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QUESNELLE.

On Four Mile Creek east of this village good placer mining ground has been found and many claims have been located. Work in prospecting is going on now.

At the Baker mine, opposite the mouth of the Cottonwood, about 200 ounces of gold was taken out as the result of a 30 day's run, working only on a small scale. The prospects for this property are of the brightest.

Dredging has been temporarily suspended on the Fraser by the Pittsburg dredger. No results have as yet been made known but it is believed that they will be encouraging.

Miss Northcote, sister of Mrs. E. Bowron, has been engaged by the trustees as teacher for the village school in place of Mr. Smith, who has resigned.

HORSEFLY.

R. T. Ward, of the Horsefly Gold Mining Company, left Ashcroft for the mines at Horsefly on Wednesday morning, after a few weeks stay in San Francisco. Mr. Ward states that his advices from the mine are to the effect that everything is moving along very very smoothly except that his company are short of men, his foreman having written that it is impossible to get a sufficient number at the present time to do what work is required and push along outside work as fast as is desired. On Mr. Ward's arrival at Horsefly it is the intention to wash up the boxes, which has not so far been done this season, although over five thousand dollars was brought out by Mr. Ward on his trip down before as the result of three days run in one small pit. Taken all together the Horsefly mining section is looking well, with operations on the deep channel which are being vigorously pushed by the Miocene company. The Horsefly Hydraulic company, operating successfully with their 10-stamp mill on the cemented gravel, and various other operations on a smaller scale, it seems fair to expect that within another year there will be a large number of men employed and great activity in gold mining in the Horsefly section.

CLINTON BREEZES.

G. Walker has located a quartz claim up Clinton creek. The samples of rock look well and the claim may develop into a rich mine.

J. Uren and G. Mitchell were out the other day prospecting. They brought home some fine samples of rock.

Miss Cunningham, who has been on a visit at the 83-Mile House, returned home last evening looking the picture of health.

T. Barton, proprietor of the Dominion hotel, who has been up to Telegraph creek, arrived back safely. His many friends were much pleased to see him home again.

The school was opened last Monday by Miss Keatchent with a large attendance.

N. Horton, W. S. Thurburn and R. Stoddart, carpenters, arrived from the Gang Ranch, where they have been for several months erecting a dwelling house for J. D. Prentice, manager of the Westren Canadian Ranching Company,

Miss A. Koster passed here en route to Alkali, where she will spend two weeks visiting relatives. From there she will go to the Forks to visit her father.

Miss C. Dessault, of Chimney creek, met with a painful accident caused by her horse running away. She was unconscious for sixteen hours. Dr. Herald was summoned, and no doubt Miss Dessault will fully recover.

Dredging on the Fraser and Quesnelle.

Charles Hatch, of Victoria, who is interested financially in the Oleson dredger on Quesnelle river, came in to Ashcroft on Thursday evening, leaving for Victoria the next morning. Mr. Hatch has been with the dredger and working on it since it was first started. He states that in a general way it is working successfully but that some changes will have to be made, and that the dredger is not handling so large an amount of gravel as was claimed for it, but that each bucket is about two-thirds full. When full each bucket holds about three cubic feet and the machines deliver 12 per minute or nearly a yard, which would make in a full day of 10 hours nearly 500 yards, but that by reason of necessary stops that amount is now above the average. He thinks that across the river from where the dredger now lies there is ground that is far richer. The dredger will soon be taken over. The Quesnelle at this point is a swift running stream, and it being just above the canyon at Donaldson's crossing care must be exercised in crossing. There is no steam propelling power to this dredger. Mr. Oleson has commenced the building of a second one just above the present one, which is a good indication of the success of the machine now working. The company contemplate putting a dredger on the Cottonwood, on which they have secured a lease. Mr. Hatch informs us that the Pittsburg dredger is now up the Fraser near the canyon and had been successfully moved to the point desired but work had not yet commenced so far as he knew. Word has also been received that the company owning the lease from the junction of the Fraser with the Quesnelle, up the latter stream ten miles would put on an elevator dredge. Nothing has been heard of the Smoky river people and Bob Brittle says he thinks he has fallen heir to the dredger which now lies up at the mouth of the Smoky river all ready for operation. Brittle says that if he had a grub stake and a few men he would start up and try and get his wages as watchman out of the river. The Smoky people, or the Sidney Gold Mining company, as they call themselves, must be a peculiar lot of business people. There is also a plan on foot to put a dredge on Summit lake, near Barkerville. It is believed by those who have investigated the proposition to be a good one.

