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ASHCROFT'S ANNUAL FAIR.

The Inland Agricultural Exhibition for the season of 1898 will be one of the best ever held and, it is the desire of the directors that all interested in agriculture and stock exhibits should not only be present but should, by their exhibits, testify to their interest in agricultural success in this section.

There will be races and games of various kinds, including football and lacrosse, athletic sports and good music. A ball in the town hall will be not the least among the attractions. Arrangements have been made whereby the Industrial School band from Kamloops will spend the 4th and 5th at Ashcroft and will contribute an entertaining special program.

The race track will be put in good condition and some good horse races may be expected.

The season in general has been prosperous with stock men and agriculturalists.

Turn out and help along the fair. It is not easy to each year make out an interesting program, but this season especial efforts are being made. The hotel accommodations have been largely increased since last year. The electric light system will be in perfect condition within the next week and Ashcroft will be in shape to welcome one and all.

Mining in Yale District During 1896.

HILL'S BAR.

The Columbia company, owing to scarcity of water, did little more than prospecting the past summer, the yield of gold being $800. The ground is reported rich. It is the intention to utilize a larger and more permanent supply of water to permit of more extensive operations.

SIWASH CREEK.

This creek is a tributary of the Fraser, and empties into that river 4½ miles above Yale. It is situated on the left bank and is reached by means of a cable. A good trail leads to the mines. A large amount of gold was taken from this stream in early days, where sufficiently favorable conditions existed for its extraction. The heavy flow of water encountered in sinking has prevented the deep ground from being bottomed, notwithstanding many attempts to overcome this obstacle. However, a few miners still persist in attempts to reach bedrock. Most of the mining leaseholds have had little or no work done on them for the same reason as above stated—too large a quantity of water to handle.

FIVE MILE CREEK.

A large camp of Chinese miners are working here, obtaining moderate wages.

EIGHT MILE CREEK.

Messrs. Hogar and Gardner have undergone considerable expense in bringing water on this property, which is an hydraulic mining leasehold of about 10 acres. The summer's work has proved to be unprofitable; but little gold was obtained, although a large amount of gravel was washed.

SPUZZUM.

Indians and Chinese, also a few whites, were rocking in this vicinity.

BOSTON BAR—OTTAWA MINING & MILLING COMPANY.

This company was prepared to wash about the end of June last, but in consequence of the exceptionally dry season, and accidents to the flume by land slides, the monitor was kept at work for only about three weeks. The washups amounted to $1,830, which was a very good return, considering the disadvantages encountered. The company is fully satisfied with the richness of its ground.

WENDELL COMPANY.

This company's property is close to 4-Mile Creek, whence the necessary supply of water is obtained. They were engaged in ground-sluicing for a short time, but had to shut down owing to shortness of water.

NORTH BEND.

Two mining leaseholds have been granted in the vicinity of North Bend, one opposite Salmon river, the other near Keefers. The gravel in the last mentioned is reported as being rich. The gold found is coarse.

Mining has been carried on to a considerable extent between North Bend and Lytton.

Keefers, Cisco, Kanaka Bar and Lytton are localities mined principally by Indians with rockers.

LYTTON.

Mr. T. Earl has secured a lease of ground formerly in the possession of the Van Winkle mining company.

SUAL CLAIM.

This property, situated opposite Lytton, has been leased by Mr. Feason, who is experimenting with the Newman gold saving machine, a device for saving the fine particles of gold which are usually carried through the sluice boxes and lost.

RIVER DREDGING.

The Beatty Co. are constructing at Boston Bar a scoop dredge, provided with powerful machinery. This is a kind of dredge much used for harbor excavations. The shovel, which is under perfect control of the machinery, can be swung around and submerged anywhere within a certain radius, and is capable of bringing up at each hoist ten tons of gravel. This is deposited in sluice boxes and washed. The large boulders are to be hoisted on scows and dumped at a distance down stream. By this means the scoop will be able to perform its work in a much more efficient manner. This scheme seems to possess more features capable of attaining success than any of the others, where the strong current can be avoided.

The following is the yield of gold the past year for the Yale division of Yale District, which is perfectly reliable, being the respective amounts purchased by the merchants at the different points mentioned:

Agassiz	$ 500
Hope	112
Yale	13,350
Spuzzum	3,042
North Bend	2,912
Keefer's	3,200
Lytton	14,939
Spence's Bridge	1,240
Ashcroft	14,391
Shipped direct to Victoria by mining companies	2,922
Taken away in private hands and unaccounted for	5,000
Total	$61,608

The above is taken from the report of the Minister of Mines for the year ending 1896, since which time many important discoveries have been made and mining in general has been much advanced;

Among other properties now being opened up, may be mentioned large ledges of copper-gold on Langley mountain near Ashcroft and work now bein done on properties six miles east of the same place, shows remarkably strong ledges of well mineralized quartz. The ledges show well in gold and copper. The assays run from $3 to $40 per ton and improving with depth. These properties are owned principally by Ashcroft people, Messrs. Bryson, Deans, Smith, Stewart, Burr and others.

At Keefers over $400 was taken out by the Ashcroft Gold Mining Co. before a shortage of water compelled a cessation of work. A new ditch is contemplated that will give a bountiful supply and will make a valuable hydraulic property of it.

The Beatty dredge mentioned in the report above, has been completed and is in successful operation proving, we believe, a complete success.

The Ottawa company, operating a hydraulic on Boston Bar, washed up between $4,000 and $5,000 this season and we understand they will put in a permanent supply of water.

Messrs. Henderson and Webb are arranging for a large hydraulic company on Boston Bar ranch.

On the Thompson river, near Thompson's siding, good quartz ledges have been discovered and are being developed.

Work in Highland valley on copper ledges is soon to be renewed.

Lytton has some good quartz ledges and Stump Lake is again awakening interest.

Mining on Scotty creek is in full swing and on the Bonaparte much work has been done.

Yale District will yet prove to be a successful section for quartz, as well as for placer mining.

CLINTON.

Mr. J. Wren has staked out a quartz ledge some ten miles from town. The ledge is forty feet wide and the assay gives return of gold and silver.

A fire occurred at Foster's ranch, four miles from town. It completely demolished the stable and all the harness, selfbinder, cultivator and eleven tons of hay. Through the heroic efforts of the Goss brothers the house and a stack of hay was saved. No one knows the origin of the fire. The loss is estimated at $200.

The Goss brothers will shortly remove their saw mill to Dog Creek, where they will likely saw some 200,000 feet of lumber.

Stickine Route in Order.

J. H. Brownlee has returned from the Stickine route and Cassair district, where he has been surveying for several months. Mr. Brownlee says provisions were very scarce in some parts of Cassiar when he left. He knew one instance where flour was sold at 25 cents a cup. There was actual suffering there. The Cassiar Central people are spending a large amount of money prospecting the country, and have struck one very promising quartz claim on Eagle river, south of Dease lake.

The entire trail from Telegraph to Teslin, 175 miles, has been completed, with 25 miles of wagon road out of Telegraph. The boggy ground has all been overcome, and freight can now be hauled as cheaply this way as any other route. The Maitland Kersey steamers will run regulary hereafter from Teslin to Dawson. Mr. Brownlee, who was far beyond Teslin lake, says the Teslin route is a simple one now, and from the fact that there is scarcity, more or less, of pack horses on the Skaguay route, owing to the Pine Creek strike, the Stickine should be the popular route to Dawson from this on.—*World.*

QUESNELLE FORKS.

Messrs. McGregor, Vieth and other owners are still pushing work drifting on Spanish creek. It is stated that $30,000 has been taken out of this property since work was commenced on it, and that while a poor drifting claim it could be made a highly valuable hydraulic property.

J. McDonald has recently discovered and located on or near the summit of the Snowshoe mountain three quartz ledges, all of which are said to show up remarkably strong, and samples from which show gold, on crushing and panning out, in good quantities. The ledges are said to vary from 8 to 18 feet in width, and already a party of capitalists have secured a bond on the properties and have gone in to examine them. There are other mines in this section and in the minds of the well informed there is no question of there being quartz in Cariboo and ledges that will stand the test of development.

The mill at the Horsefly is reported as having been closed down, one reason alleged for the same being that good help was not available.

