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POLITICAL PARTIES.

The nominations last Saturday resulted in bringing out at least 93 candidates to fill 38 seats in the legislature. The government has 31; 18 are classed as opposition.20 favor the conservative, 11 the provincial party, 7 Independent and 6 labor candidates make up the Independent party. The deposits that are likely to be forfeited to the government will form a fund for Martin's Coast-Kootenay Railway.

Murphy or Beebe?

Before the next issue of the JOURNAL West Yale will have decided which of these gentlemen is to be its representative. From authentic reports we conclude that Mr. Murphy will be the selection,and for the business interests of the district the choice is a wise one. Mr. Murphy was born at the 141-Mile House, on the Cariboo road, about 29 years ago and in his early years attended the St. Joseph's mission school at Williams Lake, afterwards going to Ottawa College, Ottawa, where he graduated with high honors. After leaving college he entered a law office in Victoria and was shortly admitted to practice. He practiced in both Victoria and Kootenay for a short time, when he opened an office in Ashcroft in the fall of 1897, and by his thorough knowledge of the law coupled with honest treatment of his clients, he has built up a splendid practice. He takes an intelligent and comprehensive view of public questions and being a ready speaker will command attention in or out of the Legislative Assembly.

Up to the present the Hon. G. W. Beebe has not spoken in Ashcroft and we do not know what particular accomplishment the honorable gentleman possesses to warrant him in asking to be elected to represent this district. There is no choice between Messrs. Murphy and Beebe as to which is the abler man and most capable of deciding on important questions affecting West Yale.

THE GENERAL OPINION.

A gentleman who has just returned from a business trip, in the course of which he travelled pretty well all over West Yale, reports that as far as he could gather from the remarks of the people with whom he met, the Opposition candidate, Mr. Denis Murphy, will have an easy time snowing under the Hon. George Washington Beebe, who vainly hopes to capture this constituency for the Martin government. As far as Lytton and Ashcroft are concerned, they are solid for Mr. Murphy, and what little support Mr. Beebe will get in other sections will scarcely enable him to save his deposit.

At a meeting held at Agassiz, the other night, in the interests of the candidature of Mr. Murphy, the Opposition candidate in West Yale, Mr. Murphy generously gave Hon. Mr. Beebe all the time he wanted for his speech. Hon. George Washington, however, could not occupy more than fifteen minutes, and put a very poor figure. In speaking on the Martin Coast-Kootenay railway proposals, Mr. Beebe did not quite know it, he was at liberty to say so, but assured the audience that the route had already been surveyed. This was received with evident incredulity, and then he waxed warm on the ability of the province to stand the expense, and was positive the country was good for a hundred million dollars more, if it was necessary to borrow the amount. The meeting was a decided frost for the Government candidate, who will not get many votes in that section.—Columbian.

RECORD TRIP.

Another proof of the excellence of the service provided for its patrons by the B. C. Express Co. was given last week when the record trip on the Cariboo road between Ashcroft and Barkerville was made by a special stage, in charge of the well known driver, A. C. Minty.

Mr. F. Carter-Cotton was to address a meeting in Barkerville on Friday of last week, and it was important that he should be back in Vancouver by Monday last. Leaving Ashcroft Wednesday morning, Barkerville was reached on time for Mr. Cotton to address the meeting. The arrival at Ashcroft, on the return trip was made at midnight on Sunday, May 27th, thus completing a record trip. The total distance is 570 miles and the actual travelling time made on the trip was 3 days 15 hours.

It was necessary to use sixteen relays of horses in order to accomplish the remarkable time made. These relays, it might be mentioned, were not especially provided to make this trip, but are the changes of horses in ordinary use by the company in carrying on their regular business.

Mr. Cotton was unstinted in his praises of the manner in which he had been put over the road and stated that the resources at the command of the stage company were a complete revelation to him.

INDIA FAMINE FUND.

The article of last week on the "India Famine Fund" appears to have been misunderstood. The JOURNAL had no intention whatever of finding fault with what has been done, but feeling the absolute necessity that we should do all we could, suggested that other means should be employed also. The ladies who so thoughtfully arranged the putting up of the collection box on the street corner are to be commended and it is pleasing to know the result is satisfactory. We still believe however, that a house-to-house visitation or special church collection should be made and that publicity should be given of it. Probably before this article is printed we shall celebrate the victorious ending of the Transvaal war. To do so is going to cost something. Would it lessen our joy and patriotism if any of what is likely to be spent for that celebration were given to famine-stricken India?

POLITICAL LETTERS.

Last Thursday's mail from Cariboo brought to the JOURNAL a letter headed "Cariboo Politics" which we are unable to publish because of its purely personal attack on one of the candidates in the election about to take place. There is not a single line in the quite long letter, of the political parties and their platforms or reference to any public question.

The writer says:

"By announcement, the JOURNAL is open to discussion of the political issues of the present Provincial campaign, and the merits or otherwise of those seeking election. I realize this to by seeing Mr. Sidney Williams' long contribution in your issue to hand, of the 19th inst." Such being the case, with your kind permission, I beg to trouble you with these remarks for publication as early as possible."

We repeat for the writer's information part of the article which he refers to published in the JOURNAL of March 31st., and which he has apparently forgotten:

"All letters must be civil in tone and the subject treated from a fair stand point."

The following also taken from the same article exactly fits this case and must be accepted as our reason for refusing publication:

"We wish it to be understood that all parties that desire may thus give their views politically and we shall be glad to hear from Liberals, Conservatives, Cottonites and Martinites, or the follower of any political favorite or party.

In connection with letters, we are in receipt this week of a very long letter from Stanley with the request that we publish it. As the letter is of a distinctly personal nature and makes a direct attack, and as we are not looking for libel suits we are obliged to decline publication. If the writer will modify the language in his letter, and not make it personally insulting to parties in his section, we will be very willing to publish the same."

Temple Cornwall at Bloomfontein.

Temple Cornwall with the First Canadian contingent, writing on the 20th of April from Bloomfontein, says: "Here we are still at Tommy Atkins" and only three days more to make up our six months service. I believe we leave here on the 24th and if so, we are probably in for a good month or so's work. Of course I dont know where we are off to, but probably we will advance on Pretoria. There is no telling when we shall get through with this service. The Boers will certainly hold out till the last as they do not want to loose their country. But they will do so when Britain has finished and a good thing it will be for South Africa. Winter has commenced now and it has been raining hard for four days and nights and our camp and surroundings are in a terrible state. The soil being a heavy clay you can imagine what it is like. We have our tents up now, however, and so have been comfortable with the exception of a few nights that we have been on picket. Lots of clothes have been issued lately including shirts, woolen sweaters, socks, boots, also writing paper and some excellent tobacco and cigarettes, the latter being from "some friends of the city of London." Also each man has an extra blanket so that we are more or less set up again. We hear little of what is going on. A "Tommy" never knows when he is to move or where he is going. For instance, before Pardeberg fight we marched 23 miles or so, reached the camp at 6 a.m. and had scarcely got off our accoutrements when we were ordered out. We had no idea that any Boers were near and never dreamt of having to fight them! The sun has just come out, the first time for days and very welcome it is as we have many things to dry out. My overcoat has been wet for a week. All letter mails arrive here very regularly, but parcels and papers are not much looked after. Of course the line is occupied bringing in supplies for troops, and the towns people are awfully hard up for food, in fact they do not get half as much as we do. A mutton chop costs 38 cents. We get more meat than we require when in camp as we do not use the one pound per day."

