored faithfully every day that it was possible to work, and returned to this city this week after putting in 70 days of tiresome waiting and incredible toil. To a representative of this paper they stated last evening that it was all one's life was worth to undergo the necessary labor at this time of the year. They report thousands of tons of supplies stalled at the foot of the summit, and an army of men already waiting for a chance to get over. They say that the trail will be hopelessly blocked early in the season, and that not one in hundreds who will make the attempt can succeed in getting through with their outfits.—Spokesman Review.

Major Walsh's Estimate.

It is stated that Major Walsh's estimate of this season's gold yield of the Yukon is in round figures $30,000,000. The Yukon administrator therefore places a higher than average value on this expectancy, the more usual figures quoted by responsible Yukoners ranging between $10,000,000 and $20,000,000.

A Considerable Echo.

At a watering place in the Pyrenees says a French journal, the conversation at table turned upon a wonderful echo to be heard some distance off on the Franco-Spanish frontier. "It is astonishing," said an inhabitant of Garonne. "As soon as you have spoken you hear distinctly the voice leap from rock to rock, from precipice to precipice, and as soon as it has passed the frontier the echo assumes the Spanish accent."

Klondike Hydraulicing.

A plant worth nearly $250,000 has been been ordered for the working of the hydraulic gold gravels on Hunker creek, recently located by Mr. Robert Anderson. This is the property in which Messrs. Rand & Carroll of Vancouver are interested. Wealthy English capitalists have taken up the property to the immediate considerable benefit of Mr. Anderson and his associates, and it is hoped to the ultimate large profit of all concerned. The greatest interest naturally attaches to this, which will be the pioneer hydraulicing effort in a country of exceptionable difficulty for such work. Indeed success is only rendered likely by the quite exceptional richness that is reported of the Hunker creek gravels.—Mining Critic.

The Rothschild Business.

The Rothschild's have done a great deal for Frankfort in the way of benevolence as well as business, and it is the custom of the familly to distribute a large sum of money among the deserving poor of their sect annually upon the Jewish New Year. The most conspicuous of their benevolences is a public library, which occupies the former residence of Carl Mayer Rothschild and was founded by his daughter several years ago.

The banking business of the family is conducted in the same old fashioned building it has occupied ever since the firm was established in the early part of this century. It is situated where once stood the gate of the Judengasse, on the boundary line between the Jewish and the Christian cities. Everything about it is strikingly plain and old fashioned. There are no carpets on the floor, and the desks and finishings are of pine instead of the mahogony that you find in the newer banking houses of the city. There is an air of severity and frugality about the place. The calculations of the clerks are made on the backs of old envelopes, and they still use lamps and candles instead of gas and electric light. Most of the employees are members of the family. The boys of the Paris and London branch come to Frankfort to begin their business career and learn lessons in industry, accuracy and fidelity, and they generally serve a term in each branch of the firm in order that they may know the peculiar conditions and surroundings.

The business is conducted with great secrecy. Nobody knows anything about it, and therefore there is a great deal of conjecture and gossip. Some years ago one of the employees of the house who was not related to the family was a defaulter for a large sum of money. He was not punished and not even prosecuted because it was said the members of the firm feared they would be called upon to give evidence concerning their business relations if they brought him into court and it would cost a good deal more money to have their transactions exposed than the defalcation amounted to.—Chicago Record.

Famous Duels.

General Benedict Arnold fought a duel near Kilburn Wells in 1791 with Lord Lauderdale, who, after Arnold missed him, refused either to fire or to apologize saying that if the general was not satisfied he could keep on firing until he was. In 1804 the turbulent Lord Camelford, the symmetrical arrangement of whose whips and sticks over his chimneypiece is described by Byron, "from the thick bludgeon to the taper switch," lost his life in a duel he owed to a vengeance de femme. Captain Best had caught a sharper named Symonds in the act of cheating and kicked his face into a pulp. The man's wife wrote Camelford an anonymous letter to tell him his friend had slandered him. A duel was fought with pistols (they were the two best shots in England), and Camelford fell with a mortal wound. "You have killed me Best," said the dying man, "but the fault is wholly mine. I relieve you of all blame." But men of mature years and established reputation risked life as recklessly as the wildest young guardsmen or London rakes.

Charles James Fox fought a duel with a cabinet minister, Mr. Adam, in 1779. Four shots were exchanged. Adam missed, Fox fired in the air and apologized. "Sir," said Adam, "you have behaved like a man of honor." In India, toward the end of the last century, a duel was fought between Warren Hastings and Sir Philip Francis, the latter being dangerously wounded. Shortly afterward, in Bombay, Lord Macartney and Mr. Sadler quarreled at the council board, and in the duel which followed Macartney received a dangerous wound. The Earl of Talbot and John Wilkes, fighting a duel at night in the garden of the Red Lion inn, at Bagshot, and discussing the conditions of it beforehand over a chop in a private room, is a tableau de mœurs.