At the Cariboo mine a rock cut 20 feet deep has been made so that the old channel can be washed down to bedrock and the working flumes are now in place and the rich dirt being rushed through. The amount of the full washup at this mine it is generally believed will be large, some say from $100,000 to $150,000, but this is of course all guess work. It is however known that one ten-inch streak of gravel was found in the workings that is very rich, said to average more than $30 to the yard. The water is holding out unusually well. Moorehead ditch, under the direction of engineer Warner is being pushed rapidly along.

The contractors have finished the masonry work at the dam and Messrs. Poupore and McVeigh have this work well in hand and it will be completed within a few weeks. Next season the water system of this great hydraulic mine will be so that one can travel about 31 miles along a canal 11 feet wide on top, 7 feet on the bottom, and 2½ feet deep, and there will be enough water in the reservoirs to keep the ditch filled for constant work, night and day for 150 days or more.

The Golden River Quesnelle Company have not yet closed down their gates since high water, having been delayed in getting in their machinery through the failure of the B. C. Iron works, but some of the machinery is now on the way in, and in about 18 or 20 days mining is expected to begin in earnest. There are many problems yet to solve in connection with the successful working of this property, and no doubt they will receive careful consideration. One thing seems very certain and that is that the work of Messrs. Hunter, the engineer, and Nixon, the foreman, has been well done, and that if a practicable way can be found for working the river bed it will make a highly valuable property. Heavy machinery will, it is said, be installed at once and a vigorous effort to move the old river bottom gravel will be made. Prospecting has so far given excellent results. Messrs. Dupont and Hunter are expected in soon.

Columbian Methodist College.

Rev. W. J. Sipprell, B. A., B. D., principal of Columbian College, New Westminster, was in town lately in the interests of the college. Mr. Sipprell has made a visit to the Kootenay and Kamloops districts and has been quite successful indeed in obtaining a number of students for the coming college session. The work of the college is steadily progressing, and a large measure of success is undoubtedly before it. The fall term opens on Sept. 19th with a goodly number of students and arrangements are being made for an excellent year's course. The work of the college is extensive and embraces all courses of study up to the degree of B. A. Ladies' college courses, including music and art; teacher's certificate courses, commercial, mining and assaying are all represented, and anyone desiring a liberal education would do well to consider the advantages of this excellent institution. There is an excellent home provided for all those in attendance, and every facility for cultivating refinement as well as for developing the intellect. Anyone interested in higher education will receive all information by communicating with the principal, Rev. W. J. Sipprell, New Westminster.

LOWER CARIBOO.

There are failures made in all professions and mistakes in the best laid plans. The southern end of Cariboo sees the return of the Klondike breakdowners with sympathy, but understands that these failures are in the natural order of things. Most of the "prospectors" who retire beaten from the task of penetrating the country which lies between Quesnelle and the golden north, go down the river from Quesnelle in boats to Soda Creek where they once more resort to shank's mare and go full speed ahead to Ashcroft, cursing the country as they go. This causes no one in Cariboo any wonder. The surprising thing is that so many of the utterly green hands who essayed the overland journey seem to have gone through all right. With those who knew what was what in the way of packing and tending their pack trains, there was hardly a difficult feature presented by the long journey. Those, on the other hand, who have no experience and are looking for a kind of pleasure trip had better stay at home.

Notices of the petition lodged against the return of General Kinchant and Mr. Helgesen have been posted up through the district. The petition seems to be viewed with general disfavor. It has been a matter for remark that the late election in Cariboo was the cleanest ever known, Should this petition be gone on with it will be the first time anything of the kind has been done in Cariboo. A petition was threatened against the return of Dr. Watt in 1892 but came to nothing and this sort of warfare will never become popular in a district like this where treating, at least, is universally looked upon with favor in anyone.

Was There Foul Play?

The disappearance of Sir Arthur Curtis last spring on the Ashcroft trail which was supposed at the time to be due to his wandering away from the road and losing himself in the woods, has of late aroused suspicion among the miners at Hazelton and contiguous camps that his sudden disappearance may have been due to other causes. The explanation given by his party was from the first considered a very improbable one by those familiar with packing on ill-defined trails. It was stated by his party that awakening in in the morning and finding the horses gone the men scattered in search of the missing animals. Finally they were recaptured and brought back to camp, and that thinking Sir Arthur would turn up shortly the party proceeded, leaving a horse saddled ready for the missing man when he should return. After traveling until noon without his overtaking them, they decided to return, and reached the site of the camp at night.

The statement made by them that Curtis was such an indifferent woods man that he would be lost as soon as he was out of sight of the trail renders more inexplicable his conduct in leaving it, for in other respects he was a bright and capable fellow. A search extending over twenty-six days was carried out, but the reward of $100 was too small to attract the best Indians, and those who did volunteer were too lazy for their work.

It is also alleged by the miners that Sir Arthur's partners seem now to have plenty of money, although they confessed that at a certain point on the trail they had been "broke." A vigorous investigation will have to be carried out before the uneasy suspicions which have been aroused in the minds of many of the Hazelton men can be allayed.—Victoria Times.

We do not think from what information we have had on the subject, that there is any reason to believe that the loss of Sir Arthur Curtis was anything but the result of foolish judgment on the part of both the man lost and of the party. He was lost along Mud river, and there are many places, we are assured by such authorities as Charles Poquet, the packer and trapper, who is perfectly familiar with the portion of Mud river referred to, where if a man slipped from a log in trying to cross the stream his body would disappear in the ooze and mud, or in high water, as it was then, be carried down stream, perhaps to the Fraser, which seldom gives up its dead. The man Pocock was no more fit to lead a party than a child, but no one who knows him would believe he had a disposition to commit a crime of the kind. The story is told of him that when he was a member of the mounted police, he was in a forced march on horseback on a very cold day, forty or more below zero, and complained to his officer that he was freezing. On being told to dismount then and warm himself by walking he replied that he would rather freeze like a gentleman than run on foot like a dog. Sir Arthur Curtis was a man of small means and it is said by his friends did not even keep a horse. It is extremely unlikely that he had much money with him. The party spent for horses and outfits, probably $3,000, in this section, much of which was foolishly spent, by the way. The party, after Mr. Curtis' loss divided up into small parties and continued on, with the exception of Pocock. We believe the loss of the unfortunate man was caused by foolhardiness of both himself and party, but do not think murder or highway robbery was resorted to, nor do we think the men who accompanied him are of the type that such criminality is found among. They were simply a lot of overgrown boys and had no more conception of a trip of the kind than babes would have had. We believe the leaving of camp after Curtis was lost was directly the result of Pocock's instructions, who up to that time was leader of the party, as he stated himself to a JOURNAL representative that he gave the order to "march." It seems that the company was carrying out some kind of military order. They marched when told to and halted when so ordered, in military style, but from the stories told it is evident that many cursed the commander, Captain Pocock, in a very unsoldierlike manner.

BARKERVILLE.

Work is still progressing on the ground of the Cariboo Gold Fields company, and good work is being done. Water for elevating is holding out remarkably well. A fair amount of gold, it is expected, will be washed up, but nothing this season to what may be looked for after this property has been thoroughly opened.

Pipe is being rapidly gotten in for the hydraulic work near the lower end of the road leading through Devil's canyon, by Messrs. Campbell and others. Houses have been built and quite a large force of men are engaged in making ready for opening up this extensive property.

The claims of Polson & Co., which have been demonstrated to be so rich are still attracting much attention, and gold in quantities is being taken out. Where this rich pay streak is found the gravel bank is about 25 feet in depth and near the bottom heavy boulders are found. This company, or partnership rather, has made as high as 85 ounces in one day this season, working a small force of men.

A Mr. Hall has been here some weeks investigating the mines and has secured a piece of ground near Eightmile lake that prospects well, and which Mr. Hall believes will give good returns for working with a dry washer. He has gone to Victoria and on his return will bring in a machine for dry washing which he thinks will be a success, and handle a large amount of gravel. The machine will cost about $250. It is a hard proposition to advance to old miners that ground can be worked for gold to advantage without water, but this is a progressive age and we will wait and watch Mr. Hall's efforts. In advance he has our sympathy.