PRETORIA SURRENDERS.

The welcome news of the capture of Johannesburg and Pretoria by our forces was received by Ashcroft citizens with the greatest satisfaction and a move was made by the most enthusiastic citizens to receive Oom Paul, who arrived here Thursday forenoon and remained on exhibition during the day opposite James Haddock's store. His reception was of the warmest kind. In the evening a procession was formed and marched to the ball grounds, taking Oom Paul with them and giving him the post of honor. To be sure that he would have no cause to complain of a cool feeling toward him he was raised to an elevated position on a pole and a nice warm fire started under him. Paul surrendered unconditionally.

A local poet claims to be the author of the following lines:—

THE LAST WORDS OF OOM PAUL.

I am the old man from Pretoria
Who thought to defy Queen Victoria,
But Bobs, Tommy and Jack
Got on to my track
And from today it will be 'In Memoria.'
So good-bye, your loving
OOM.

STRATCONA HORSE.

The JOURNAL is indebted to J. W. Burr for the following letter:

CAPE TOWN, April 13, 1900.

MR. BURR—

Dear Sir: Having a little time to spare I thought I would let you know how things were going. They kept us at Ottawa longer than we wished to stay, and the conduct of the people towards us was first class; they treated us splendid. The Odd Fellows' gave a banquet to the Odd Fellows' of the Stratcona Horse which was immense, and upon leaving, the send-off was a thing not easily forgotten; it was a grand success. The voyage was splendid—we did not have one bad day; of course I mean in regard to health; judging by appearance however, a good many were having a very tough time of it; it was fun to watch them. They would run to the windward side, instead of the leeward, but leeward or windward side did not bother me—it was my inside. The last thing I remember was one of the boys lovingly resting his head upon my shoulders, saying, "aint this hell?" I don't know what he meant exactly but I thought it was his dinner he was throwing down my back, but I did not care; I was sick myself. The greatest fun on board was the bathing parade, we all formed in line and then they turned the hose on us. I tell you it was all right. Pneumonia broke out among the horses and we lost 100. In camp at last S. A. but I guess we will not stay long if rumors are correct, just long enough for the horses to straighten up and then straight to the front. I have no more time to write now. Remember me to J. Wyness and the rest of the Oddfellow brothers, and to Ashcroft in general. Believe me to remain, Yours truly,

A. RADWELL.

Since the above letter was put in print Henry Cargile has kindly handed us the following from Jimmy Fisher:

CAPE TOWN, April 28, 1900.
MR. H. CARGILE,
Ashcroft Station, B. C.

DEAR FRIEND:

I have arrived in South Africa in good health and had a fine trip. I was only sick a day and a half. Hunter was sick for about a week and said he thought he would die. We were 24 days on the trip and had one of the finest trips that the captain ever saw. There were no wind storms and we had beautiful weather all the way. We lost about half of our horses. The loss on the boat over was about 170 or more, and there has been about 60 or 70 shot in camp with the glanders. We are camped near the sea beach. The weather here is not very hot and at night we have very heavy dews. The city of Cape Town and the country around it for several miles is a Paradise, everything is green. The two squadrons A and B are taking C squadron's horses and are reported to go to the front on Monday, and we have to wait and get a mount and are not certain when we will start for the front. One of our men died the other day in the military hospital at Woodstock, and our troop had to go and bury him; we had to parade four or five miles from camp from where he died. You will find out that the soldier's life is not what it is cracked up to be; there is lots of hardships and toil to it, especially when you have to get up at 5:15 o'clock and work till 6:30 at night. First of all, is stables, then breakfast, and immediately after that you have to dress for drill, and drill for about two or three hours; then dinner, then stables and the afternoon the same as in the forenoon. Then there are lots of other duties such as guards, quartermasters fatigue, tending to sick horses, and a lot of other little duties that occupy our time which, if I had time to mention to you so as to give you an idea of what it is like, you would not venture out as a soldier. But never mind, I started out with a good free heart and I am going to stick right with it, even if I am knocked around like a dog. I have seen lots of wounded and sick men that has been to the front. We had to leave about half of our clothing that was issued to us in Canada in the store rooms here. We were well treated in Montreal and Halifax. When we got on board the boat we found out that the Red Cross Society had put on board a lot of fruit and other eatables and besides, gave 83 to each soldier. The boat that we came over on also gave the boys presents, such as 1 lb of smoking tobacco and a fine writing tablet. We also received 4 lbs of tobacco from the McDonald Tobacco Co. in Canada. There are lots of soldiers here and more coming in every day or so. What England's colonies think of the mother country, from what I hear around is that what troops are to the front are mostly all Colonial troops. I am very sorry that I did not write before now, but to tell you the truth I have had no time till now, so you need not expect any letters from me for a long time, for I do not know when I will get another chance to write. Please remember me to our old friend Jack Wyness and the rest of the boys. I like this part of the country, that is what I have seen, but do not know how it will be further up. If it is like this part of the country here, I think I will stay for a year or so. I have no more news at present, so good bye,

P. S.—Remember me to J. C. Barnes, for I think a lot of the old man, even if I was mischievous out there. I hope to return again to my native land, for "There Is No Place Like Home."

From your friend in South Africa,
J. C. FISHER.

FIRE UNDERWRITERS' REPLY.

VANCOUVER, May 28, 1900.
MESSRS. HARVEY, BAILEY & CO., et al,
Ashcroft, B. C.

DEAR SIRS:

We are duly in receipt of the petition of the 15th inst., signed by yourselves and others of your city, calling our attention to the increased rates of fire insurance recently promulgated, and requesting that lower rates be made. Your petition will be placed before the Mainland Board of Fire Underwriters at their first regular meeting, June 4. Action taken by them in the premises you will be duly advised of.

Yours truly,
CHAS. R. GILBERT, Secretary.

JOHN GLASSEY DEAD.

The death of Mr. John Glassey at the Ashcroft hotel on Monday, at 9 a. m., came as a great shock to the people of Ashcroft and vicinity, because few knew of the accident that had befallen him and that he was in danger as the result of it. Death was due to injuries received by falling from a wagon, while driving from Ashcroft to John Wilson's ranch at 8-Mile Creek on Friday night the 25th inst.

He had spent most of the day in Ashcroft and left C. Browne's place on the Bonaparte (the old Harper mill) late in the evening, and was not seen again until found on Saturday in an unconscious condition nearly opposite the Perry ranch. He was at once brought to the Ashcroft hotel where he was attended by Dr. Williams who was with him when he died.