George Canning was seriously wounded when he and Castlereagh met at Putney in 1807 to exchange four shots. In the duel between Henry Grattan and Mr. Corry a bullet shattered the latter's arm. As late as 1835 Mr. Roebuck fought a duel with Mr. Black, of the Morning Chronicle, when two shots were exchanged without result. The fighting parson was then as well known as the fighting editor. The Rev. Henry Bate, editor of the Morning Post was both. A dead shot, and with what his contemporaries called "a profligate tongue," he was most successful as a duelist. He "pinked" "Fighting Fitzgerald," a Mr. Temple, a young barrister who was his assistant editor, and several others, but met his match at last in Captain Stoney Robinson, who gave him a severe wound, but whom he also wounded.—Cornhill Magazine.

Could See Through His Nose.

Several authors at the end of the sixteenth and beginning of the seventeenth century mention a man who had lost both his eyes, but could see through his nose. An account of him is given in the "Oculus Artificialis Teledioptricus" of Joannis Zabin. It appears that he lived in the country and had the misfortune to lose his right eye when a child, and his left, when somewhat older, by falling from a cherry tree upon a spike, which mutilated his nose and cheek. After the wound had healed he found that he could see, through the cavity of his nose, not merely the daylight, but the colors of the flowers around him. During the next five or six years he learned to distinguish objects brought under his nose. M. E. Douillot, a French physiologist, explains the phenomenon by supposing that the membranes, and particularly the retina at the base of the eye, were sound, and that an opening communicating with the nose permitted the light to reach the retina through the nose. It is well known that if light enters a dark room by a narrow aperture it will form an image or picture on a screen there, and something of the kind happened in the case of the man who saw with his nose.

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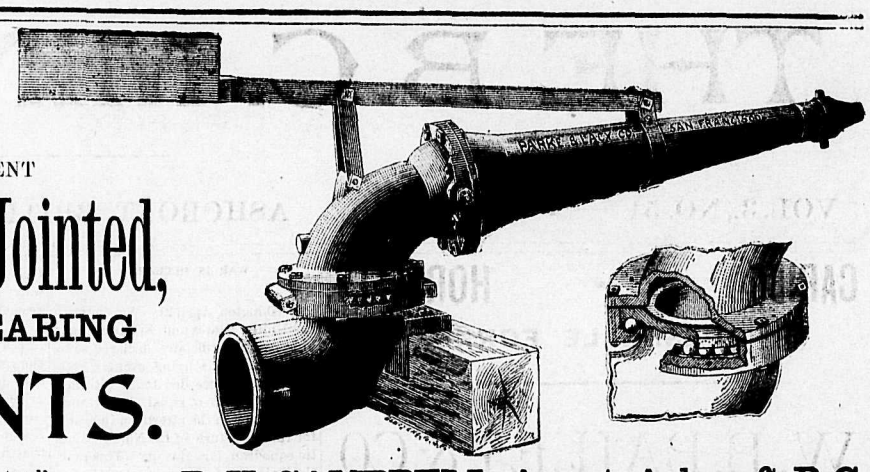

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TRUE NOBILITY.

For this true nobleness I seek in vain.
In woman and in man I find it not.
I almost weary of my earthly lot.
My life-spring is are dried up with burning pain.
Thou findest it not? I pray thee look again.
Look inward, through the depths of thine own soul.
How is it with thee? Art thou sound and whole?
Doth narrow search show thee no earthly stain?
Be noble, and the nobleness that lies
In other men, sleeping, but never dead,
Will rise in majesty to meet thine own;
Then wilt thou see it gleam in many eyes;
Then will light around thy path be shed,
And thou wilt never more be sad and lone.
—James Russell Lowell.

ON THE IRON DUKE.

BY CHARLES D. LEWIS.

My story properly begins in one of the land counties of England, and there are scores of people yet living who can relate all the particulars up to a certain point. As a beginning, a rector's son fell in love with a country gentleman's daughter. The young man, though brought up under the gentlest influences, was all that was bad at the age of 20. He was a roysterer, a poacher, a gambler, a race track man and outlawed by his family. Like many another scamp, he was good looking and had a captivating way, and Mary Sinclair was by no means his first conquest. She was the daughter of a rich gentleman and a girl far above George Early in the social scale and perhaps she took to him because there was no one to speak a word in his favor. At any rate, they were in love before her parents suspected anything of the sort, and they made the discovery just in time to prevent an elopement and a great scandal.

Her father tried threats, but they would not work on the rector's son. Then he tried to bribe him to leave the country, but was only laughed at. Folks said that the young man really desired to marry the girl, and that perhaps they would have come out all right in the end, but the Sinclairs had other prospects for the daughter and bitterly opposed the match. So obstinate was the girl and so determined the young man that she was locked up in her room, and he was sent to jail on some charge that might otherwise have been overlooked. It was while he was in limbo that it was decided to send her out to Jamaica in charge of an aunt to pass a year among relatives. Inside of a week their passage had been secured on the Iron Duke, a sailing ship, and the craft was ready to sail.