LEAVE BRIDGE RIVER ALONE.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: It appears that wherever man goes, liquor must follow. It seems that it is a necessary evil. The success of any undertaking or the success of a new country depends entirely upon the amount of whiskey taken in and consumed there. It is a great blotch upon the history of the present day that whenever a shipload of men leave home for a new country, either for mining or agricultural purposes, a shipload of whiskey has to be pushed up after them, and saloons spread along the route. We contend that a man who cannot do without his drink is no man at all, and that he should go and die somewhere, for all the good he is to himself or any other person.

Now the idea of opening up a saloon in the Bridge river country, as is stated by the Lillooet Prospector, struck our mind as one of the most absurd and rediculous acts that could be contemplated by any civilized man. Does that man "of experience and recommendations" think that the miners would prospect better and find better claims if they are perpetually saturated with liquor, or is he about to do this for his own special benefit? Does he expect to make a fortune by it? What does "experience" mean in a saloon life, is it the man who can sell the most liquor and draw in the most money from the poor miners, some of whom have not enough money to renew their grub stake when it runs short, or does it mean one who is strong enough and able enough to take the inebriate whom he has brought to this deplorable condition, by the shoulders and push him out into the night when his money is gone and it is closing time? If it is none of these, we fail to see where the experience is required to hand one glass of whiskey after another across the bar. We hope the people of Lillooet and the government of B. C. will give this serious matter a proper consideration and refuse to grant to any party a liquor license for the Bridge river country. Leave Bridge river alone, she is doing well enough as she is. Yours truly,

R. CUMMING.

New Chief Justice.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—Justice McColl has been promoted to the Chief Justiceship of British Columbia.

A new puisne judge will not be appointed for some time yet.

Hon. John Angus McColl, judge and jurist, is the third son of the Rev. Angus McColl, D. D., of Chatham, Ont., a retired clergyman of the Presbyterian church, by his wife, Alice, daughter of John Ross, late of Toronto. Born in 1851, he was educated at the High school, Chatham, and by private tutors, and was called to the Ontario bar in 1879. After practising at Brussels and Goderich, he removed to Winnipeg, where he became a member of the firm of Bain, Blanchard & McColl. He subsequently, in 1882, removed to British Columbia, taking up his residence at New Westminster, where he almost at once secured a large practice. He was elected a Bencher of the Law Society, and, in 1892, was created a Q. C. by the Earl of Derby. At the time of his appointment as judge of the Supreme court of British Columbia, Oct. 13, 1896, he was regarded as one of the leaders of the bar in British Columbia. He is an adherent of the Presbyterian church, and in 1884 married Helen Janet, daughter of the late John V. Barlow, formerly of Toronto.

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Pine Creek Staked From Head To Mouth.

Confidence in the Pine creek discovery, that a few weeks ago startled entire southeastern Alaska, is increasing and there seems to be no indication that there is anything in the nature of a fake about it. *According to Capt.* Harry White, of the steamer Utopia, which arrived direct from Skagway and Dyea yesterday, several of the stampeders had returned after locating claims on the new creek.

George S. Woods was one of the men who reached Dyea after a two days' travel from Pine Creek. He confirms *the statements of the discovery* as made by the Post-Intelligencer a week ago. He reached the creek on July 30 with a party composed of Harry Lund, Tom Wilson and George Femeyer. They all secured claims. Woods does not have much hope for the crowds going in as the entire creek, bench claims and all, were staked, as well as the "pup" that branches off.

Claims are being developed and on some of them, Woods says, from 10 to 25 cents to the pan is being found almost on the surface. This indicates very rich ground on *bed rock. He says* that the surrounding country is being rapidly covered and that one creek flowing into Lake Atlin gives indication of richness.

Investigation shows that the source of Pine creek is a small lake about a mile in width. The lake is twenty miles from the head of the Taku river, *which flows through* the Juneau district. It is fifteen miles from the mouth of Lake Atlin.

It has not yet been definitely decided whether Pine creek district is in the Northwest Territory or in British Columbia. The miners seem to be rather certain, however, that it is in British Columbia, for their recording is being done under the laws of that province. Mining recorder N. W. T. Rant represents the government. He has taken his station near Discovery claim and is recording for $2.50. The claims are named and not *numbered as at Dawson.* The miners will be more than delighted if the new district proves to be in British Columbia for then they are not troubled by the royalty. William Ogilvie, the new Canadian commissioner of the Yukon, who is now on his way in, has promised to decide the question and send out his decision by *special messenger.*

Capt. White says that there are hardly, enough people at Skagway and Dyea to care for the stock. Store windows and doors are boarded up and the general appearance of both places is like that of a Kansas boom town.

The Stage Driver Thawed.

A delegate from the far west to the recent educational convention told an incident that happened some years ago when he was making a trip on a pioneer stage. All one-half the first day he sat beside the driver and endeavored to engage him in conversation. The driver was not to be engaged. He was not exactly surly, but *evidently he didn't care to be talked* to. The stage stopped for dinner at a little eating house, and when it rolled away again the driver seemed like another man. He talked, he told stories and was the soul of affability. Later he explained the matter to the teacher. "I didn't take a shine to you nohow this morning," he said. "I *thought* you was one of these here psalm-singing gospel fellows, and I ain't got no use for that kind. But when I seen you setting there and eating pie with a fork I changed my mind. I knowed right away you was a gambler." N.Y. Tribune.

Universal Brotherhood.

EDITOR MINING JOURNAL—Sir: *It may* be news to at least some of the readers of your paper to know that there is an organization known as the Universal Brotherhood, whose main object is to demonstrate that brotherhood is a fact in nature and to make it a living power in the lives of each one. A subsidiary object is the study of ancient and modern *sciences and philosophies,* at the same time extending to others that tolerance for their opinions that one expects for his own. It is plain to everyone that true brotherhood cannot exist so long as any one religious sect say they have a monopoly of the truth and that all must accept their idea of salvation. If we will notice the different great religions of the world and their origin, we will find that they were all given out by the same class of men. For instance, Confucius, the great teacher of the ancient Chinese, gave out a very high line of *ethics* and wrote a great many books. Buddha gave to ancient India a system of thought, the magnitude and scope of which has never been equalled. Jesus, the last of the great teachers, came with a message of love and restoration. He came with a peculiarly helpful and penetrating power that drew all people *unto him. There have been many* other teachers both before and since those mentioned, who have had the good of humanity at heart and have tried to drive out selfishness and all kindred evils. At this time a large majority of the people are saying we have religion enough and look upon any new movement with distrust and *who can* blame them. When we look at the Chinese we see they are not following the teachings of Confucius; the Buddhists are not following the teachings of Buddha, nor are the Christians following the teachings of Jesus. We often hear it said that Christianity is only churchianity, until it is a question if a person can be a Christian and a *church member at the same time.*

Now, the motto of the Universal Brotherhood is "Light, Truth and Liberation," for discouraged humanity, and they believe in searching for truth in all religions, sciences and philosophies, claiming that there is no religion higher than "truth." No one age nor one religion can have a monopoly of truth but they all have a part, so it is our duty to search for this truth and then give it to others, for in this way all people and all nations will be brought into one great Universal Brotherhood. B. A. WELBON.

A Lesson to Him.

He was always a peculiar fellow was Sandy McIntyre, though as jolly as most people when the sunlight of whisky was beginning to shine through his optics.

We often wondered if it was the way he disposed of the nectar that caused him to be so mellifluent, for whenever a neat-handed Phyllis brought in the whisky Sandy always carefully clutched *his glass the moment it was set before* him, and with one big gulp he sent the whole contents to tickle his diaphragm.

This proceeding set us wondering many a time as to its cause, and at last we ventured to tax him.

"Look here, Sandy, what makes you drink up your whisky so greedily and so quickly? Why can't you enjoy it as we do?"

"Eh, mon," said Sandy, and a look of ineffable regret came into his eyes, as if he thought of some past misfortune, "eh, mon, I once had one knocked ower." Scottish Nights.

Stickine Chief a Wreck.

Another stern-wheel river boat is added to the long list of light water craft that have been been lost at sea in towing to St. Michael, according to news received on the Utopia.

The latest unfortunate is the Stickine Chief. The broken portions of her hull were found floating in mid-ocean between Cross point and Kadiak by the mail steamer Dora.