Mr. Glassey was born in Reynoldstown, county of Tyrone, Ireland, in 1847. In 1862 he came to Victoria and for some time conducted a grocery business on Government street; afterwards he was a reporter on the "Standard" and later on the "Colonist" when that paper was controlled by D. W. Higgins and John Robinson. When the exploration survey of the C. P. R. in this province was commenced under Marcus Smith, the chief engineer, he was in charge of the commissary and later, about 1876, he was appointed chief of the commissary department with head quarters at Kamloops and was about this time married to a Miss McLean of Hat Creek. When the Ashcroft hotel was owned by Messrs. Barnes & Evans, Mr. Glassey was their manager, and continued in the same position under different owners of the hotel until five or six years ago when he engaged with John Wilson as foreman and bookkeeper on his ranch. He leaves a son, Herbert, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert Borland, of the 150-Mile House, both of whom reached Ashcroft only in time to attend the funeral.

Mr. Glassey while a resident of Ashcroft was foremost in all plans that were for the best welfare of the town, and mainly by his untiring efforts in interesting others and his personal gifts, was the English church commenced and completed, for which he received the warm thanks of the late Bishop Sillitoe.

Mr. Glassey was a charter member of the Yale-Lillooet Pioneer Society and the following members of the society were pall-bearers at his funeral: O Harvey, J. C. Barnes, A. B. Ferguson, W. B. Bailey, J. W. Burr and C. A. Semlin.

Services were conducted by Rev. A. A. Dorrell at the English church and at the grave.

Joseph Jackman has returned from the Kamloops hospital, almost entirely cured. He is greatly pleased with the treatment he received.

THE RICHEST YET.

The following product of the "World" office contains the purest unadulterated untruths that have issued from that source during the present campaign:

Ashcroft, May 30, 1900.

"This has always been considered the Murphy stronghold. The Opposition is very rapidly diminishing. The people seem to be coming to their senses, and while there may be a small majority here on election day for Mr. Murphy, you need not be be surprised when the returns come in should Mr. Beebe lead the poll. It is simply wonderful the change that has taken place daily."

Charles Comte A. Vessaurx, who has been for some time in the employ of the Williams' Lake Industrial school left on Thursday for a visit to his home in France.

Mr. O'Dwyer and Mr. Cowan are both at present engaged in buying horses to take to the Skeena, in order to continue their survey of the Yukon railway for the Dominion Government.—Kamloops Standard.

The familiar figure of O. H. Evans is again to be seen about the streets of Ashcroft. To say that he looks well does not sufficiently describe his appearance, and it is hard to believe that he has been seriously ill for a long time. He says he feels first rate and is glad to meet his old friends and receive their congratulations. Long may he do so!

Chas. H. Meusel, hydraulic engineer and prospector, for the Horsefly Gold Mining Co., came down on Tuesday's stage from Horsefly, and departed on Wednesday's west-bound train en route to his home in Oakland, Cal., on a vacation. Mr. Meusel has been at Horsefly the past fourteen months and reports the camp in a prosperous condition.

The residents of upper Hat Creek celebrated the 24th by a picnic. About twenty-five were present and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, so much so, that it is proposed to repeat it on the 1st of July. In the evening dancing was began and continued until the early hours of morning. This gathering was considered by all such a success that it is proposed to have a picnic every year.

Mr. Henry Harvey of Enderby, has withdrawn from the firm of Harvey, Bailey & Co. and has purchased the firms Enderby business which he will carry on in his own name. Mr. Harvey is one of the best known merchants in this part of the interior. He was for many years manager of F. W. Foster's store at Clinton, before he entered the firm of Harvey, Bailey & Co. and his many friends will be pleased to know that he is now a big "Tyhee" himself.

Mr. Murphy left a day or two ago for Princeton where he expects to be fortunate enough to catch the Hon G. W. Beebe and have him explain a few remarks made there in Mr. Murphy's absence. The meetings which he intended holding at North Bend and Lytton on certain dates are indefinitely postponed and he will communicate the new dates to these places as soon as possible.

Messrs. C. F. Debble, A. F. Kerr, T. Hetherington, H. B. Harwood and A Narwood, of Ottawa, Dominion Government civil engineers, are in Ashcroft preparing for a trip to the northern part of the province to continue the exploration work that was carried on last year near Hazelton, to find locations for a railway line to Dawson. They will take the government pack train which wintered here, and R. Ferguson formerly Provincial police officer at Clinton will be head packer.

At the written examinations for the month of May in the Ashcroft school the results obtained were as follows:—In the 5th class, (studying for high school entrance) Lila Laidley took first place with 979 marks out of a possible 1150, Alice Shaw second with 932, 3rd, Minnie Burr, 896; 4th, Roddie McKay, 869; 5th Constance Nesbitt, 858. In the fourth reader Hazel Shaw stood first, while in the third class Rose Burr and Edith Brown topped the list, coming out equal. In Miss Hawthorne's room Marjory Nesbitt carried off the honors.

At a good deal of expense to the citizens of Ashcroft shade trees have been planted on most of the streets and protected as well as they could be. The trees in front of Harvey, Bailey & Co.'s store have had special care and it is a thousand pities to see that they have been injured by cattle to such an extent as to put them back a year in growth. These trees would have been, in a short time, a great improvement to Railway avenue and it is a mighty poor recompense to those who have cared for them to have them destroyed by roving cattle. Trees in other parts of the town have also been hurt by cattle but not to such an extent as those mentioned.

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WAGES OF WESTERN MINERS.

Miners deserve and generally receive fair wages in the western mining states, but the wages are not uniform by any means. The cost of living, of rent and of fuel vary at places, but the work is about all the same, hard, dangerous and confining. In California, where all the conditions, climate, cheapness of breadstuffs and rent favor the underground worker, they receive $2.50 for 10 hours' work. In Nevada they are paid $3.00 for 10 hours work. In Colorada $2.50 to $3.00 are paid for 10 hours' work. In Leadville, which has an altitude of 10,000 feet, $3.00 are paid, where the workings are wet for 10 hours.

In Utah miners receive $2.50 for eight hours' work. It is understood by both the employer and employes that the eight hour law is not acceptable in the mines. The more ambitious want to work 10 hours and get $3.00. They contend that eight hours don't keep the men occupied long enough. They drift around saloons and acquire the habit of drinking more than is good for them. It is also held that the ambitious miners who want to increase their pay by increasing their hours of labor go to other states where the conditions for making more money by day's labor better suits them.

In Montana miners' wages are about the same in every mining locality. Underground miners receive their $3.50 per shift, while a number of others, working less laborious and less exposed situation, take a little less, but on the whole the Montana miner carries the blue ribbon wage scale among all the states, and the state has the best miners in the entire west. As a rule they are saber, reliable and thrifty. Those who have families support them in good shape and educate their children at the public schools without incurring costs they cannot bear. The Montana miner, though receiving maximum wages, is exposed to the maximum discomforts and dangers attending his vocation. He treads no primrose lined pathway to the depths which take him to his daily labor.—Mining World.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

The New Zealanders have solved the labor problem with compulsary arbitration without alienating any capital, without despoiling any workman of his employment or depriving themselves of any of their liberty. At least, this is what Mr. Henry Demarest Lloyd tells us in his new book, "A Country Without Strikes," after a thorough personal examination of the operation of the law in force there since January 1, 1895. During the past five years there has not been a strike in that happy country, and that in the midst of an industrial development as enterprising in proportion as any to be found in Europe or America.