I was an apprentice on board of the Iron Duke, and so I can give you full particulars of what may be called the last half of the story. There were five passengers in all, being Mary Sinclair, her aunt, a Mr. Mosher and his wife and a young man named Brown. The girl fought against the decision of her father and vowed that she would drown herself at the first opportunity. For this reason the father accompanied her on board and told the story to the captain and gave her into his charge. Mary was quiet enough, however. She was even gay as we hauled out of dock at Liverpool and took the towline of a tug. What had caused the change in her no one knew, but the aunt and the captain agreed that she had probably decided to submit to the inevitable with the best grace possible. On the day before we hauled out of dock, which was the day Mary came aboard, I was sent to a certain sailors' boarding house on an errand, and while there I saw the boatswain of our ship in close and suspicious conversation with a strange young man whom I know to be a landsman.

I saw money pass between them and overheard a few words of their conversation; but, being busy, the affair went out of my mind. What called it up again was the sight of the young landsman on our decks as one of our crew three hours later, while the one eyed man, whom I knew had signed articles, had taken his departure. An exchange of men had been made for money, as is often done just as a ship is leaving port, but it was none of my business, and I had nothing to say. It was the presence of George Early on the deck of the Iron Duke which had wrought the sudden change in Mary Sinclair, but of that none of us knew anything. The aunt did not know the young man by sight, and so he was safe in planning as he did.

A ship's crew is made up of able seamen, ordinary seamen and landsmen, and until the watches are set and the officers get to remember faces and names most any sort of shift can be made. Early had taken the place of a landsman, of which two had been shipped, and as he was young, strong and active there was no doubt of his pulling through, though he would be made a drudge of and have no sympathy from the officers. We were hardly clear of the docks when I heard the captain and mate speaking of him and wondering who he was and what had driven a smart young man like him to sea, and that made me take notice of him and get in his way for a word or two. The apprentices did not berth with the forecastle hands, but in the house with the carpenter and sailmaker, and were considered as belonging aft. The young man was glad enough to meet my advances half way, and in the course of a couple of days I knew the reason why.

After a conversation during his watch off duty, in which he praised and flattered me without stint, he asked me to carry a note from him to Mary Sinclair. I was surprised that a common sailor should even know the name of a passenger, but he told me a slick story and worked on my sympathies, and I finally agreed to do it. It was an easy thing for a boy who was running about the ship and in the cabin on errands to hand a note to a passenger, and the girl put herself in my way to receive it, as if she were expecting some such thing. A few hours later I carried her written answer back to Early, and nothing more passed between them for a week. I do not know what plan the young man had when he broke jail to join the ship, but take it that it was nothing worse than to follow her to Jamaica and make her his wife. If such it was, it might have been carried out without a tragedy but for our second mate, in whose watch Early was drafted. All ordinary or able seamen are antagonistic to landsmen on general principles, and all mates drive them around without mercy.

That Early did his best I have no doubt, but the mate was not satisfied with that and took every occasion to abuse him. We were only a week out and the mate had shown his hand three or four times when a climax came. In the early morning watch he gave some order which was not readily understood and promptly obeyed and as a result brutally assaulted two or three men of his watch. Early was of the number, and they pitched into the mate and nearly killed him. For this they were put in irons to be tried when the ship reached Jamaica.

History have been that the uncalled for brutality of the mate aroused the sympathies of the entire crew or the change of plans made by Early won them over. They were an average lot of sailors, of mixed nationalities, and the men had been in irons only two or three days when I heard enough to satisfy me that mischief was brewing.

I went to the chief mate with scraps of conversation I had heard and received a kick and a curse for my pains. A few hours later I was sure that the crew contemplated open mutiny; but, afraid of the reception the captain might give me, I held my tongue. Two nights later, in the second mate's watch, he was seized from behind and thrown overboard. Then the watch off duty was notified, and, arming themselves as best they could and led by George Early, they called the captain and chief officers on deck and secured them and had possession of the ship. Every sailor aboard except the carpenter and sailmaker was in the plot, and after the ship had been seized these two men cast their lot with the mutineers. I was routed out only after the men had secured the officers, and I then found all the passengers dressed and in the cabion and George Early and Mary Sinclair talking together. The change of plan was to seize the ship and go sailing to some island where the men could enjoy themselves in their own way, with piracy perhaps at the finis.

It was currently reported that the Iron Duke had a large amount of specie aboard, besides a valuable cargo, and young Early was a good talker among such ignorant men as inhabit the forecastle. As a matter of fact, there was some specie—a few thousand dollars in silver—but, as to the men reaping any benefit out of a mutiny, each and all must have known better had they stopped to argue the matter. The ship held to her course, and nothing was done until next morning. There were some lawless acts among the men, as might have been expected, but nothing to make the passengers afraid, and the carpenter had general charge of the ship and carried her safely along.

An hour after daylight the crew gathered and elected George Early as captain. As he had not been two weeks at sea this was a queer thing to do, but the men wanted to honor him for leading the mutiny. It was found that not a man aboard knew anything of navigation, but the charts were brought on deck and consulted, and it was agreed that the ship could be navigated without help from the instruments. Captain and mate had been tied hand and foot for hours and were brought out soon after the men had had their breakfast. The mate had nothing to say.