Captain White, of the Utopia, learned of the find from the officers of the Dora when the two boats were at Juneau. He said to a Post-Intelligencer reporter:

"The officers of the Dora told me that they had passed the hull of the Stickine Chief on their trip up to Kadiak. It was in two sections and seemed to have broken about the middle. From one of the sections the Dora's crew took a half-starved dog and a demijohn of whiskey. There was no sign of the crew. Unless they were rescued by the boat that was towing the Chief there is little show for them."

The Stickine Chief was one of the big river boats built for the run from Wrangel to Glenora and Telegraph creek. She was sent up from Vancouver when the all-Canadian route was being boomed. The rush fell through *and the Stickine Chief and Mono, both* owned by John A. Mara were fixed up to be towed to the mouth of the Yukon. The Mono was lost shortly after leaving Wrangel and the Stickine Chief badly damaged. Repairs were made and the voyage resumed. It is said that both boats were heavily insured.

There is little anxiety felt for the crew. Over a dozen river boats have gone down at sea and many barges, but in no case has there been any loss of life. It is presumed that the crew got off in boats from the towing steamer.

Men Are Coming Fast.

During the last week between 300 and 400 additional men have been secured by Messrs. Mann, Foley Bros. & Larson, and put to work on the Robson-Penticton branch of the Columbia & Western Railway. The agents *of the contractors in Victoria,* Vancouver, San Francisco, Boston, New York and elsewhere, report good success in securing men for the work, and in a comparatively short time they expect to get all the laborers needed. The price offered is the uniform one of $2 per day, and the contractors advance transportation to Brooklyn. One agent located at Boston, wired that he had just sent forward 300 men, and more will doubtless follow.

Fair progress is being made on the work all along the line, and the tote road is now completed for about 25 miles to Christina lake. Progress on this tote road is a little slower just now, as the men have encountered considerable rock work.

Men are strung out all over the contract getting out ties, of which about 300,000 will be required. One-half of these are contracted for by Genelle & *Co., and the balance by McPherson* Bros. & Stout. Six kinds of timber can be used for this work—hemlock, spruce, red fir, cedar, tamarack, pine. Many men are being added to the force of tie makers continually, some preferring this class of work.

Every camp is gradually but surely increasing the number of workmen employed, and consequently the contractors are beginning to wear a more beatific smile as a rule. As soon as the harvest is over there will undoubtedly be all the help needed. As it is, the daily arrivals will now average between 30 and 40 men.—Brooklyn News.

Edison's latest invention consists in a method of discovering the approach of a torpedo boat or other enemy by throwing a light behind instead of directly upon it. With this new device it is impossible for a torpedo boat to approach a battleship unseen.

Drowned in the Fraser.

The death of Johnson Oddy, of Westminster, was briefly mentioned in Saturday night's World. He was working at the Westham Island Packing company's cannery and was aboard the tug Winnifred when the accident occurred. *Between the Wellington cannery* and the Harlock cannery, the steamer May Queen was seen approaching and Capt. Rogers, of the Winnifred, blew two whistles for the May Queen to take the inside course. The latter, however, took the same course as the Winnifred and in a few minutes the former boat crashed into the side of the Winnifred. Oddy was standing near the pilot house and it is supposed that the concussion threw him into the water. Ropes were thrown and boats lowered but poor Oddy did not come to the surface.

"Jist Tax-Githerers."

Cardinal Wiseman used to tell his friends a capital story of a rough Irish *lad who entered the confessional of a* priest and hinted at sanguinary revelations.

"What, is it murther ye mane?"

"Indade, an' it is, father, and a many of them. What father, now, if it might be a matther of six or eight?"

Then he solemnly recounted to the confessor a gruesome list.

"I don't think there were any more," he said doubtfully, as he closed.

"Now, what were all these people?" demanded the priest, in a voice that made the youth tremble.

"Well, father, they was jist tax-githerers."

"Tax-githerers is it, ye say?" exclaimed the priest, as if a load were taken off his mind, "now why didn't ye tell that at first?" There was no need to be takin' up me time; ye don't come here to gossip; ye come to confess yer sins!"—Aberdeen Journal.

Swam Two Miles With the Mails.

At the time of the massacre of Alexandria, Egypt, in June, 1882, a marine of a British warship lying outside the harbor, who acted as postman for his ship, went ashore to the postoffice to draw the mails. Whilst ashore the above massacre took place, and he found himself in a tight fix, being quite unarmed. He barely escaped losing his life by making a dash through the streets as hard as ever he could go towards the landing place.

On reaching the landing place the Egyptians being close at his heels, he jumped into the sea, together with the mails, preferring to be drowned rather *than slaughtered.*

However, he swam with the mails, though it was pitch dark, towards the ship, followed by a long, thick line of Egyptians. He led all the way of the two miles, which distance the ship was from the shore.

When he got aboard, the searchlight was turned on his pursuers, who were *shot one by one* by the ship's men.—Answers.

The Island of Yap.

Yap, one of the Caroline islands, has become a place of growing interest to the American people because of its possible use as a naval station by the United States as a result of their pre*sent war with Spain.* An interesting description of this island is contained in a recent report to the state department in regard to the Caroline Islands. "Yap," says this report, "is surrounded by a coral reef thirty-five miles long by five broad. There are hardly any rivulets, but inland are extensive swamps carefully planted with the water-taro (colo-casia). The island is full of relics of a vanished civilation—old embankments and terraces, sites of ancient cultivation, stone-paved roads, paes or ancient platforms of stone, faced with huge circular quartz wheels, set up at their sides: enormous council lodges of quaint design, with bold, high and projecting gables, and lofty cavern pillars. Walls of ancient fish ponds and stone weirs fill the lagoon between the reef and the shore, making navigation a difficult matter. There are some 8,000 natives on Yap—kindly, industri*ous and generally peaceable folk, very* dark in color, and speaking in quaint and barbarous dialect, much akin to that of the Pelews, yet with a certain family likeness to the isles farther eastward, where the Polynesian infiltration appears to have been fairly strong."

A Fatal Blast.

The first fatality in the construction of the Robson-Penticton branch of the Columbia & Western railway occurred yesterday at a point about seven miles below Brooklyn, when John Lewis Wilson, a native of Sweden, was hurled to almost instant death, life becoming extinct in about thirty minutes.

Wilson, who was employed on the *sub-contract of Vernon W. Smith near* McCormick's Landing, had been at work about six weeks, and was busy in the rock cut at 11.30 yesterday morning, when a rock weighing 500 or 600 pounds, loosened by a blast, struck and hurled him into the abyss below. The body fell some 400 feet down the steep mountain side toward the lake, *and* Wilson lived only half an hour thereafter.

Frank Williams, an old time friend of Wilson, was with him when the unfortunate accident occurred, and came to Brooklyn to arrange for the funeral.

The remains were shipped by steamer Kootenay to Nelson, accompanied by Mr. Williams, interment taking place in that city.

Wilson had been on this side of the water for 16 years, and had the reputation of being a steady industrious man. His wife died some six years ago but two *children, 6 and 8 years of age* respectively, survive him, who are living at Castle Rock, Colorado. He leaves them nothing but an interest in some mining claims in the Fort Steele country.—Brooklyn News.

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They have a novel way of dealing with drunkards in New Zealand. The offender is taken to the police station, is photographed and a copy is filed in every saloon. The "barkeeps" are then required to refrain from allowing him to become overloaded. This having one's "mug" taken in the "jug" is homeopathic and ought to be effective.

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CHAS. A. LEE.
Alkali Lake, July 11th, 1898. 1347

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Made the blank daylight shadowy and uncertain,
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A porcelain dish, o'er which in many a cluster
Black grapes hang down, dead ripe and without luster;
A melon cut in thin, delicious slices;
A cake that seemed mosaic work in spices,
Two china cups, with golden tulips sunny
And rich inside with chocolate, like honey,
And she and I the banquet scene completing,
With dreamy words and fingers shyly meeting.
—Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

BELLADONNA.