The New Zealand law is the device of Mr. W. P. Reeves, who without any precedent to guide him, devised the measure; and after four years of agitation inside and outside the Parliament, succeeded in having it become law. Its salient points are embraced in a three-fold compulsion—"compulsory publicity; compulsory reference to a disinterested arbitration and compulsory obedience to the award." Besides these important legal strictures, provision is made for the protection of the state in the recognition of trades unions, so that only grievances of some recognized importance can set in operation the ponderous machinery of the law. Nor does arbitration become compulsory until all efforts, on the part of both the individuals and the state, to secure conciliatory settlement have been exhausted. There is no making men work by law; nor is there fixing any wages by law. The practical effect of the law is the prevention of strikes and lockouts, and it distinctly states that, if the parties cannot agree as to wages paid, the decision shall be left to some impartial person, and both sides are compelled to abide by the award.

If we may be allowed to judge of a system by its feasibility, it would seem to us that—excepting, perhaps, in a few minor points—the interests of both labor and capital are safeguarded by these enactments; and if all that Mr. Lloyd tells us of the success of the experiment be true, there would seem to be a practical demonstration that a solution of some of the difficulties that beset the relations between employer and employee are more easy of solution than has hitherto been believed.

Anyone who has studied the labor problem will concede the fact that many employers, capitalists and corporations would deal fairly with their employees if unhindered by other and soulless corporations whose profit is simply wrung from the blood of their laborers. In other words, the root of the difficulty lies in the fact that in every country a few greedy and miserly monopolists enter the field, and by their brutal enslavement of their employees make it impossible for other corporations to deal as liberally with their hands as in many cases they might desire.

EGYPT'S LAST YEAR.

Egypt's ledger shows for the last year a revenue of over £11,000,000, and a surplus of more than £400,000. For the chronically bankrupt land of the Pharoahs, this would be a startling report, if British leadership there had not accustomed us to it already. This is accompanied, too, not by increased but greatly decreased taxation, a far better standard of living among the people, advancing prosperity and a better general chance for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Our friends to the south, having set out upon a colonial and white-man's-burthen career themselves, are deeply interested in this result. A few years ago, it was more fashionable with them to sneer at the "paternal government" which John Bull was conferring upon various native populations in odd corners of the world; but, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines have brought to them a heavier sense of responsibility. The New York Commercial Advertiser, in dealing in complimentary terms with this report, says, among other things:

Husbanding of the revenues is only part of the service the English control has done Egypt. Every year sees an expansion of its administrative activity into new channels. The country is being gridironed with railroads, for light and heavy traffic, the telegraph is almost omnipresent, and both state railways and the postal service, which includes telegraph, show a revenue surplus. This year was the lowest Nile on record, but there was no serious distress, and the great project for a dam at Assouan promises control and equable distribution of the river flow in the near future. Lord Cromer's latest scheme is Government loans of 10 per cent. to the fellaheen, who are fleeced of 40 per cent. by the usurers. His justification for this paternalism, which is only experimental so far, is "what the Government does not do in Egypt is not done at all," and the oppression of the fellaheen by the money-lenders is as old as Pharaoh. This maxim seems to be the root of all the strange and beneficient activities of Lord Cromer's government in Egypt.

The financial success of the last year is all the more satisfactory when we remember the extra strain put upon the Anglo-Egyptian treasury by some of the operations in the Soudan. Britain was compelled to bear an unfair share of the burthen of the pacification of the Soudan, and the rendering of the southern frontier of Egypt secure; but this is not the only place where Britain is carrying the blessings of an ordered government and paying the cost thereof.

CARIBOO DEEP LEVELS.

We have recently had an opportunity of learning, from Mr. William Thompson, a mining engineer well known to the majority of our readers, who, during the last few years, has given considerable attention to the auriferous gravels in the ancient river beds of the Cariboo district of British Columbia, some details of the work recently done in these old diggings. Throughout the province, the reputation of "Coolgardie Thompson" stands very high as an authority on hydraulic mining. Mr. Thompson obtained this soubriquet during his long Australian mining experience, and it was while visiting Cariboo for the benefit of his health that he was led to examine the question of deep levels which are now being exploited by several large and important companies. The undertaking with which Mr. Thompson is chiefly concerned is situated on Slough Creek, but he is also acting as consulting engineer to several other Cariboo enterprises. This creek practically forms the natural sluice box for all the gold carried down from the height of land between that creek and Lightning Creek, and also from the direction of Island Mountain towards the north. The creeks on both sides, namely, Burns, Lake Gulch, Devils Canon, Nelson, Coulter and Dragon creeks have been proved to be auriferous, and from Dragon Creek he exhibited some exceedingly interesting specimens of gold. A handful of dust which was obtained somewhat near the surface on this creek was coarse, but fine compared to that obtained at the lower levels, which seemed mainly to consist of small nuggets. After seeing specimens of this nature it is easy to appreciate the enthusiastic confidence of all mining men who have looked into the question of hydraulicing in Cariboo. From the surface of course, a very large quantity of gold has been obtained, somewhere about £12,000,000 sterling up to the present time. Lightning Creek yielded about £1,000,000 sterling per mile, and William's Creek about £5,000,000 in about 2½ miles of its length to the primitive appliances used by the miners in the early sixties. Of recent years it is almost safe to say that wherever bedrock has been reached in a properly defined old river channel, coarse gold has invariably been found "in situ." It has been difficult to interest the public in these undertakings, but under proper management there are few speculations which offer such huge possibilities, and nowadays when the ground can be so thoroughly explored by careful drilling there should be very little risk of wasted effort. The elevation of a considerable portion of this district is such that difficulty is experienced in securing a large and continuous water supply for hydraulic rinsing, but this does not affect deep levels, as there is always an ample supply available for sluicing purposes and washing the auriferous gravels. Mr. Thompson intends to proceed to British Columbia in about a fortnight, and will in all probability spend the greater part of the summer in the province, and there seems every probability by the end of this year the potentialities of the deep auriferous gravels in Cariboo will be most clearly proved.—British Columbia Review.

THE WIND CAUGHT.

Long ago the wind did much damage, blowing violently over the country of the Indian. Moreover, it often killed many people and destroyed much property. At that time there was a man who lived near Spences Bridge, and who had three sons. The youngest was very ambitious, and fond of trying to do wonderful things. One day he said to his father and brothers, "I will snare the wind;" but they laughed at him, saying, "How can you do that? The wind is unseen." However, he went out and set a snare. He did not succeed for several nights, as his noose was too large. He made it smaller every night, and, on visiting his snare one morning, found he had caught the wind. After great difficulty, he succeeded at last in getting it into his blanket, and made for home with it, where he put it down. He told his people that he had at last captured the wind. They laughed at him. Then, to verify his statements, he opened one corner of the blanket, and immediately it began to blow fiercely, and the lodge itself was almost blown over. The people cried to him to stay the force of the wind, which he did by again tying up the corner of the blanket. At last he released the wind on the condition that he would never blow strongly enough to hurt people in the Indian country again, which promise he has kept.