The captain made a speech in which he offered to overlook the whole matter if the men would return to duty. They jeered and mocked him in reply. Some were for killing the two men at once, but Early had decided to give them a show. One of the quarter boats was launched and provisioned for a week and the two officers ordered into her. They went without a word, seeming to realize that nothing they could say would change the plans of the mutineers, and then came the question of the fate of the passengers. Early had perhaps planned to keep them aboard, but every one begged to be sent away with the officers. Even Mary Sinclair's aunt was included, although she was 50 years of age, in poor health and knew that hardship and suffering awaited her. As for the girl herself, she looked upon her lover as a hero and was for helping him to carry out his plans. I am sure she knew that a mutiny was brewing and that Early was the leader, but she rather encouraged it than otherwise. When the aunt and other passengers charged her with this, as they did soon after the ship changed hands, she only laughed at them in reply.

She was not only thoroughly infatuated with the good looking criminal, but had become perfectly reckless of consequences. After a long wrangle the passengers were allowed to go in the boat, and more water and food were put into her. Not one of the crew expressed a desire to go along, and that I was permitted to depart has always been a matter of wonder, as I would have been of use aboard, and the other apprentice was detained. That I did get away was owing to the fact that I was sent down into the boat to keep her fended off from the ship and to receive the provisions, and when all the people had come down we cast off in a hurry, leaving Mary Sinclair behind.

When sent adrift without a sail or compass and with only two oars—seven of us—we were about 800 miles from the nearest land, which was the land we had sailed from. It was fortunately midsummer weather, and we did not suffer from cold, but for 13 days we were knocking about on short rations and wet to the skin most of the time.

The only use made of the oars was to keep the boat's head to the seas, and day and night we kept a lookout for rescue. It was on the morning of the fourteenth day and just as a gale was piping up that a French brig, homeward bound, sighted and picked us up, with Mrs. Mosher so near dead that she gasped her last as she was lifted to the deck of the brig. The remainder of us were half starved and thoroughly worn out, and two or three days more would have brought death to half the number. We were landed at a French port and sent on to Liverpool, and that was the last I heard of any of my fellow sufferers, but the Iron Duke had adventures which some of you may have read in the public prints. Two days after we were sent adrift she was spoken by an English man-of-war. She had altered her course and was running to the south, presumably intending to round the Horn. As she refused to answer signals, she was chased for 50 miles as a suspicious character, but outsailed the man-of-war and got away.

She was next seen off the Azores, and next to the west of the Madeiras, and by this time two English men-of-war were after her. She finally dropped out of sight altogether, and nothing was heard of her for a year. Then the Scotch ship William, homeward bound from Australia and coming up the coast, overhauled a derelict which had evidently been knocking about for months. Masts were gone, bulwarks swept away, rudder broken and the hulk full of water. It was the Iron Duke, and no human foot had trod her decks for many weeks. She had evidently been dismasted in a gale, but how long her crew had stuck by her or whether any ever left her is only guesswork. The chances are all were swept away by the monster waves which cleared her decks and left her waterlogged. Powder was used to shatter and sink her, and, thot gh for several years later the English government sought for traces of any of the crew who might have escaped, nothing was ever heard of a single one of them.

A Mistaken Prophet.

Prophecy is often rendered absurd by the events, but it is not often that one comes across quite so ludicrous a disparity between forecast and fact as the following: Turning over the old numbers of Chambers' Journal, we come across an article (May 20, 1837) on the project of penny postage, then under discussion. Says the critic:

"We consider this one of the most visionary schemes ever put forth. Mr. Hill, like most political economists, commits the blunder of making no allowance for the passions, the feelings, the habits and the stupidities of mankind. Imagine every one having to buy stamps beforehand for his letters or having to pay a penny with every letter posted! Looking at human society as at present existing, we are sure that it would never work."

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Odd Opera House He Built and Other Queer Things He Did.

John Shoup was what they called well off in this world's goods—in fact, he was the wealthiest man in the little town in which he lived. He and Sarah had worked hard and saved until they had a start, and then he had bought and sold cattle and shaved notes until he was able to own a fine house in the country.

In all this he had succeeded, but John had paid but very little attention to his education—in fact, it was a pretty hard job for him to read, however well he might "figger." He liked to be considered the leading man of the town and to keep up appearances he had a fashion of using a great many big words of whose meaning he had very little conception. He was very proud of his new house, and while it was building gravely informed people that he was going to have a "miranda" running around the outside and a "purgatory" on top, where he could go up and view his outlying farms.

He built an opera house on the north side of the square and lighted it with tallow candles. He said he did that because if he put in lamps they might "explore," and the "ordnance" would get excited and "jump right out of the windows." The roller to the drop curtain was hollow and had about a pint of bullets in it, which rattled furiously whenever the curtain went up or down. He said that was because he wanted it different from other theaters. The stage was about six inches higher at the back than at the front, so he could see the actors' feet when they danced. Performers unacquainted with his stage had trouble to keep from sliding off into the orchestra.