When the new dean came to St. Hilary, he deemed it necessary to justify his appointment in the eyes of the world at large and the Close in particular by making changes and innovations right and left. Among his other reforms the dean had insisted on his right to the exclusive possession of the ancient bowling green which stood on the north side of the Close. Before he came the canons had made use of it in common, but the dean discovered in the old chapter records an entry which determined once for all that "ye anciente garden, encompassed on four sides with the stone walls set up by Prior Richard de Setria, having alleys spacious and fair and now commonly called ye Bowling-Greene, appertaineth unto Mr. Deane for his delectation." There was no disputing the record, and when "Mr. Deane" requested the canons to restore to him their keys of the door beneath the old Norman gateway leading to the inclosure the request was at once obeyed. At least it was obeyed by three out of the four residentiaries. The fourth, Canon Joyce, no doubt would have sent in his key to the dean had he been able to find it, but it had been mislaid most unaccountably.

"Ethel," he said to his daughter, "I can't find the key of the bowling green anywhere. It was in its usual place yesterday, but today it has disappeared. The nail is there, but the key is gone."

"Have you asked the servants?" suggested the daughter, with a sweet smile on her pretty face, and the frank and open look of innocence in her brown eyes.

"Yes."

"Well?"

"They can tell me nothing. 'Perhaps Miss Ethel knows,' is all they say." A ringing laugh came from Miss Ethel. "Isn't that just like servants, papa, dear? Their one idea when anything is missing is to tell you to find out from somebody else," and the silvery laugh began again.

"All the same, it's very annoying. The dean wants it."

"I know," replied Ethel, "and I think it very uncivil of him, that's all I can say. "I wonder you and the other canons submit to it. We have always had the use of the bowling green, and I consider it a piece of the most"—

But her father did not wait to hear the conclusion of the sentence.

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Ethel Joyce and her father were dining at the general's. It was a large dinner party to welcome the new dean. Ethel was enjoying herself immensely. Major Brooke, the second in command of the troops quartered in the barracks at St. Hilary, had taken her into dinner. She had met him several times before, at a cricket match or two on the cavalry ground, at one or two garden parties, and notably last week at the officers' ball. He was a big, broad shouldered dragoon guard—"none of your dapper hussars," thought Ethel, with pride—his face bronzed with the suns of Egypt and India, so that his blue eyes took a deeper blue by contrast.

"How sweet your daughter is looking tonight!" said Mrs. Marjoram to the canon, with genuine admiration. It was true. Ethel was radiant in a soft silky gown of pale yellow. Round her neck was an old fashioned amber necklace, while in her black hair an amber ornament was tastefully displayed. The whole was a perfect harmony in black and yellow.

The major and she were laughing and talking together most happily.

"Been botanizing lately, Miss Joyce?" asked the major. The man of blood was himself a keen botanist.

"No, I haven't. I have had so much to do," was Ethel's answer.

"Ah, it's only idle men like us soldiers who can find time for such innocent amusements, I suppose, eh?"

"Idleness and innocence are rare companions, Major Brooke. You know the old rhyme, 'Satan finds some mischief still,' etc."

"Well, then, and what particular form of mischief have you been up to lately?" asked the major, with a laugh. "But before you confess your sins, Miss Joyce, I want to remind you of a promise you made me about a certain flower."

"A certain flower?"

"You don't mean to say you have forgotten? What a clever man I should be if I only remembered half as well as you forget!"

"Now you're getting caustic and impersonally personal, which is horrid."

"But have you forgotten?" As the major spoke he looked at her with his clear blue eyes as though he would have read her very soul. Ethel had no more forgotten than the major, but that did not prevent her from lifting her eyes to meet the full gaze of his. She raised her eyebrows slightly, as if she were still hopelessly in the dark and were waiting with childlike simplicity on this unknown and undreamt of subject.

"Frailty, thy name is woman!" sighed the major, with a mock tragic air.

"I can't compliment you, Major Brooke, on that quotation. It's not polite, and, worse than that, it's so very hackneyed!"

"Quotations! I like that! Who first began them, eh, Miss Joyce? But we're wandering from the subject. Forgive me for reminding you. Don't you remember telling me at the dance last Tuesday that you had the deadly nightshade—Atropa belladonna, you know—growing in the bowling green of the Close? I've not seen it since I was in Ireland, and you promised me you'd show it me."

"Did I?" Miss Joyce looked charmingly innocent of any such undertaking.

"Yes, you did. Surely you cannot have forgotten telling me how it grew in one corner among the ruins, and how its long pale campanulate corolla"—

"Oh, Major Brooke! I wish you would not be so absurdly."

"You remember now?"

"Certainly; the deadly nightshade is there!"

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The next day Ethel Joyce and Major Brooke found themselves within the delightful inclosure of the bowling green.

"By Jove, Miss Joyce, this is a most charming, most romantic spot!"

"Yes, is it not? So quiet and retired. No one ever comes here. It is so different from the rest of the Close."

"What delicious shade, too, under this old wall! Shall we sit down here and enjoy it a little?" The two sat down.

"I call this a perfect little paradise," he went on, with effusion. "It was a splendid idea to put this seat here and make this jolly honeysuckle climb all over it. One gets repose and sweetness and—beauty all at the same time."

The major was getting a little out of his depth, but Ethel knew what he meant. She sat tapping the ground with one little foot which peeped coquettishly from beneath her dainty muslin frock.

"Oh, how absurd you are, Major Brooke! Besides, I thought you soldiers did not really care for anything so peaceful."

"Don't we, though! Why, a fellow could live here forever if only"—

Major Brooke paused, Ethel had meanwhile taken off her garden hat and was swinging it idly to and fro in her hand.

"Well! If only—what? I know, of course! If only there were no such things as orderly rooms or parades or general inspections and unlimited botany instead. But even then you would not be happy. You haven't the true scientific spirit." She let her hat fall.

"How do you make that out, Miss Joyce?"

"Why, I believe you've forgotten what you came for this afternoon. You don't seem in any hurry to find the belladonna."

"Ah, Miss Joyce, I've found the belladonna!"

Anybody who knew Major Brooke well would have been astounded to have heard him say this. He was an old public school boy; he had been to Sandhurst; he was a good, sound, solid Englishman, brought up to entertain a profound respect for his profession and for himself, and yet here in a moment he had fallen from these heights into the abyss of mere puerility. It is impossible to say what might have happened next had not a silly bee come buzzing from the honeysuckle to hover round the major's nose.

"Come along, Major Brooke, the belladonna you want to see is in this corner over here."

The graceful girl ran off to a remote corner among a mass of ruins, overgrown with shrubs and tangled creepers.

"Ah, there it is!" cried the major, with enthusiasm. He bent over to pluck the flower at the same moment as Ethel.

Just as she was clutching the stem his big hand went to do the same thing, with the result that his palm fell on the back of her hand and his fingers closed round her hand completely. It was an accident, but one of those accidents, it must be confessed, which belong to that large class that "will happen." Major Brooke's attitude was such that he was obliged to continue to grasp Ethel's hand a little longer in order to recover his equilibrium. It was all over in a moment or two, but when hand touches hand thus for the first time emotions are not to be measured by any such coarse mechanical standard as a clock.

Ethel was first to recover herself. "Really, Major Brooke, how stupid of me!" she laughed a little nervously. "I was so anxious for you to"—

"Awfully clumsy, I'm afraid I was, Miss Joyce!"

They stood looking at one another—he rather confused and shy, she with a pretty blush, the telltale of her feelings. He took her hand in his. It was no question of an accident now.

At that moment a sound was heard of approaching footsteps.

"Wait a moment. Stay here for me," cried Ethel, hurriedly snatching her hand away, "while I fetch my hat!"

No sooner had Ethel left him than he saw the dean approaching. He thought there was no point in attracting the attention of that august personage, and he was glad to be half obscured by the shadow. But it would have been a strange thing for a man nearly 6 feet high to remain unobserved even in the place where the major was standing. The dean saw him, but failed to recognize him as a fellow guest of the previous evening.

"I beg your pardon, sir," said the dean stiffly. "I don't know how you obtained entrance to this part of the Close, but this ground is strictly private."

If the major had said and done what he ought, he would have greeted the dean at once, shaken hands with him, explained who he was and how he came to be there and how he hoped to have the pleasure of calling upon him at the deanery before long. The dean would probably have replied that he was pleased to renew Major Brooke's acquaintance then and there and would be delighted to see him at the deanery whenever he should do him the honor to call. But the major was not quite himself just then, and he was in a mood to be easily ruffled. He resented the dean's manner and answered with a perfect assumption of sang froid. "Private? So I understand, sir. I was enjoying its charming beauty all the more on that account."