Kootenay Mines.

The sale has just been made of one of the most valuable mining properties in the Rossland camp, which is but another indication of the steady growth of confidence in our great mineral resources, and while American enterprise may be the first in exploiting a new mining field, the mines thus opened pass ultimately into the hands of British owners.

The confidence of the late owners of the Centre Star in the intrinsic value of the property, has been fully justified by the sale just concluded. The manner in which they have developed the property will now enable its new owner to make it a large producer and thus add materially to the output of the camp and the importance of the Rossland district. The late owners have made a handsome profit as the result of their enterprise and the purchasers have acquired one of the best mines in the district, while the transaction itself will be a splendid advertisement for the great mining district of West Kootenay.

Teamsters' Contest.

To THE EDITOR:—Why can we not have something worth looking at in a teaming way at the Agricultural Exhibition. I heard a few days ago one of the teamsters suggesting to a leading member of the exhibition committee that something be given for a hauling contest. To my surprise this member of the committee did not take any interest in the suggestion and hinted that it could not be. Such suggestions should not be so easily disposed of. Ashcroft is the starting point for such a large number of teams that a hauling contest should be one of the main attractions at our exhibition. Let this be put into the hands of a competent committee and surely we can have an exhibit of pulling and ribbon handling that will be most interesting. It need not stop at pulling, let something be given for the man that can handle a six horse team the best. These, Mr. Editor, are only suggestions that a good committee can easily make something of. Would it not be advisable to withhold prizes altogether when the articles or events are so very far below standards that they should not be exhibited? There will not be any improvement in our exhibits so long as prizes are given for most inferior exhibits. It is not worth while for anyone to prepare a good exhibit in any line because a very poor exhibit will be given a prize if it is the only one. This is not as it should be. Have a standard for everything and if an exhibit does not come up to that do not give a prize. M. D.

Pine Creek Stampede Continues.

The excitement at Dyea and Skaguay over the find made at Pine creek had not abated a mite when the Discovery left last Friday. Passengers on the steamer stated that it was almost impossible to find a restaurant in either Dyea or Skaguay where a man can get a square meal. Hundreds of employees of the Treadwell mine, on Douglas island, have thrown up their positions, too, in the hope of finding for themselves in the new camp fortunes such as many of their fellows discovered in the Klondike in the early days of that district. Both Dyea and Skagway are almost deserted. Juneau, too, has felt the quickening effect of the new discoveries and some 200 men from that place left a short while ago for the new diggings.

It is estimated at Dyea that between 2,500 and 5,000 men are now either at Pine creek or on their way to some of the latest and in many respects one of the most interesting gold discoveries of the north.

A few days before the Discovery's passengers left Dawson a cleanup was made on Dick Lowe's fractional claim on Bonanza creek, at the mouth of Skookum gulch. Four men shoveling into the sluice boxes cleaned up over $70,000 in four hours. This is only one of the claims that is being worked this summer. The system of mining gold in the Klondike district is passing through a process of evolution, according to the passengers on the Discovery. The mine owners have found that they can dig the gold out of the frozen gravel beds at a cost of from 60 to 80 per cent. cheaper in the summer than in the winter.

Estimates of the gold production from the summer diggings are placed by well posted men on the Discovery at from $3,500,000 to $5,000,000.

DEATH OF JAMES NEWLAND.

On Tuesday's train from the west the remains of James Newland, an old and esteemed resident of this section, arrived in Ashcroft for burial. Mr. Newland had been taken to Vancouver only a few days before by his devoted wife in hopes that a change of air might prolong his life, or at least render him more comfortable for his few remaining days, but a sudden change for the worse occured on Monday and he died that night. The certified cause of his death was from collapse caused by ashtma.

James Newland was born in Cumberland County, Indiana, Oct. 21st, 1832, and was therefore 66 years of age. He was one of a family of eight children, one sister and six brothers, only three of whom survive and are residents of the states. He crossed the plains to Oregon in early days and in 1858 came to British Columbia and has ever since resided in this province. Although a good citizen of the province Mr. Newland has never failed during his long life here in firing a national salute of 13 guns and ceremoniously hoisted the American flag with the British ensign alongside every fourth of July. Mr. Newland leaves surviving him a wife and one daughter, a young lady of 18. He was buried in the village cemetery at Ashcroft from the Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon, the Lillooet Pioneer society, of which Mr. Newland was a charter member, being in attendance, and as is their invariable custom, looking after the burial of one of their honored members. The sympathy of the community is with the bereaved widow and daughter. Mr. Newland's familiar figure and his cheerful salutation will long be missed in Ashcroft.