After this the lad dreamed that there was a mighty chief possessed of great riches, who lived in a large high house away to the south, and had a beautiful daughter who should become his wife. He made up his mind to go to this man and try to marry his daughter. He started out, taking his bow and arrows. After travelling a long distance, he wore out all his moccasins and became footsore. At this moment he saw a coyote on the hillside, and would have shot him if he had not cried out, "I am your friend, and will show you to the house of the great chief." The coyote asked him to sit on his back. The lad obeyed. Then the coyote said, "I can go only slowly now, but shall go faster after a while." They presently saw a grouse, and the coyote told the lad to shoot it. He did so, and the coyote at once singed it over a fire and ate it. They then went faster, and in a little while saw a fawn. This in turn was shot, and the coyote, after eating it, was able to run faster. Then a buck was seen, and the same was done, and the coyote now went at a gallop. A grizzly bear and an elk each appeared, and the same was done with them. The coyote was now going like the wind. At last they came in sight of the chief's house, which the coyote pointed out to him, giving directions to him how to enter and what to say. After passing some armed guards he was ushered in, and, although received very coldly at first, he worked himself into the chief's favor, and was hospitably entertained. He also found favor with the chief's daughter, and one night he ran away with her, after stealing the two best horses and saddles the chief possessed. In the morning they were chased, and being overtaken, they turned their horses and saddles into "stsuq," which they hid in their shirts for safety. They then hid in the bush, thus evading their pursuers. After travelling on foot for some distance, they met the lad's two brothers, who accompanied him part of the way on his journey to the chief's house, but, being discouraged, had remained in that neighborhood hunting.

They then journeyed together towards home. On the way home, his brothers, who had taken a fancy to the girl, threw the younger man over a very high cliff into a chasm, and went home with her. The young man, although he was not killed, was unable to find a way out. He called on the animals to help him. The wolf came and hung his tail over the cliff, but could not reach him. Then the magpie, who also had a long tail, hung it over, but with the same result. In fact, all the animals and birds tried it, but failed. He then thought of an old coyote who had his home in a cliff very close to Spences Bridge. This coyote came in answer to his summons, and let down his tail and drew him out. The young man then changed his stsuq back into a horse, and, going to a village close by, rode a race, which he won, and then sold the horse for much valuable goods, but afterwards turned the horse into stsuq, and the latter into a canoe, in which he went home. Reaching home, he found his wife (who had been protected from his brothers in his father's lodge), and she rejoiced at his return. After this he was considered a great man in magic. The coyote was his friend.—JAMES TAIT, in Thompson River Indian Traditions.

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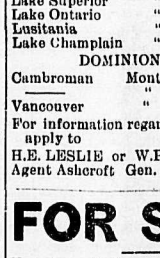

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"But you know how women are. They'll stand right by you when livin is up hill work, skimp, hustle and save, *but once they get money* they want a show for it, and the bigger the show the better. Things sorter come my way in pine, and I cleaned up a neat little pile. I just grinned at carriages, horses, a coachman, a lot of servants a snookin round the house, receptions, theater parties and all that sort of thing.

"But when they rung in a genuine butler on me I had a warm conversation with mamma and the girls. It didn't do a mite of good. They talked me clean off my feet, and the butler came. I could have got away passably with the president of the United States, but that fellow, stiff backed, high headed, looking superiorlike and never smilin 'less it was to stab you, riled me awful. One day while sittin in the library I heard him tell one of the maids he was goin to resign. 'What for?' she asked. 'The last lady as called took me for the barbarian'—that's me.

"For years I dealt with raftsmen and lumbermen. I paid his bill for six weeks in the hospital, and his wages too. We keep no butler."—Detroit Free Press.

Charlotte Bronte Not Flattered.

An interesting anecdote of Charlotte Bronte is recalled by Mrs. Humphry Ward in her biographical introduction to "Vilette." In 1851 the authoress, having refused repeated invitations to London, on the ground that having done no work she deserved no treat, finally consented to pay a short visit to the family of her friend and publisher, Mr. George Smith.

Thackeray was at this time at the height of his popularity in London, and Miss Bronte arrived in time to hear his second lecture on the English humorists.

When it was over, Thackeray, who had recognized the timid little woman sitting by Mrs. Smith, came down from the platform, and, shaking hands with Miss Bronte, asked her how she liked it. There are few persons who would not have been flattered by such an attention, but Miss Bronte, on the contrary, was almost offended by it, and when she introduces a similar incident in "Vilette" she comments on the restlessness and the lack of desirable self control on the part of the lecturer.

A Tonic Needless.

Mrs. Hohmboddle—John, dear, while you're down town I wish you'd just call and pay the milliner—$17 the bill is, but if you give her $10—

Mr. Hohmboddle—I'd rather settle it in full.

Mrs. Hohmboddle—Well, but I want you to bring me six yards of that lovely stuff from Matchem's—I'll get you the pattern—and that will take the other $7. Then I'll just make a memorandum of the trimmings, that will be about $3 more, and if you love me you know the kind of gloves I want. You've bought them often enough. Now, dear boy, you won't forget?

Mr. Hohmboddle—No, I'll remember; and, by the way, I'll take my tonic bottle along and get it renewed. I've felt quite run down of late.

Mrs. Hohmboddle—Your tonic? Why, that costs $1.50! It seems just like throwing money in the street to pay for medicine. Don't you think you could get along without it?—Judge.

Barnum's Excuse.

P. T. Barnum's propensity for practical joking began early to assert itself. Once a man was on trial in a local court for a small misdemeanor. Learning that he had no money to hire a lawyer, Barnum offered to conduct his defense. With great solemnity he made a lengthy plea in which he virtually accused his client of being guilty of half the crimes on the calendar, ending with a recommendation to the mercy of the court on the ground of unsound mind.

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His Happy Future.

The Saunterer happened to be dining with a friend the other evening, and of course the table's population included the inevitable 5-year-old boy. The latter had fallen into the habit of asking for all kinds of impossible things, being refused and going howling from the room in obedience to the command. He would re-enter two minutes later with a half dozen dirty streaks and a bright I-accept-your-apology smile on his face.

On this evening, after the third excursion, he suddenly conceived an affection for the sugar bowl. He reached for it, got it and as promptly gave it up in response to the threatening hand of his mother. His father glanced up casually, waiting for the usual outburst before he sent him out, but instead the child's face brightened, and his eyes twinkled with anticipation.

"What are you so glad about, Willie?" asked his father.

"I w-uz thinkin," answered Willie—"I wuz thinkin of all the sugar I'm goin to have when everybody else in this house is dead."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Neighborhood Humorist.

"Yesterday I met George as I got on the car and I said, 'Hello, George, how're you getting on?' Then he said, 'I ain't getting on, I'm getting off.'"

"Well?"