He had big landscapes painted on the outside of his window shades by an old fellow who lived down on the creek and also had him paint his portrait—head and shoulders, without any clothes on, his reason being that the styles of clothes changed, and he wanted his true to life.

His mother died, and as he wanted to ship the body to the old home for burial he procured a metallic coffin. When he came to pay for the coffin, he was angered at the price charged and swore that if he ever had to have another he would "telescope" to Burlington and have them send up one of them "Italic" coffins.

He had a suit before a justice of the peace with a neighbor in regard to the ownership of a calf. To save attorney's fees he pleaded his own case. As might be expected, the case was decided against him. He didn't seem to understand how it could happen that way and told the justice that, although he was doubtless a very learned man, he had made a great mistake, and if he had been trying the case he would not have decided it that way.—Chicago Times-Herald.

MAN IS CONDENSED AIR.

Liebig, the Great Chemist, Is Authority For the Statement.

Liebig, the greatest chemist of the century, writes: "Science has demonstrated the fact that man, the being which performs the great wonders, is formed of condensed air and solidified and liquid gases, that he lives upon condensed as well as uncondensed air and that by means of the same mysterious agent he moves or causes to be moved the heaviest weights with the velocity of the wind. But the strangest part of the matter is that thousands of millions of these tabernacles of condensed air are going on two legs, destroying other forms of condensed air which they may need to build up their own wasted tissues or for shelter or clothing, or, on account of their egotism and fancied power, destroying each other in pitched battles, using implements which are but other forms of condensed air, the material of which they themselves are formed or composed. Chemistry supplies the clearest proof that, so far as concerns this, the ultimate and most minute composition and structure, some of which are so infinitesimal as to be beyond the comprehension of our senses, man is, to all appearances at least, composed of materials identical with those which compose the structural being of the ox or the dog or even the lowest animal in the scale of creation."

Solomon seems to have entertained the same idea; see Ecclesiastes iii, 19, "For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth the beasts; as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no pre-eminence above a beast."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

WATCHING FOR REGINALD.

She Is Determined to Pursue Him to the Bitter End.

Darby is nothing if he is not sympathetic, and the other day when he was waiting for the train in the Union depot and he saw an elderly woman clad in a drab veil, white cotton gloves, fluttering white ribbons and other palpable proof of bridal attire—when Darby saw her weeping bitterly into a lace handkerchief, he approached her and said gently:

"You seem to be in trouble, my good woman. Can I help you in any way?"

"No; I don't know as you can," she replied; "not unless you can find a man who says his name is Reginald St. Clair; but like enough he lied about that, as I'm thinkin he lied about ev'rything else, blame his picter! He said he'd meet me here at 10 o'clock this mornin, and here it's 5 in the afternoon, an I ain't seen hide nor hair of 'im! He said he'd wear a red flower in his buttonhole, and here I've rushed up to half a dozen men with red flowers in their buttonholes thinkin they was him, an one came near havin me arrested 'cause I was so sure he was Reginald I up an kissed him!"

"Who is Reginald?"

"He's a man I've been correspondin with. I got his name out of a paper where he'd advertised for a correspondent with a view to matrimony. I ain't never seen him, but I've had dozens of letters breathin devotion and declarin he couldn't wait hardly until I got my weddin things ready, and here I sent 'im $100 three days ago 'cause he said he needed that much to finish furnishin our house and was a little short of funds. And here I've come 200 miles, and it looks mightily to me as if Reginald St. Clair ain't a-goin to show up, an if he don't I'll track 'im to the end of the earth an let 'im know he was foolin with the wrong person when he tried to fool me! He'll give me back that hundred dollars an what I've spent for my troosow an what it's cost me to come here. I'll let 'im know that—there's a man with a red flower in his buttonhole. Mebbe that's Reginald. I'll run an see!"

But it was not Reginald, and the drab clad lady returned to Darby and said with increased ire and bitterness:

"No, it wasn't Reginald. I've about gi'n 'im up now, but I'll run 'im down yet, see if I don't!"—Detroit Free Press.

How She Described It.

DEAR HUBBY—I write this in a great hurry, so that you may get it in time to start for home on the first train. Isn't it dreadful? The nasty fire company just ruined all my newest gowns, what were not burned, and, to make matters worse, I am living with the Rushtons, who, as you know, have the worst children on earth. They just worry the life out of me—as if it were not enough to suffer the loss of my lovely gowns. Isn't it dreadful? I suppose we'll have to live in a hotel for awhile, but do come at once. Your distracted wife, EDNA.

P. S.—I forgot to mention about our house burning down, but I guess you could have guessed it from reading my letter. E

—New York Journal.

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The Secret of Success.

I met a man yesterday who used to be in the circus business, or at least in one branch of it, for he made most of the money he has now by keeping a lemonade stand near the big tent—the "main top," he calls it. Circus lemonade has been so long a stock joke of the humorists that I felt desire to know how it is really made. I asked the man to tell me and with perfect candor he gave me this recipe:

Take a barrel of water, preferably rainwater; add to it 3 pounds of tartaric acid, a little cochineal, sugar to taste and half a dozen lemons sliced thin.