Agricultural Commission.

We are in receipt of the following letter and publish per request:

Victoria, August 15th, 1898.

Editor B. C. MINING JOURNAL, Dear Sir:—I enclose a list of the subjects of enquiry in connection with the Agricultural Commission. It would be impossible for the commissioners to visit every locality of the province in which farming is carried on, to ascertain the views of every person. In order, however, that all may have an opportunity, farmers and others are invited to express their opinions in regard to any or all of these subjects referred to, addressing communications to the Secretary of the Agricultural Commission, Victoria, B. C.

The commissioners would be obliged to you if you would call attention to this matter in your columns and publish list of the subjects. Yours truly,

R. E. GOSNELL,
Secretary Agricultural Commission.

1. The social, industrial and financial welfare of agriculturalists.
2. The incidence of the tax on mortgages.
3. Irrigation in the dry belts of the province.
4. Cold storage for the beef products of the interior.
5. Forestry—the prevention of forest fires, etc.
6. The reclamation, clearing and draining of lands.
7. The settlement of unoccupied agricultural lands.
8. The establishment of Provincial Experimental Stations.
9. The establishment of Mutual Credit Associations.
10. The conservation and improvement of pasturage and the promotion of cattle-raising and dairying interests.
11. The access to markets, means and rates of transportation.
12. All matters directly or indirectly connected with agriculture in British Columbia.

Bombardment of Santiago.

Westminster is making the effort of its life in getting ready for the provincial exhibition that takes place this season. The display described below cannot fail in interest if, as is evidently the purpose of the committee, it is well done:

Realizing the importance of providing some strong attraction to assist in entertaining the thousands of visitors who are expected here during fair week, the directors of the Royal Agricultural & Industrial Society of British Columbia and the Citizens' Celebration Committee cast about for some means of attaining this laudable end. A number of communications and proposals were received from various directions, including a proposition for a great professional sculling regatta, and these were carefully considered by the directors and the special features committee of the Citizens' Celebration Committee. After mature deliberation and a careful canvass of the respective merits of the several specialties, the preference was given to the offer of Messrs. Herd & Teale, the well known fire works manufacturers of Hamilton, Ont. This offer was finally accepted by the R. A. & I. society and the citizens' committee, and we are now assured of a special attraction in connection with the exhibition, and one the like of which has not been before seen on the northwest Pacific coast.

The great spectacular scene, which will be put on here for the first time, is entitled "The Bombardment of Santiago by the American fleet," and also showing the great land battle between Gen. Shafter's forces and the Spaniards. The following is a synopsis of the great spectacular drama:

The Spaniards in possession of the country (Cuba.)

Spanish soldiers compelling Cubans to leave their homes and enter the towns, thus preventing aid being given to the insurgents.

The soldiers and their prisoners are filing into the fortress to the left. A large party of reconcentradoes are hard to drive and they lag behind.

Gomez and his Cuban volunteers arrive upon the scene. They attack the Spanish troops, defeat them, and rescue the reconcentradoes.

After the Spaniards are driven off, an American newspaper correspondent, taking notes of the proceedings is seen by Gomez. Cubans are about to handle him roughly, but he pulls out the stars and stripes, and then explains his business to them. (Cheers for Old Glory.)

The correspondent enters the Spanish fortress, although the Cubans try to dissuade him.

Arrival of an American officer and escort, announcing the arrival of the American fleet, just outside the harbor. As he is speaking the vessels appear in sight, much to the joy of the Cubans. The American officer also tells them of the approaching land forces, and the flag of free Cuba is unfurled, amid general festivities.

More American war vessels arrive off the harbor, and, the Merrimac being detached, is sunk, in the entrance to the harbor, by the guns of Moro Castle.

The war correspondent re appears, escaping from the fortress and pursued by a strong Spanish force, which, without capturing him is compelled to retire by the guns of the fleet.

American land forces appear, but fall off to the right to clear the stage for naval action.

The two armies close for battle and a terrific bombarbment of the forts by the fleet commences.