"I am afraid you do not quite understand. This is the dean's private ground. You were not alone, sir!"

"Well, really"—expostulated the major.

"I do not know who your friend or companion was." And I am not going to tell you, thought the major. "But whoever he was he gave you entrance to this ground improperly."

"Sir!" exclaimed the major. He began to think things were going too far.

"Yes! This ground is always locked and the key is kept at the deanery. No one can gain entrance except by means of that key, and the person who introduced you must be in possession of a second key in defiance of my authority. You will be doing me a favor, sir," continued the dean, unbending, for he perceived that his zeal for his own authority had carried him rather far, "if you will inform me which of the cathedral officials it was who let you in here this afternoon."

Major Brooke was in a position of considerable awkwardness, but happily Miss Joyce's timely arrival relieved him of his embarrassment. She had heard the last part of the conversation as she came once more upon the scene.

"Oh, Mr. Dean!" she cried, with pretty trepidation, "I'm the culprit!"

"Miss Joyce!" exclaimed the dean.

"Yes; I kept father's key for a day or two longer that I might show Major Brooke the Atropa belladonna which grows here. I have shown it him this afternoon, and as I have no further use for the key now allow me to do what ought to have been done before, give it up to you."

The dean took the key from Ethel. He and the major shook hands, with mutual explanations and apologies.

Miss Joyce and Major Brooke soon found other places which gave equally favorable opportunities for the study of botany.

The Atropa belladonna, however, has just lately yielded in interest to another flower—the orange blossom, to wit.—Madame.

Not Looking Up.

She—You passed me in the street the other day without looking up.

He—It must have been raining.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

No Such Paper.

When F. Hopkinson Smith was in Omaha, one of the well known social clubs of the city tendered him a banquet and naturally called on him for a few remarks after dinner. In the course of his speech he quoted from the "Rubaiyat" the quatrain:

A book of verses underneath the bough,
A jug of wine, a loaf of bread and thou
Beside me singing in the wilderness—
A wilderness were paradise enow.

After most of the guests had gone home a wealthy pork packer approached the author and asked him if the lines were from one of his own poems:

"Oh, no," answered Mr. Smith; "they are from Omar Khayyam."

"I guess you're wrong," was the reply. "I don't pretend to know much about literature, but I'll bet you the drinks there is no such paper as the Omaha Khayyam."—Philadelphia Press.

An Unterrified Lovely Girl.

A lovely girl was caught by her aunt while indulging in a surreptitious cigarette.

"My dear," said the horrified aunt, "do you know that every time you smoke one of those beastly things you drive a nail in your coffin?"

"No, auntie, dear," said the lovely girl "you are wrong. A woman can't drive a nail."—What to Eat.

BUILDING A BIG GUN.

MODERN "BUILT UP" CANNON ARE MARVELS OF ACCURACY.

They Are Made of Layer Upon Layer of White Hot Steel Shrunken to Fit as One Solid Piece of Metal—Mechanism of the Breech and Plug.

The modern "built up" cannon consists of a steel core surrounded by several hoops. Each hoop when cool is slightly smaller in its inside diameter than is the one over which it fits. It is to these hoops that the term "building up a cannon" is due. The hoop which fits next to the core of the gun is heated until it is large enough to slip over the core, then put in place, and as it cools it shrinks in size and thus affixes itself inseparably to the core. The next largest hoop, the next and all the others are heated in the same way. In such fashion the gun is "built up" layer by layer.

Any one can see at once that the size of these hoops is a matter for nice calculation. The shrinking iron cannot, of course, return to its original size because of the other iron which it now surrounds, but it does its best to do so and exerts a powerful compression upon that iron.

The parts of the gun, beginning with the tube, are in a state of compression, which decreases gradually outward until the outer layers are under tension. The shrinkage, or original difference in diameter between a hoop and the part on which it fits, is so calculated that the tube is not compressed beyond its elastic limit, nor is the outer hoop under such tension that it will pass the limit of its elasticity.

The foundation of the gun is a tube of uniform exterior diameter, which contains the powder chamber and the entire bore. A large sleeve, called the "jacket," of about three-fifths the length of the tube, is shrunk on the rear portion of the tube and extends enough farther to the rear to contain the breech mechanism. Three layers of "chaseloops" are shrunk on the "chase," or portion of the tube extending from the jacket forward, and a locking band is screwed on the tube to hold the foremost chaseloop in place. The jacket is embraced by a layer of "jacket hoops." The chaseloops interlock with the tube and with each other to prevent the forward portion of the tube from being blown apart from the rear portion. The jacket and forward jacket hoop are similarly interlocked, and a locking band is screwed over the joint between the series of chaseloops and the forward jacket hoop to lock them together, thus effectively preventing the gun from breaking through transversely.

The breech of the gun is naturally one of the most important parts of it. The "breech plug" must resist an enormous pressure and must also close the bore so completely that none of the gases generated by the powder will escape. The part of the jacket which overhangs the tube of the gun is called the screw box and is shaped to receive the breech plug. Both the screw box and the breech plug have six projecting strips of screw threading. The breech plug is set in place with the screws opposite the free spaces of the screw box. It is shoved home, and by revolving it one-fifth of a circumference the threaded portions of the plug engage those of the box, and the massive steel plug is securely locked into the breech of the cannon.

But the breech plug alone is not sufficient to retain all the gases in the barrel of the gun and thus compel them to assist in propelling the shell. Therefore the gun is fitted with a gas check, consisting chiefly of what is known as the "mushroom" of the gun. The "mushroom" (a piece of steel having the shape of the plant from which it is named) has its stalk secured in a central hole in the breech plug. Its head nearly fills the slightly flaring rear end of the powder chamber, and between the head and the end of the breech plug is a canvas ring filled with greasy asbestus. The explosion forces back the mushroom head and squeezes the ring so that the passage is securely closed.

In the rear end of the mushroom stalk is secured either the spring lock or the electric firing mechanism. The spring lock in principle is like the lock of a shotgun, having a firing pin, corresponding to the hammer of the gun, that is driven against a percussion cap in the primer by a spring when released by a pull of the lanyard on the trigger. The explosion of the percussion cap sets off a small charge of quick burning powder in the primer, and the flame from the powder, escaping through a passage in the mushroom, reaches the large charge of powder in the powder chamber, causing it to explode.

The hoops and jackets of these naval guns are solid cast steel, which is bored to receive a mandrel and then forged to elongate and enlarge them. After each layer of hoops is "shrunk on" the gun must be turned so as to prepare it for the next layer, but the inner surfaces of tube, jacket and hoops must also be turned, and for that purpose a "boring head" is used. This instrument is fitted with four cutters and is held in place so rigidly that it deviates hardly at all from a perfectly straight line. It is practically a huge drill. So accurate is its work that a bore 32 feet 6 inches long is usually not more than two-one-thousandths of an inch out of a straight line.

The work of building up the gun begins, of course, with the tube. When the tube is finished, the jacket is turned on its inner face and shrunk on.

The gun is turned externally after each successive "shrinking on." Within there must be cut the thread of the screw box, what is known as the "compression slope," and the grooves for rifling. The compression slope is the portion at the rear of the bore where the copper band on the projectile takes the rifled grooves.

When completed, the gun is mounted in what is called a "sleeve," which appears to be a great metal frame, in which it may slide back and forth. Its recoil has a force of 225 tons.—Edwin J. Prindle in Engineering Magazine.

Robbing the Mail.

General Post Office, Dec. 17, 1796.—The Post-boy, carrying the North Mail from Warrington to Chester, was stopped on Monday evening, the 5th inst., between 7 and 8 o'clock, within a mile of Chester, by a Man on foot, who took from him the Mail, containing the Manchester, Warrington, and Frodsham bags of letters. The Robber was dressed in a blue jacket and White Trousers, and had an oil case cover to his hat. Whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the person who committed this robbery, will be entitled to a reward of Two Hundred Pounds over and above the reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of highwaymen; and if any accomplice in the robbery, or knowing thereof, shall surrender himself and make discovery, whereby the person who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to justice, such discoverer will be entitled to the said reward of Two Hundred Pounds, and will also receive his Majesty's most gracious pardon. By command of the Postmaster-General.