The profits of his lemonade stand, he told me, frequently reached $100 a day.

"We make more in the cities than in the country," he said.

"Why?" I asked. "Because of the larger crowd?"

"No," he answered, "but country people always eat the lemon. City people leave it in the glass or simply throw it on the grass, where it can be picked up again. The real secret of success is, always save the floater."

After all, I never knew anybody to suffer from the effects of circus lemonade, and the plan of always saving the floaters is really no more startling than a little economy I saw practiced by a Washington hostess one afternoon. She was giving a reception, and in a momentary lull the young woman at the punch bowl asked for a servant to empty the glasses which guests had left half filled. The hostess did not even whisper.

"My dear," said she frankly, "pour it all back into the punch bowl. It's too expensive to be wasted."—Washington Post.

The Dreaded Comes to Pass.

"Hush, now; your shoes squeak! Take them off."

"Do you think he is asleep?"

"Yes, but don't breathe. Now wait."

"How infernally dark the house is. Can't I light up a little?"

"Sh-h! Certainly not. He would hear the match. Come."

"Hang the stairs! How they creak!"

"Step softly. Don't stumble."

"Where are you?"

"Keep quiet. Don't breathe so loud."

"I—I can't help it. I can't hold it in."

"Sh-h-h!"

"Hang that infernal chair!"

"Now you've gone and done it! The baby is awake!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer

Noticed a Change.

Passenger (on ocean steamer)—Steward, it seems to me you don't serve as good fare now as you used to have on this vessel.

Steward—No, sir. Everybody eating. Nobody seasick. Have to keep expenses down, sir.—Chicago Tribune.

Not Offended.

The Dun—I hope you won't be offended if I remind you that we are very much in need of the money.

The Dunned—Not at all. If anybody's going to be offended it is yourself.—Boston Transcript.

NOTICE.

Having leased my properties in different parts of the province, I shall not be responsible for any debt contracted by any one without my written order.
S. TINGLEY.
Ashcroft, B.C., March 31, 1898. 48-51

WANTED.

A young lady to teach three children. Apply to J. S. PLACE,
44- Dog Creek.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Lot 480, Group 1, comprising 320 acres of pasture land, situated in Lillooet District. WM. MEASON, JR.,
Dog Creek, B.C.
March 4th, 1898. 45

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I shall at the expiration of 60 days make application to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land at a point near by and north east of lot 384 G 1, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, west 40 chains to point of commencement. FRED. C. TINGLEY.
Clinton, February 25th, 1898. 54-51

RAW FUR NOTICE.

I, the undersigned representing Joseph Ullmann of St. Paul, New York and London, England, wish to inform my friends and the public generally that I do not intend to travel as heretofore. Those favoring me with shipments of Raw Furs can rely on fair treatment, and prompt returns assured. Write for price list. G. W. BALDWIN,
40-6m Winnipeg, Man

NOTICE.

Re Robert McLeese Estate.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Robert McLeese, deceased, late of Soda Creek, B.C., are hereby notified to send their full names and addresses, and the full particulars of their claims and accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of July, 1898, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the said Executors then have notice.
Dated the 13th day of April, 1898.
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LOCAL NEWS.

Hon. C. F. Cornwall was in town Saturday.

The horse market has been good so far but is in danger of being over supplied.

W. O. Miller, C. P. R. station agent at Kamloops was a visitor to Ashcroft last Sunday.

Marion Crawford, the famous author, has been lecturing to large audiences at the coast cities.

Mrs. Fred Nelson left for the coast after a short visit to Ashcroft, to visit her sister, Mrs. Robert Baker.

The stock of Mark Dumond, the hardware man, has been largely added to and he is doing a good business this season.

Mrs. W. B. Bailey, who has been ill for the past few weeks is now improving. Mr. Bailey was also ill last week but is now out again.

D. Murphy, barrister, spent a few days at Kamloops in connection with the investigation of the charges made against the postmaster at Kamlooops.

Colonel Wright is expected back soon to make preparations for his Omenica trip. The colonel hopes to do some washing towards the latter part of the season.

Superintendent Hobson and others came in on Wednesday night on their way to the Cariboo mine. They left by a B. X. special the next day for their destination.

The new arrangement of the post-office is a great improvement over its past condition. A new government building will very likely be erected in 1898. At least we hope so.

Mrs. H. E. Leslie of Huntingdon Junction, is spending a few weeks in town with her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Haddock. Little Sid has blossomed out in pants and looks almost like a Klondiker.

Football and lacrosse playing is now on the programme. The boys have need of more practice and should set aside a regular time for it. A couple of hours at a time twice a week is little enough time for recreation.

James Gray, jr., C. W. Webster, Conrad Merkl, and Robert Burke, from New York, have spent the past few days in town preparing for the trip through to Teslin lake from Ashcroft. They will take their time and prospect along the way.