Finale—Destruction of Moro Castle and defeat of Spanish land forces.

At the conclusion of "The Bombardment of Santiago," there will be a magnificent display of fireworks, commencing with a discharge of detonating rockets and terminating with a grand aerial bouquet of rockets and set piece showing the letters "Good Night." Between these two numbers there will be some sixty fine separate displays, exhibiting some of the very triumphs of the fireworks maker's art, the whole being on a scale never before witnessed west of Winnipeg.

This magnificent pyro spectacular entertainment, wheih has been obtained at a cost of over $3,000, will be given on four different nights, and will be well worth seeing, and, no doubt, it will prove here, as in the eastern cities, to be the best "draw" which the exhibition directors and Citizens' Committee could have secured.

A Joke.

Santiago De Cuba, Aug. 3.—The Casino Espanol, or Spanish Club, in Santiago, much frequented by the Spanish officers, has for some time boasted a gramaphone, which was a source of joy and delight to the club members before the capitulation.

Strangely enough, through the long nights of the siege, the favorite piece of music which they were in the habit of having repeated four or five times an evening was "The Star Spangled Banner," which greatly pleased their musical souls, although they were entirely ignorant of its origin or significance. As fate would decree on the morning of July 17, when the American flag was hoisted over the governor's palace, the regimental band of the Sixth cavalry played with the utmost gusto this self-same air, whose full meaning then broke upon the assembled Spanish officers with unusual force and with no little discomfiture to their already ruffled feelings.

Anglican Schools.

The following is taken from the address of His Lordship Bishop Dart to the Anglican Synod:

The girls' school at Yale is steadily rising in public estimation. Parents whose children have been educated there speak highly of it. The arrangements and tone of the institution, and the quality of the instruction imparted appear to be quite satisfactory. It is to be hoped that funds will soon permit the enlargement of the school so that a high class education may be put within the reach of a much larger numbsr.

The Indian department at Yale still maintains its character for efficiency. A site for the proposed industrial school for Indians has been selected at Lytton by our committee appointed for the purpose. Notice, however, has been received from Ottawa to the effect that there is no intention at present of paying the grant towards its erection. I am not aware of the reasons for this notice and trust that the grant is only deferred, not cancelled. No one who has considered the subject and has seen the working of industrial schools in other places can doubt that such an institution might be a great blessing to our Indians.

A Panther Adventure.

Sheep have a lively time of it with the number of panthers on Vancouver Island. A short time ago at Cowichan, a Japanese laborer, who was going through the woods, leapt off a log and almost on the back of a huge panther. His dismay may be judged from the fact that a few minutes later he reached a distant farm quite out of breath and just able to convey the intelligence that "he nearly killed me." This startled the whole farm staff and soon dogs, guns, proprietor and employees were on the spot. Sure enough there, in natural position, lay the treacherous beast. Not taking to a tree the party being strong they advanced close, closer. He did not stir. It soon became evident that life itself was gone Examination established the fact that the gunners had been cheated a few days. The verdict as soon as suspense gave place, was that the victim had sufficiently partaken of the strichnined mutton, so carefully prepared by Jacob, after his panthership had slain the unsuspecting sheep. The poor Jap was long in learning the end of the story, but the disappointed marksmen drew the loyal pantherly bounty.

Gold Exhibition.

Mr. Godfrey, Manager of the Bank of British North America, recently showed a News-Advertiser representative a fine collection of gold nuggets and bars from the Yukon, Cariboo, etc. Six bars of Yukon gold were valued at about $820 each, three smaller ones at $100 each and several nuggets were on exhibit at values varying from $175 to $20. The main collection was made up of gold brought down from the Klondike last week and smelted at the bank. There were also specimens from Coolgardie, Australia; Williams Creek, Cariboo; Skookum Gulch, Yukon; and of copper ore from Van Anda.

The exhibit is shown in a glass case on the chief teller's desk. Next week he will be able to add to his little "pile" a gold brick of the Cariboo "yellow stuff," valued at $10,000. The exhibit is a valuable, unique and tempting one, but is well guarded, as the reporter noticed in each teller's desk a six-chambered revolver, loaded and conveniently to hand in case of an emergency.

Speaking of nuggets the following despatch from Perth, West Australia, dated August 11th, is of interest: Advices from Kalgoorlie say thousands of people are rushing to the vicinity of Lake Gwynne, close to Kanowna, where a nugget weighing ninety-five pounds was recently discovered. The excitement in the mining districts is reported to be intense. The value of the nugget is over $17,000.