"Today I met him as I was getting off the car and I said, 'Hello, George, how're you getting on?' Then he said, 'I ain't getting on at all, I'm putting my mother-in-law on.'"—Chicago Record.

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She Made It Like Starch.

It is true that in Ireland, with the spread of general knowledge and improved medical aid, "cures" and superstitions are on the wane, but still "the misthress' bottle" is much preferred to the doctor's, and the advice of a "lucky woman" is of much higher value than that of an M. D. Apart from the medical knowledge required, it is no light matter to undertake to prescribe for one's neighbors, as the following will show:

"If it's plazin to y'r honor, I'm come to ax for a bottle," said an old woman. "I was tuk that bad last night I thought the life 'u'd lave me."

After due inquiry into her symptoms she was given a packet of arrowroot, with minute directions how to prepare it. As she scarcely seemed to take them in, a happy thought struck the lady. "You know how to make starch, don't you?" she asked.

"Yes," said the old woman.

"Then make it just like that," said her friend, "and add a little sugar to it."

The old woman departed, to return next day with the information that she was like to die after atin what Miss Norah gave her, and, with all due respect to her, she couldn't get it all down; it wint so ag'inst her.

She was requested to bring what remained for inspection, which revealed that the directions as to starch had been *literally* carried out. She had put blue in it.—Cornhill Magazine.

The Forest of Fontainebleau.

"We spent the night in Barbizon, paid a goodly bill and set off in the company of our English friends for the town of Fontainebleau, lying at the center of 50 square miles of forest," writes a girl from Paris to The Ladies' Home Journal. "It is never wild, never mysterious, this forest that thousands of artists have loved to paint, but it is calm and grand and never tedious. For eight hours we wandered over plains covered with towering oaks, among rocky gorges, out of which slender, graceful beeches rise, and through miles of fragrant, giant pines. And everywhere are feathery ferns and *purple heather*.

"There is not the slightest chance of losing one's way. Every square inch of the forest has been mapped out, and at the intersection of every two avenues a red hand points to the town, and a blue hand indicates the direction of one of the 'sights.' And Fontainebleau? We saw only the palace, a bewildering maze of magnificent rooms. Everywhere there was richness, everywhere wonderful frescoes, wonderful stairways, wonderful tapestry, wonderful inlaid furniture. The grandeur is oppressive, and we were glad to get out into the park, to wander about in the different courts."

A "Practical" Joke.

An Irishman took a contract to dig a public well. When he had dug about 25 feet down, he came one morning and found it caved in—filled nearly to the top.

Pat looked cautiously round and saw that no one was near, then took off his hat and coat and hung them on the windlass, crawled into some bushes and waited events. In a short time the citizens discovered that the well had caved in, and, seeing Pat's hat and coat on the windlass, they supposed he was at the bottom of the excavation.

Only a few hours of brisk digging cleared the loose earth from the well. Just as the eager citizens had reached the bottom and were wondering where the body was Pat came walking out of the bushes and good naturedly thanked them for relieving him of a sorry job.

Some of the tired diggers were disgusted, but the joke was too good to allow of anything more than a hearty laugh, which soon followed.—London Answers.

The Eskimo's Liver.

Does every one know in what notable physical particulars the Eskimos who live in the far north differ from us temperate zone people? It will be remembered that half a dozen or more Eskimos came to New York from the arctic zone with one of Lieutenant Peary's homing parties. Most of them died presently of pneumonia, to the distress and somewhat to the indignation of the public. Of several of them careful autopsies were made and, not a little to the excitement of our medical world, it was discovered that the Eskimo intestine was about four feet shorter than ours is, and that his liver was not shaped like what we have been used to call a human liver, but was more like that of a dog. The Eskimo, apparently, is so constructed that he can live and thrive under such conditions and on such a diet as he can command at home.—Harper's Weekly.

That Coal Scuttle.

In these days when so many excuses are used to obtain entrance to dwelling houses and burglars carry off everything possible it is as well to be careful. Therefore when a servant recently informed her mistress that a strange man had called and said that he had come to "measure for a coal scuttle" the mistress was naturally alarmed. The man came again, however, bringing with him three others, and then it appeared that he had come to put in an electric wire and box for messenger service. What he really meant to tell the servant in the first place was that he had come to measure for the "call box." He had apparently broadened it into "coal box," and the servant had repeated it as "coal scuttle."—New York Mail and Express.

Baths and Fatigue.

Professor K. Beerwald says that when the body is fatigued or the brain has been overtaxed by excessive mental work it is very wrong to take a cold bath. Such a bath excites, he says, and if we add this to the already excited state of the body the result *seems rejuvenating for the moment*, but very soon the tension becomes too great, and the body cannot be forced to do more work.

According to the professor, a warm bath is the only kind to be applied when one wishes to recover from fatigue, and the longer a tired body remains in a bath of, say, 70 degrees the quieter become the strained nerves and the easier follows the sought for rest.

In the morning, after a good night's rest, a cold bath is very invigorating, but at no time during the day, if the nerves are strained, should it be repeated.

A Dangerous Hallucination.

I saw a shrewd and successful gentleman who, on my being introduced, said he was glad to have a talk with a nerve doctor, for he thought there was something wrong. Then he told his tale, which was that he was pestered by gangs of gypsies who appeared everywhere. He said that he had just come in from chasing them in his garden, for wherever he looked out he saw them pulling up his shrubs.

I said: "But the shrubs are not removed. How do you account for this?"

He said: "Well, it is hard to tell, but I still feel they do it, and when I wake *in the morning I see* the same gypsies using my toothbrush and my hairbrushes. I jump up, only to find they have disappeared." He admitted the absurdity of the whole thing, but yet he said he felt it was true, and he must act upon his belief.

What might have proved a serious loss followed the persistent hallucinations, for before I insisted on his withdrawing from all business he had on one holiday gone to his office to look through his private safe with its very valuable securities. Before leaving he thought he saw his son in the adjoining office and told him to put the things away and to lock the safe. The son was a hallucination, and it was only by accident that the son discovered the state of affairs before others arrived next day.—London Lancet.

Why Americans Win.

One of the many reasons why American manufacturers are so successfully competing in foreign markets is to be found in the following episode which occurred recently: An American manufacturer of steam specialties was visiting an English firm which made similar goods. A certain article which both firms made was under discussion.

"What is your price on this thing?" asked the American.

"Well, in your money, about $10," replied the Englishman. "What does it cost you?"

"I'll deliver at your door all you want at $7 apiece," said the American.

"How in the world do you do it?"

"Well, I'll illustrate," answered the American. "Look out of that window and across the street. See that man painting a sign?"

"Yes."

"He's on a ladder, isn't he?"

"Yes."

"See that other man sitting on the sidewalk holding the foot of the ladder?"

"Yes."

"Now, in America we have ladders that stand up by themselves—don't need a man to hold 'em. So, you see, in this instance we divide your cost of labor exactly by two."

"I see," remarked the Englishman.—Electrical Review.

To Have Good Teeth.