ANTH. TODD, Secretary.

—An Old Advertisement.

Grim Philosophy.

There was something bordering on the pathetic in the comment of an old Florida negro on the fate of his little boy who, as he explained, "wuz swallered alive by an alligator," for when some one expressed sympathy for him he said: "Well, well, de Lawd's will be done! His wuz mighty bad fer de alligator ter swaller him, but he might er been lynched of he'd lived ter be growed!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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 280 acres of land in Lillooet district, commencing at the southwest corner of Lot 274, thence east 20 chains, south to corner of Lot 275, 20 chains, east 80 chains, south 60 chains, west 40 chains, north 80 chains to point of commencement.

M. R. EAGLESON.

Clinton, June 15th, 1898. 7t10

TABLE.

Showing the Dates and Places of Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery for the Year 1898.

FALL ASSIZES.

Clinton	Thursday, 22nd September.
Richfield	Monday, 20th September.
Kamloops	Monday, 3rd October.
Lytton	Friday, 14th October.
Vernon	Monday, 10th October.
New Westminster	Tuesday, 1st November.
Vancouver	Monday, 14th November.
Victoria	Tuesday, 15th November.
Nanaimo	Tuesday, 22nd November.

NOTICE.

To Creditors of Samuel Berlin Estate.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of His Honor Judge Cornwall, Judge of the County Court of Cariboo, all creditors of Samuel Berlin are required to send their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned, on or before the sixth day of September next.

JOS. WM. BURR,
Registrar County Court of Cariboo.
Ashcroft Station, B.C., August 5, 1898. 14t5

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a sitting of the county court of Cariboo will be held at Clinton, on Thursday, 27th Oct., 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. By order

F. SOUES
Registrar of the County Court of Cariboo at Clinton. 12t14

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

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"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

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Registered the 4th day of July, A.D. 1898

I hereby certify that I have this day registered "The Consolidated Mining and Trading Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company, under the Companies Act, 1897, to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the Legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends:

The Head Office of the Company is situate at Baltimore City, State of Maryland, U.S.A.

The amount of the Capital of the Company is one hundred thousand dollars, divided into one hundred thousand shares of one dollar each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Ashcroft, and Harrison W. Moore, Mining Engineer, whose address is Ashcroft aforesaid, is the Attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is 50 years.

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And for the purpose of doing any and all such other business as may be necessary, useful or incidental to the successful management and prosecution of the purposes and business aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
15t4 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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Clinton, 21st June, 1898.

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NOTICE.

A SITTING OF THE COUNTY COURT of Cariboo will be held at Ashcroft Station, B.C., on Monday, the 12th day of September, A.D., 1898, at the hour of 11 a. m.

By Order,
JOSEPH WM. BURR,
Deputy Registrar
C. C. of Cariboo.
Ashcroft Station, B.C., August 2, 1898. 14t6

NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden as follows:

Richfield.....Monday, 3rd October, 1898
Quesnelle.....Thursday, 6th October, 1898
Soda Creek.....Tuesday, 11th October, 1898
150-Mile House.Thursday, 13th October, 1898

Court opens each day at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

By Order,
JAMES McKEN,
Registrar County Court of Cariboo.
Barkerville, B.C., 29th July, 1898. 14t10

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61-Mile House	46
70-Mile House	55
83-Mile House	68
87-Mile House	72
100-Mile House	85
105-Mile House	90
108-Mile House	93
111-Mile House	96
115-Mile House	100
117-Mile House	102
122-Mile House	107
127-Mile House	112
134-Mile House	119
137-Mile House	122
141-Mile House	126
144-Mile House	129
150-Mile House	135
Soda Creek	165
Alexandria	183
Moffatt's	189
Australian's	198
Bohanon's	200
Quesnelle	220
Cottonwood	241
Beaver Pass	205
Stanley	270
Barkerville	280
Big Lake*	159
Beaver Lake*	167
Quesnelle Forks*	191
Berry's†	22
Finny's†	28
Martley's†	37
Pavilion†	40
Garagan's†	41
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1898.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

Mr. Joseph Hunter and wife left Ashcroft for Quesnelle Forks this morning.

Jos. Wm. Burr is making an official trip up the Clinton road this week.

Charles S. Stevens, of Kamloops, was in Ashcroft this week on a business trip.

About $12,000 in gold dust was brought down from Barkerville by last Tuesday's stage.

Mr. Charles Brown has a couple of car loads of lumber at the depot and will at once begin the erection of a house.

John Collins and family are now back in town after a pleasant two months spent on their ranch in Venable valley.

H. L. Robert's cottage, under construction by W. Higgenbottom and son is pleasantly located and will make a cosy home.

Much freight is being hurried up the road and more to follow soon. Not for many years has there been so many investors in Cariboo mines as this season is showing.

There will be a song service in the Methodist church next Sunday evening, August 28th, instead of the ordinary preaching service. All are cordially invited.

The Brooklyn News, a bright 4-page paper, made its appearance at our exchange table this week. As it describes Brooklyn, it has the outlook for a good sized and prosperous town.

Messrs. Cundon, Rickerts and Dancer, who came back from the 150-Mile House this week, have gone to Bridge river on mining business. While coming down they made a quick trip with Chas. Haddock driving.

It is rumored here that His Worship Mayor Gordon, of Kamloops, has made arrangements for a secular library with view of being prepared to take to the pulpit should he ever have a call. Some of us would go a good ways to here His Honor preach.

The camping parties at Savonas, Messrs. Shaw, Hawthorns and others report a highly enjoyable time. We have eaten some of their fish and any one doubting their fish stories, no matter how large, will find that they have ourselves and some others to deal with.

Arthur Haddock and Dick Stewart received returns from their samples of rock taken from their quartz ledge on Bridge river and sent for assay, this morning. The returns were $74.40 in gold, which goes to indicate that the boys have a valuable property.

D. T. Hughes, now at the 150-Mile House, was reported by the passengers on Tuesday's stage as slowly improving from his serious illness, but he has been very near death's door. Mr. Hughes is one of the most conservative mining men in British Columbia, and has many friends in the province who will be pleased to know of his improvement.

M. McCabe, the managing director for the North American Insurance Co., spent a few days in Ashcroft and vicinity. He is interested in the Ashcroft Waterworks Co., and speaks highly of the work as done under the superintendence of Mr. J. Shields and of the country in general. He rightly thinks that Ashcroft will soon be recognized as a place of importance.

School will reopen on Monday with Mr. Gordon as principal and Miss Roberts as assistant. That new school house has not materilized as yet but there is a strong hope in the future, and now we expect some public buildings that have been long needed. We believe we shall have them now whether the new parliament buildings have a marble bust in each room of British Columbia statesmen or not.

The railroad charter for a road from Ashcroft to Cariboo, which has been in existence for some years, has been taken over by an English company and work on the road may commence at any time. It must begin before Jan. 1st or the charter will be forfeited. By the terms of this charter a land grant of 10,000 acres per mile for a narrow-guage road and 20,000 acres per mile for a broad gauge, is given by the government as a bonus, but no cash subsidy. It is believed that the road will be a narrow-guage and that construction from Ashcroft will begin within a few weeks.

There seems to be no doubt as to the richness of the Pine and Spruce creek strikes. These creeks are in B. C., about 40 miles from the northern boundary, in a section known as northern Cassair. There is a trail marked on the map from the lower end of lake Teslin across to the lower end of Atlin lake into which these rich creeks empty. The distance across, if the maps are any way reliable, is about 40 or 50 miles, and if the trail is passable across, it is very possible that many who traveled from Ashcroft overland and were packing from Glenora to Teslin lake may be in on the ground floor on these or other rich creeks in that section.

Chas. Doring and wife and Mrs. Helgeson leave by private conveyance for Quesnelle Forks this morning.

N. A. Clarke, of Quesnelle, with his family, returned up the road this week from a weeks' vacation at the coast.

It seems to be believed that a new election will be ordered for the province between the 8th and 15th of October.