A Few Habits.

1. Coffee leaves are taken in the form of infusion by two millions of the world's inhabitants.
2. Paraguay tea by ten millions.
3. Coca by at least fifteen millions.
4. Coffee bean, pure or mixed with chicory, by forty-five millions.
5. Cocoa either as a chocolate or in some other form by fifty million.
5. Hashish is eaten or smoked by three hundred million.
7. Opium by four hundred millions.
8. China tea is drunk by five hundred millions.
9. All known nations of the world are addicted to the use of tobacco, either in smoking or chewing.

The practical question that confronts us is what we can do to destroy the craving for alcohol and overcome the conditions of the system that make the craving possible? I answer that our treatment must be moral and physical as well as medical. When properly treated, the craving for alcohol is destroyed in from three to five days, and in about three weeks' time the general vitality of the system, in the majority of cases will become normal. Then moral influences must be brought to bear to prevent the possibility of a relapse. The work now being performed by the International Brotherhood League in behalf of the poor who have become slaves to alcohol, is producing splendid results. They not only care for the patients, but furthur them medical treatment, and do all in their power to improve their homes and social conditions, thus adding moral aid to the medical treatment essential to to the building up of their physical condition.—Com.

THANKS.

We desire to extend heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in the care of our dear relative just called away. May the days be many before a sorrow so heartfelt is visited upon you, and when the time does come, as it sometime must, may kind friends do by you as you have by yours gratefully,

MRS. JAMES NEWLAND
and daughter, KATHERINE.

The Electric Light and Waterworks Co. made a change in their plans and concluded not to turn on the water for a few days but are pushing the laying of pipe and getting ready to start up the entire system within a few days. It was expected the lights would be turned on last Saturday night.

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Another Stampede.

Victoria, Aug. 13. The Cottage City, arriving this evening, brought news of gold discoveries in northern British Columbia, which have caused stampedes from Dyea and Skagway and all points along the trail to which news of the discovery has spread. The find is in Pike Creek, in the Lake Tagish district. Mounted policeman French has brought information to Tagish confirming the first news. He said that bedrock is only five feet from the surface, and the dirt is running $6 to the pan. From the head of Lake Tagish the route to the finds is via Taku Arm to the mouth of the Atlinoo river, 65 miles; 7 miles up the river to Atlin lake, and about 12 miles across the lake to Pike creek. It is about 40 miles from the Stickine and Teslin lake, where it crosses the Nahleen river.

A Skagway letter from a reliable correspondent says: "The news of the strike reached here on Friday from Tagish lake, but most people took it for a fake of some steamboat company until yesterday, when some men came in from the diggings with a little sack of nuggets to show for their work, which has been for only a week. They went in with small outfits, not enough to see them through, and are back for more provisions. Some of them have as high as $1,500. It is reported to be a second El Dorado, from $1 to $60 to the pan being the average, and some going as high as $50 to the pan. They have fairly set the town crazy, men running around since daylight getting their stuff together. Everybody who can possibly leave is making for Bennett as fast as he can. There will be at least 500 leaving today, and about the same from Dyea. Bennett is deserted. Everybody has left there for the diggings, only 60 miles away. The railroad company has lost about six or seven hundred of its men, all making for the gold fields. They can be made in three days from Skagway."

If the locations turn out at all extensive they will be very popular, being in British Columbia, where the mining laws are more liberal than those of the Dominion, and no royalty is collected, to say nothing of the comparatively mild climate as compared with the Klondike.

Sultan of Morocco Dead.

Gibraltar, Aug. 14. It is reported that Mulai-Abd-El-Aziz, sultan of Morocco, is dead.

Vesuvius in Eruption.

Naples, Aug. 14.—Mount Vesuvius is now in a state of eruption from a new crater. This eruption is supposed to be connected with the seismic disturbances felt in Messina and southern Italy.

The New Westminster Exhibition.

The MINING JOURNAL is in receipt of a copy of the prize list for the provincial exhibition to be held at Westminster from October 5th to 13th inclusive.

Among the principal features is the announcement that this year there will be a competition between the agricultural societies of the province. Three prizes, $300, $200 and $100, are offered for the finest and most artistically arranged exhibit of fruit, grain, grasses, roots and vegetables raised within the district entering the same. Here is an opportunity for Ashcroft to take first prize, for in each of these crops this district excels.