All persons, old and young, should have their teeth examined once every six months by a competent dentist. Decay will be present and tartar forming which nothing but a thorough examination will reveal. Professional service rendered in time means high class work, less pain and great economy. A tooth filled when decay is slight will not be sensitive, the operation not long and the filling lasting, because the operator has more and better structure to work on. He is enabled to make the walls of the cavity thicker and stronger and with slight danger of exposing the nerve, the dread and fear of all when having teeth filled. Have your teeth attended to in time. Do not procrastinate. Give the dentist good tooth structure to work upon, and he will render you excellent service. One person in a hundred has good teeth; 99 persons in 100 could have good teeth with the proper attention.—H. G. Vorhies, D. D. S., in Woman's Home Companion.

They Were Safe.

A punctilious southern lady was married to a happy go lucky Carolinian with a notorious disregard for all matters of dress. He was going off on a trip, and his wife packed in his satchel six shirts, exacting a promise that he would wear a fresh one every day. He returned home in due course, and the good housewife proceeded to unpack the bag. Lo, not one of the shirts was there!

"What's the matter, John?" she asked in great perturbation. "Where are all the shirts I gave you?"

John protested that he had followed orders and put on a clean one every day, but what happened to them he did not know. He retired down stairs to think out the problem. Ten minutes later an excited face was thrust into the room, and a happy voice rang out: "I've found 'em, my dear; I've found 'em! The whole six shirts are safe! I've got 'em all on!"—Kansas City Independent.

Cautious Man.

"Are you married?" he asked of the man who sat next to him on the suburban train.

"What's that to you?" was the ungracious retort.

"Oh, no offense meant; no offense at all. I'm a bachelor myself, but I've just been visiting a married sister, and I feel the need of expressing my views on children to some one. If you're married, though, possibly it wouldn't be wise."—Chicago Post.

Disabled by Distraction.

"Is your husband a good whist player, Mrs. Chatter?"

"No; he can't play at all if anybody at the table talks."—Indianapolis Journal.

It never offends a woman when her doctor or preacher scolds her; she considers that is his way of "taking an interest" in her.—Atchison Globe.

Packing For Moving.

"If you will only pack things in small boxes," says the woman who *knows how to move*, "you will have the men who move you in a comparatively beatific state of mind; books, for instance. It is strange, but every woman who has books to move immediately gets the biggest box she can find for them. Books are heavy anyway, and big boxes are liable to break with their weight, and it is almost impossible to move them. They will fit just as well into small, square boxes in which packages of starch or oatmeal have come, and they will pack into the moving van better, and the men can handle great numbers of them with little trouble."—New York Times.

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THE ASHCROFT JOURNAL.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1900.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

Birth.

ROWLANDS—On Saturday May 26, 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rowlands, a daughter.

J. G. Walker of Lillooet spent the week here.

Fred Roth, a cigar salesman, is visiting his Cariboo customers.

A. B. Ferguson, the popular hotel man of Savona, was here this week,

Ald. McQueen is expected to speak here next Tuesday in support of Hon. G. W. Beebe.

The foundations are all laid, and the walls of the Harvey, Bailey brick block will soon be up.

Hugh B. Gilmour, a Martin candidate from Vancouver, spent a few hours here Thursday.

Mr. Brenner has not done anything with the dredge at Quesnelle and has returned to Ashcroft.

John Wilson and family were in from 8-Mile Creek to attend the funeral of the late John Glassey.

Interesting letters from Clement Cornwall, A. Eadwell and Jimmy Fisher appear on the first page.

George I. Blair, of the Hat Creek house, was in Ashcroft yesterday. He reports the crops doing well.

Stewart & Crozier's covered surrey with their matched team of bays makes the most stylish turnout ever seen in Ashcroft.

The Ashcroft hotel is now fitted up with a call-board that exhibits the advertisements of the principal business firms in Ashcroft.

A petition, which no doubt will be favorably acted upon, has been sent to Superintendent Downie, asking him to properly gravel the approaches to the C. P. R. station.

The tramp who spent a day or two here this week, and finally located himself in Mark Dumond's house (it is not yet occupied) received a three months' sentence at Kamloops.

Ashcroft is fortunate in having two such obliging gentlemen in public positions as C. A. Sherr, manager of the local C. P. R. telegraph office and R. Cotton assistant postmaster.

Parker's stage line sent out two specials this week for Cariboo points. Mr. Pringle, the agent of the line here, is obliging and very attentive to the wants of the Cariboo travelling public.

Returning Officer Fooks is kept busy this week arranging matters for the election. He appears to thoroughly understand the business and there should be no trouble as far as he is concerned.

W. C. Fry returned from the Sound this week and has gone to Quesnel. Mr. Fry was hurriedly called to the Sound owing to the dangerous illness of his mother but did not reach there before her death.

Mr. Warren who has resided in Ashcroft for the last year has gone to the coast. During his stay here he was deservedly popular among all the church organizations and being a splendid singer was of valuable assistance at concerts and socials.

B. F. English is out with a challenge to run his horse "Crawford" against any horse, mare or gelding now in the province, for a ¼-mile dash; weight 135 lbs, for $500 a side. Race to be run at Ashcroft on 1st of July. The challenge remains open untill June 15th.

Hon. J. C. Brown will address a public meeting in the town hall tonight. Mr. Brown has always been a public man and is a fluent and witty speaker. He speaks of course, for Mr. Beebe, but what Ashcroft people would like is to hear Mr. Beebe speak for himself.

An enthusiastic meeting was held last Wednesday night which resulted in the formation of a baseball club. Already over twenty members have signified their intention of disporting themselves on the diamond, and the prospects are good for a first-rate team to challenge Lillooet, Kamloops and other ambitious towns. Denis Murphy was elected president; Wm. C. Morgan, captain; and Jas. C. Shields, manager. Practices takes place on Monday and Friday evenings at 7 p. m. and Wednesday afternoons at 3 p. m. on the diamond. All members are requested to be on hand for these practices.

R. G. McPherson, the Vancouver Martin agent, returned to Ashcroft last night from his unsuccessful attempt to obtain Government candidates in Cariboo. Mr. McPherson is loud in his praises of the hospitable treatment he received from everyone he met in Cariboo, and says "they are as fine a lot of people as he ever met." At Quesnel he saw Mr. Charleston of the telegraph construction party, and was informed by him that poles are up and wire stretched for a distance of 130 miles from Quesnel.

George Stuart is building a harness shop next to Tai Soong & Co.'s store.

Mark Dumond will visit a town on the Fraser river quite near the coast next week. As he is a registered voter in this district and the town referred to is not in this district people are wondering what he is going for.

PASSENGER LIST.

The following is the list of passengers arriving and departing by Ashcroft stage lines:

B. C. EXPRESS CO.

ARRIVALS.

Ah Sung, R A Fraser, J Walker, F Carter-Cotton, Mr Brenner, Mr Le Conte, Mr Murdock, J W Bennet, H. Davis.

DEPARTURES.

R A Fraser, Lillooet; W O'Leary, Soda Creek; Jas B Leighton, Cariboo; Mr Trower, Clinton; Miss Murphy, 141-Mile House; Joseph Hunter, Soda Creek; S A Rogers, Soda Creek; W Kalbay, Lillooet.