A great amount of the travel on the Ashcroft route will be after the shipments of gold come down from Klondike in July. It now seems reasonable to expect that $20,000,000 will not be too much to expect shipped out, and it may be much more.

The ground of the Ashcroft Gold Mining Company, at Keefers, is showing up well. Water is slack and little washing yet done. Work has commenced on the grounds of the 43rd Mining and Milling Company, at Boston Bar, but water is not running in force.

F. W. Foster has outfitted a large number of men for the upper country and will no doubt continue so to do, for his stock is large and well selected. Goods are well packed and James Haddock, the manager, takes great pains to furnish all useful information to those seeking such in his line.

One thousand dollars is appropriated for a new school building and $600 for an assistant teacher for Ashcroft. R. G. Gordon, the present efficient principal, has done good work in the Ashcroft school, and will we trust remain in charge. There should be seventy or eighty regular attendants at school next term.

A large number of men are now beginning to move up the road and more are coming in every day. The Ashcroft route if rightly traveled is the best and easiest route and by far the most economical for reaching the northern gold fields. People should beware of overloading their horses, and too many patent right contrivances for gold saving are being taken in. Old timers think a pan, rocker and sluice boxes hard to beat for gold saving.

G. L. Betts spent a day in Ashcroft on business this week. Mr. Betts will have charge of the work on the Cottonwood, near Quesnelle, this season, and will complete the extensive work that made such progress last season under his direction. About 50 men will be employed for the season, and the mine put in good condition for work. There are several large tunnels on the ditch line and much fluming. The work so far as done reflects much credit on Mr. Betts as an engineer.

The stores at Quesnelle are well stocked and any one can get good goods and at the right prices at Jas. Reid's or at the Hudsons Bay Company's. Quesnelle is a very pretty place and those going overland will do well to stop over for a few days and rest themselve and horses. Don't make the mistake of thinking that horses can travel day and night, or that they can travel with sore backs and without care, and do not think that if you don't get to the gold fields at once other people will have all the gold dug out. There will be mines found in the northern country just as good as those now known when your grandchildren are old people.

I, B. Lee will be in soon with his band of horses.

When in Quesnelle stop at the Hotel Cariboo for a good meal.

More freight is now moving along the road than heretofore.

A party of eight Indiana men came in this week and are encamped on the railroad front.

A fire broke out in Stimson's wharf, at Vancouver, Wednesday evening and destroyed considerable property.

WANTED—By lady, situation as working house-keeper. References will be given. Address "A. B." office of this paper.

Clements' new drug store presents a neat appearance and the public evidently appreciates it as a good trade is being done.

George Roach will go north about the first of the month and will very likely be employed on the Cottonwood mines where he worked last year.

J. M. Buxton returned from Quesnelle Forks on Tuesday and went on to Vancouver the next morning. Work will at once begin on the Maud mine.

The Koootenay Mail says Rev. P. D. Muir and family have left for Ashcroft to the regret of many friends. Mr. Muir was an earnest if unobtrusive worker.

A large dredging plant arrived this week from Seattle for the Cariboo dredging plant. It was shipped from Seattle. We believe it is destined for Fraser river work.

Quite a good many parties have gone up the road this week, and from ten to thirty a day have come into town. Some of the late comers are working men on their way to Cariboo.

Rev. Mr. Pritchard arrived in town last Saturday afternoon and preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening. He is on his way to Barkerville where he will look after that field.

A party of Chicago men, Cass, Morris, Auer, Hultman and Reeves, leave for the north in a few days. They will go well prepared for the trip and are a party that will succeed if there is any such thing.

All members of Ashcroft Lodge No. 23, I.O.O.F., are requested to meet at the Oddfellows Hall, Sunday, April 24th, at 10:15 for the purpose of attending divine service in the Methodist Episcopal church.

F. Webb, assistant postmaster, left for Victoria Tuesday evening with Mrs. Webb, where she will enter the Jubilee Hospital. Mrs. Webb has been ill for several months and it is hoped the change will do her good.

The sum of $45,000 appears in the Federal estimates to defray the preliminary expenses in connection with the exploration of a route for a line of railroad southward from the Stickine to the Skeena river.

M. DeKeyser arrived down from Cariboo this week. He is well pleased with the outlook and thinks Ashcroft is bound to be a city. He will engage in the jewelry business here and will put in a large stock shortly in connection with N. DeKeyser.

The Dominion Government will shortly introduce the prohibition plebiscite bill, which will provide for the simple declaration by the voters either for or against prohibition. There will be no controversial question raised. The voter will only have to mark his ballot for or against prohibition.

Harvey, Bailey & Co. have a large force of clerks at work and are doing an immense business. Business will keep up in Ashcroft the season through. At times, of couse, more will be done than at other times, but on the whole a large trade will be done by them throughout the season.

Captain James Robinson, the well known steamboat captain on the coast, went up to Quesnelle last Monday where he will take charge of the steamer Charlotte, plying between Quesnelle and Soda Creek. Captain Robinson for a number of years had command of the Dominion government snag boat Samson on the lower Fraser river.