Some difficulty is being encountered in laying the water pipes, owing to the ground caving, but the work is steadily progressing. All pipes are laid six feet under ground.

The Methodist society of Ashcroft will soon begin the erection of a parsonage, one that will be a credit to the place, not large, but comfortable and nicely planned.

The entertainment given last night at the town hall by Miss White and Miss Kleiser was well attended and was very favorably received by the audience. All pronounced it excellent.

The prize lists for the annual fair are distributed from the JOURNAL office by the energetic secretary. A good list of prizes is shown. If by mistake you have failed to get one write to the secretary, Jos. Wm. Burr.

Thomas Allice, the well known commercial traveler, visited Ashcroft this week on his way home from an extended trip. Mrs. Allice and their boy accompanied him. We venture the suggestion that Tom has not called any high bluffs this trip. Mrs. Alice says the trip has been a very pleasant one and the trip through the Kootenays particularly enjoyable.

Charles. Cassidy, who left the Chilcoten country with a band of cattle in May, has returned as far as Victoria after a successful trip. He states that the great rainfall being unusually heavy for the section made the trip a disagreeable one. He lost but a few head of cattle. Mr. Cassidy says that beef is selling at Glenora for 20 cents per pound at retail.

Fifteen men are at work on the drain tunnel on Lightning Creek and work is progressing well. A good piece of work has so far been done and those in charge of the affairs of the company seem to be attending closely to the work and pushing it as rapidly as possible. Among those well informed it seems to be generally thought that rich ground may be found even before bedrock is reached.

The British Columbia Express Company, under the management of Jas. B. Leighton for the past year has been a decided success and has had a large business. We hear no complaints of service nor of the mail delivery, and it is fair to presume that there is no dissatisfaction. The outlook for Cariboo travel has never been so good since early days than at present. Much money will be invested in Cariboo within the next twelve months.

Lac La Hache will hold their annual race meeting on the 17th and 18th of October. The races are going to be very interesting, as several dark horses are spoken of to enter against the invincible Black Danger, but the owner and jockey say let them come. Danger has won the Derby three years in succession and is a very hard horse to beat. He was bred and raised by Mr. H. O. Bowe, Alkali lake, where you can get some more just as good if not better.

Rev. Mr. Thompson in Trouble.

A good deal of space is devoted to the case of the Rev. Thompson in this weeks Standard. The parties referred to, both Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, were in Ashcroft this week, Mrs. Thompson having come down to meet her husband on his return from Cariboo. Whether he is guilty of the serious crimes apparently charged up against him, or not, the statement that he was married to the present wife within a week or less of the burial of his first wife is not disputed, and this fact alone will condemn him among decent people. The consummate gall of claiming to be a minister and donning the sacred cloth to preach, as he did in Kamloops, is remarkable.

A good story is told of an old German who was married to his second wife a few days after the death of his first. The neighboring youngsters turned out to charivari him and he solemnly objected. "Poys," said he, "It is not right to make such a noise around here so soon after the funeral." The case against Thompson seems to be a strong suspicion that he poisoned or made away with his first wife so that he could marry the present one, and further, that within a few days her child by a previous marriage, a boy of eight years, died suddenly and under suspicious circumstances. These occurrences were in Massachusetts. There may have been no murder committed, but it is evident from the press reports that the occurrence caused serious suspicions to arise that are now being investigated, and that the quick marriage after his wife's death, with whom he was then living, to the woman now his wife had at least aroused such indignation in the community that it was no longer a desirable community in which to reside. Cariboo readers will remember the man as coming down on last Tuesday's stage, a small, dark man, whose actions, so say his fellow-passengers, were far from ministerial. He was canvassing Cariboo in the interest of the Inland Sentinel.

Down From the Forks.

Lord Norbury, who has been spending the past ten weeks in Cariboo, came down on Tuesday's stage and went on to the coast next morning and will soon leave for England. To a representative of the JOURNAL Lord Norbury stated that for the past eight years he had been interested in British Columbia mines, and after spending the past two and a half months in the vicinity of Quesnelle Forks he leaves the country more profoundly impressed with its golden future than ever before. He has spent some weeks in prospecting the bed of Quesnelle river from the lower end of Mr. Souther's claims, which extend from the Forks down ten miles, to the lower end of the claims secured by himself, comprising two five mile leases. He has men still at work and will yet this season send in the machinery for a shovel dredge. He states that all prospecting on the river has shown up wonderfully rich gravel in places, and with proper appliances he does not see how a failure can be made in river dredging on the streams of Cariboo. He is also a stock holder in the Golden River Quesnelle Company, and in half a dozen other properties in the Quesnelle Forks section. He believes that successful dredging can be done in some of the lakes, as in Cariboo lake, in which Harvey, Goose and other rich creeks empty, and it seems reasonable to think that as soon as gold strikes still water it would settle. The outlets of all of these creeks have formed bars, in some cases extending out half a mile to the lake. A dredge could do good work in such a place in his opinion. He is also interested in some hydraulic properties, all of which will receive early attention.

Lord Norbury's fellow passengers speak of him as an extremely pleasant traveling companion, and he is evidently of the kind of English nobility that can "do in Rome as the Romans do." He was clad in overalls and light coat and looked as he evidently is, a thorough business man and prospector with means to invest in legitimate enterprises, but none to be buncoed out of. He is the Earl of Norbury, of Carlton Park, Northamptonshire, England.

There is some serious talk about organizing a cornet band in Ashcroft. Some of us have looked up the record of our eligible men for membership in hopes of finding some latent talent but can find only one man who ever belonged to a brass band in town. Our committee brightened up when they heard this, but after an interview with the veteran came back and reported that the one man of experience and training played the bass drum. But the committee will make the most of this much experienced man, and who knows but what bass drum solos may not yet be an attractive part of a musical program in Ashcroft.

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W. J. Taylor, who is interested in the company known formerly as the Underwood Dredging Co., at Quesnelle, but which has been completely reorganized and is in new hands, passed through Ashcroft this week. To the JOURNAL Mr. Taylor stated that the company would immediately begin the construction of a new bucket dredge for operation on the lower Quesnelle river, and that the dredge would be built on the same plan as the one built by the Milwaukee company and operating so successfully on Grasshopper creek, Montana.

Mr. Taylor is a practical machinist and spent some months on Grasshopper creek last year studying the workings of the dredgers there. He states that the ground of the Fraser and Quesnelle river beds are not, in his judgment, harder to work than is Grasshopper creek. The currents are swifter but that is not a serious thing to overcome. The prospecting done by Mr. Taylor is such that he is assured that the upper Fraser and the Quesnelle is much richer in gold than the Montana stream.

Mr. Robertson, the expert for the Bocarus company, Milwaukee, has been up to Cariboo lately and reported to his company that they can make a complete success in handling the river gravel and the above mentioned company will make a specialty of manufacturing gold dredgers for the rivers of Cariboo. One dredge during Mr. Taylor's stay in Montana worked 60 hours. A total expense of $260 was the outlay, the gold recovery was $2,350. This was only one of a series of successful runs. Visitors are rapidly concluding that the river beds of Cariboo are the natural sluice boxes of countless ages, and are getting in line to take part in the first cleaning-up, which will take a hundred years to accomplish, and will not be finished then. Meantime those who secure favorable locations for dredging will, by the proper placing of machines, make golden fortunes.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

HIS HONOR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments for the Province of British Columbia:

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Charles A. Semlin, of Cache Creek, Esquire, to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia.

Francis L. Carter Cotton, of the city of Vancouver, Esquire, to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia.

Joseph Martin, of the city of Vancouver, Esquire, to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia.

17th August, 1898.

Robert Edward McKechnie, of the city of Nanaimo, Esquire, M.D., to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia.

20th August, 1898.

J. Fred Hume, of the city of Nelson, Esquire, to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia. 1712

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

20th August, 1898.

HIS HONOR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to rescind the following appointments:

The Honorable Joseph Martin as Acting Provincial Secretary.

The Honorable Francis L. Carter-Cotton as Acting Minister of Mines. 1712

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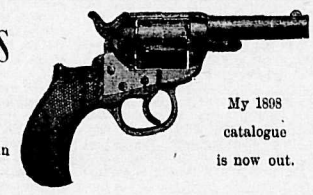

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