PARKER'S STAGE LINE.

ARRIVALS.

Mr Hammond, Bullion; R Ferguson, Clinton; L Musgrove, 150-Mile House; and D McTavish, Hat Creek.

DEPARTURES.

Dennis Spratt, Hat Creek; M. Drummond, Quesnel; H A Grant, 150-Mile House; and Kan Kee, Quesnel Forks.

By special stage—Fred Roth, Barkerville; and R McDonald, Horsefly.

FREIGHT SHIPMENTS.

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

May 26,	Sun Wo, Quesnel.....	2,500
" 26,	A Crowhurst, Horsefly.	7,000
" 26,	A Baker, Soda Creek...	8,000
" 26,	W McDonald, Gang R..	4,000
" 26,	A Wells, 150-Mile House	13,000
" 27,	W Parker, Bullion.....	1,500
" 28,	J S Slade, Dog Creek...	3,300
" 29,	F. Peters, Barkerville..	12,000
" 29,	W. Elmore, Barkerville	12,500
" 30,	McMillan, Clinton.....	6,300
" 31,	A R Bain, Soda Creek..	9,000
" 31,	Cummings Bros, Lillooet	558
" 31,	T. Gagne, Soda Creek..	10,000

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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

A diploma and gold medal was awarded for Blue Ribbon baking powder at New Westminster in 1898 This powder is made in Canada by Canadians and is not sold at boom prices. F. W. Foster can sell it to you at 25c per 12 oz. tin. Please try it.

Commercial men and others who do not desire to travel on my regular stages can have special rigs on short notice for any point in Cariboo, which will make fast time.

PARKER'S STAGE LINE,
Ashcroft, B. C.

Write to Smith & Bryson or W. B. Bailey & Co. for a description of their road carts, buggies and democrats. The Studbaker farm and freight wagons which they sell, are too well known to need any description.

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Engineering and Survey work. Reports on mining properties. Maps and plans prepared of any portion of Cariboo district.

Dissolution of Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Chas. E. McMaster and David Bever, hotel keepers, of the town of Quesnelle, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All outstanding accounts must be paid to Chas. E. McMaster.

DAVID BEVER,
CHAS. E. McMASTER.

Witness: Elmore Wells.

Thos. Drummond,
M.E., P.L.S.
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The Ashcroft Tailor, has just received a consignment of Spring
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VERY BEST QUALITY
Direct from Scotland and would be pleased to have you call and inspect same.
All orders will be carefully attended to and satisfaction guaranteed.
ASHCROFT B.C.

NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that Mr. Nicolas R. Hopkins, school teacher, of Yale, has been duly appointed Election Agent for Sir. Geo. W. Beebe as mentioned in Section 180 of the "Provincial Elections Act."

HARRY FOOKS,
Returning Officer.

ASHCROFT, B. C., May 26, 1900.

NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that Mr. H. L. Roberts, book-keeper of Ashcroft has been duly appointed Election Agent for Mr. Denis Murphy as mentioned in Section 180 of the "Provincial Elections Act."

HARRY FOOKS,
Returning Officer.

ASHCROFT. B. C., May 26, 1900.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I shall at the expiration of thirty days apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease one hundred acres of land on the north fork of Bonapaate River, for pastoral purposes, commencing at the south west corner post, then north fifty chains, east twenty chains, South fifty chains, west twenty chains to point of commencement.

W. J. COSSTICK.

Bonaparte, April 30th, 1900.

NOTICE

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease forty acres of land in Lillooet District, commencing at north west corner stake of my pre-emption No. 718, thence north twenty chains, thence west twenty chains, thence south twenty chains, thence east twenty chains to point of commencement, for the purpose of cutting hay etc.

NAPOLEON FISET.

100-Mile House, Clinton B. C., April 30 1900.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the Vancouver, Northern & Yukon Railway Company to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act extending the time within which the Company may complete its undertaking, and confirming and extending the powers to the Company therein, and enabling the said Company to extend its line of Railway from some point at or near the City of Vancouver, or some other convenient point on the shore of Burrard Inlet, to some point on the north or south side of the Fraser River at or near the City of New Westminister, and changing the name of the Company by inserting the word "Westminister" after the word "Vancouver, and conferring such other powers as may be necessary to fully and completely execute, carry on and operate the said undertaking.

Dated this 7th day of May, A. D. 1900.

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NOTICE.

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

Barkerville, 6 cents per pound.
Stanley, 5½.
Beaver Pass 5½.
Wing Dam, 5.
Cottonwood, 4¾
Quesnelle, 4.
Quesnelle Forks, 4.
Beaver Lake, 3½.
Alexandra, 3½.
Horsefly, 3½.
Soda Creek, 3.
158-Mile House, 2¾.
115-Mile House and 150-Mile House, 2½
Above the 100, 2¼.
100-Mile House, 2.
83 and 87-Mile Houses, 1¾.
59-74-Mile Houses, 1½.
Clinton, 1¼.

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

CARIBOO PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
M. P. STEWART, President. STUART HENDERSON, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway, standard or narrow gauge, for the conveying of passengers and freight from some point at or near the outlet of Kamloops lake, thence by the most direct and feasible route to the plateau of the Bonaparte river; thence to a point on the Cariboo Wagon Road near the One Hundred-Mile House; thence northerly to some convenient point in the vicinity of Williams or Antler Creek in the Cariboo district; with power also to build a branch line from some convenient point upon the above described line to the confluence of the Quesnelle and the Fraser Rivers; and with power to construct, operate and maintain all necessary bridges, ways, and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and to build, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province, and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power; and with power to expropriate land for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privliges or other aids from any Government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies and to levy and collect tolls from all persons using and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railways, ferries, warves and vessels built by the company; and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

Dated the 24th day of April, A.D. 1900.

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This Week we will give you some
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Some odd lines to clean out
25 pair Woman's Button Shoes, reg. $3.50 a pair for $2.00
30 pair Woman's Oxford's & Slippers, reg. $2.00 for $1.50
15 pair Men's Laced Shoes, sizes 6 to 10, reg. $3 00 for $1 75
12 pair Boys Laced Shoes, sizes 1 to 5, reg. $2.25 for $1.50
15 pair Youths Laced Shoes, sizes 11 to 13, reg. $1.75 for $1 25
Our Shoe Business is steadily increasing. Good goods at right prices always draw trade.
Boots & Shoes **Ashcroft Trading Co' Groceries**

A Snap in Ranges.
$35 Will buy you one of McClary's Steel Ranges.
Parts can be had at any time.
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The Steamer CHARLOTTE will make regular trips from Soda Creek to Quesnelle, connecting with all
STAGE LINES.
from Ashcroft and way points.
Freight left at Soda Creek for the steamer will be stored free of charge, also freight by steamer for points beyond Quesnelle will be forwarded free of charge for such forwarding. Fare each way, $4.50; freight per ton $10.
Quesnelle, B.C **JAMES REID** Manager.

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