A delegation from Boston came in Thursday bound for the Telegraph creek country. They are members of the Boston-Alaska Mining Company and expect quite a party in soon. The members who arrived Thursday consist of three men and one woman. They will be joined soon by several others and later on expect a large number of people to join them.

Mr Oleson of Tacoma will build two elevator dredges at Quesnelle for river dredging this spring. The machinery for one is now at Ashcroft awaiting shipment to Quesnelle. The complete success of the Boston Bar dredge that is accredited with an output of over $30,000 since last fall at a small expense. And the farther fact that the dredge at Crows Bar on the Fraser, managed by Mr. Gore, has so far made a good showing is sufficient proof that river dredging in the rich streams of Cariboo will be a complete success if given proper machinery and intelligent operation it means much for Cariboo.

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We are now open for business in our large new store (opposite C.P.R. station) with a new stock of

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Angus McRae with about 50 head of horses will soon be in Ashcroft.

K. B. McLennan and John West are due in a few days with a large lot of horses from Oregon.

D. Rowlands, local agent of the B. C. Express Company was up at Kamloops this week on business.

John Hawthorne, manager of Trim & Haddock's stables spent a day at Kamloops the first of the week.

The Ashcroft hotel has been crowded all of the spring, so have the Cariboo Exchange and Cargile House.

Mrs. J. McMillan was very ill the first part of the week and we are glad to be able to report that she is on the mend.

Mr. Gray and party of four from New York are encamped on the railroad grounds and will proceed north shortly.

County court was held here last Monday with a light docket. Another sitting will be held on Wednesday, June 1st.

See the ad. of the Hotel Cariboo, Quesnelle. The house has a good reputation and receives as it should a good patronage.

The steamer Charlotte will soon make her regular trips from Soda Creek to Quesnelle. It is a pleasant river trip and breaks the monotony of an all land stage route.

Mr. Wm. Hawthorne will soon open the Hawthorne House, which will be run as a quiet family boarding house. There will be no bar in connection. The rooms will be good and nicely arranged.

McArthur & Harper have a large and well appointed store. They seem to be doing their part of the trade. The store is centrally located and they carry a large and newly selected stock of goods. They have a large family trade.

The Cariboo road is not good yet as the season is very late. It will not be very long now however until teams can make good time over the famous old stage road. From Barkerville to Ashcroft in three days, 285 miles, is pretty fast time.

John McLeese, nephew of the late Robert McLeese, died at his ranch about five miles from Soda Creek, on Thursday. His funeral took place yesterday. He was pretty well known in the upper country, having spent a number of years at Soda Creek.

Mr. Mullen will work for the Hudsons Bay Company packing from Telegraph Creek to Lake Teslin this season. A large number of pack animals bought this week by Isaac Ogden for the Hudsons Bay Company from Mr. John Collins are for work on that trail.

It has now been definitely decided that the Provincial government will grant a subsidy for the construction of a railway from some point on the northern British coast to Teslin lake. The estimated length of the railway is 400 miles and the proposed subsidy is said to be $4,000 per mile.

Col. C. H. Unverzagt of Baltimore, Maryland, president of the large company who will operate on Lightning creek, is expected to arrive at Ashcroft shortly and will make a visit to the Cariboo country. Major Moore, the local manager, will go up on the stage Monday to the property.

A convention of the supporters of Turner government was held at Kamloops last Saturday, April 16th. The meeting was well attended, there being a large number of delegates present from the surrounding districts. The Hon. G. B. Martin was the nominee of the convention. Both the opposition and government parties are working hard for their respective candidates.

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J. A. McISAAC, Prop.

A. S. Van Alstyne paid a visit to Kamloops this week.

Stuart Henderson, barrister, spent the past week at Vancouver attending to business matters.

Miss Annie Stevenson, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Tingley for the past few weeks returned to her home at Lytton Monday.

Eli Harrison, county court judge for Nanaimo. and E. B. Marvin; of Victoria, are the executors of the estate of the late Robert McLeese.

NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden as follows:
150-Mile House, Wednesday, 15th June, 1898.
Soda Creek, Friday, 17th June, 1898.
Quesnelle, Monday, 20th June, 1898.
Richfield, Thursday, 23rd June, 1898.
Court opens each day at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.
By order
JAMES McKEN,
Registrar County Court.
Barkerville, B.C., Jan. 25, 1898. 48-8

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NOTICE.

The partnership lately existing between William Julius and James Cummings, at the 150-Mile House, has been dissolved by mutual consent, dating from April 1st. All accounts due the late concern are payable to William Julius, who will liquidate all accounts due by the late firm, and continue the Blacksmithing branch as before.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date we intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease 160 acres of land on the Chilcotin River near the Ross & Henderson preemption, Cariboo district, for the purpose of cutting hay thereon. ROSS & HENDERSON.
Alexis Creek, B.C., March 21, 1898.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sittings of the county court of Cariboo will be held at the court house, Clinton, on Thursday 17th March and Thursday 28th April, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. By order
41- F. SOUES,
Registrar of the County Court of Cariboo at Clinton.

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