The prize list has been enlarged, a third prize having been added in nearly all the classes. Division E (poultry) is the largest division, containing 358 classes and 1074 prizes.

No entry fees will be charged for exhibits, but the time for entering them is limited at Friday, Sept. 30th.

There is a large list of special prizes appended, offered by persons in all parts, which will stimulate competition in different classes.

The constitution, bylaws, regulations, etc., are printed in full, and the rules should be carefully perused by intending exhibitors, who can obtain copies of this catalogue by applying to the secretary of the society, A. Malins.

Then and Now.

Inventive genius is doing for the mining business what it has done for other phases of our industrial life. It is lifting the vocation to a higher level and framing for it magnificent successes for the future. In ancient times surface mining was alone possible for there were no adequate appliances for deep mining. The gold that was hammered into a veneering for the temple of King Solomon was probably a placer product, though it must be confessed that the mines of Ophir have never been definitely located by curious man since they were lost in the remorseless shuffle of the passing years. The next most voluminous accumulation of gold found by Pizarro with the Inca of Peru, was also from the surface, for the ancient Peruvians were no greater adepts at deep mining than their trans-Atlantic cousins of the ancient world.

Before the days of gunpowder for blasting purposes the art of working rock was a tedious process that practically destroyed the profits of mining, even when slave labor was employed. The ancient miner seems never to have discovered the use of lime in blasting, as it was often applied in an early day in the west when powder could not be secured. Alternate layers of dampand dry lime in a drill hole was a slow but effective process of breaking rock. As the water percolated from the damp lime into the unslaked lime a force was generated that could find expression only by breaking the rock.

The advance made in mining during the last few years has been marvelous. Not only have machines been devised to simplify the work and expedite mining operations and increase the output, but chemistry has grasped the problems of the underground world with brilliant success. The treatment of ores has kept pace with their extraction from the earth. Science has clasped hands with invention and uttered a prophesy of magnificent successes for the future of the industry. Western Mining World.

Ketchum Again to the Front.

The following self-explanatory note reached the Nelson Economist office, bearing date Sedro, Wash., Aug. 6th:

"Please mention that there was the best-looking, 9-lb., red-headed chunk of humanity arrived at our house yesterday. 'It' is of the male variety and positively the cutest thing that ever happened. Yours fraternally, SENECA G. KETCHUM."

A Tombstone Problem.

A man who went away from home some time ago to attend a convention of church people was struck with the beauty of the little town in which the gathering was held. He had plenty of time, and while wandering about, walked into the village cemetery. He saw a monument, one of the largest in the cemetery, and read with surprise the inscription on it:

"A lawyer and an honest man."

The delegate scratched his head and looked at the monument again. He read the inscription over and over. Then he walked all around the monument and examined the grave closely. Another man in the cemetery approached and asked him:

"Have you found the grave of an old friend?"

"No," said the delegate, "but I was wondering how they came to bury those two fellows in one grave."

Drowning Accident at Trail.

J. Robertson, who recently bought out the banking, insurance and real estate business of R. J. Beeley & Co., of Trail, and who was one of the most respected residents of the smelter city, was drowned in the Columbia river last week opposite Trail. Robertson and chief of provincial police, Captain Devitt, went out in a boat on the river to fish a short distance below the town. The boat got into a swift current and was overturned. Robertson clung to the side of the boat until he was exhausted and, letting go his grip, was carried away by the swift current. Devitt swam towards the shore and was rescued by a couple of men in a boat who had witnessed the accident, but he had a narrow escape and it took considerable time to restore him to consciousness. All efforts to recover the body of Mr. Robertson were, up to a late hour last night, unsuccessful.—Nelson Miner.

Nerve in Mining Matters.

While nerve alone will not insure the success of a man in the mining industry it is one of the chief essentials of success, says the Butte Western Mining World. The man who lacks it will fail to overtake success in 99 cases in every hundred. In no other vocation is the courage challenged so often. In no field of effort is there greater demand for energy and faith. There is not a mining district in the west that is destitute of its heroes who have bravely stood up against the most discouraging circumstances ever encountered by man, struggling to overcome conditions that foreshadow disapointment and defeat. Occasionly there are conspicuous examples of this type. Montana has held its full quota and is proud of the record made by the men who have had the nerve to stand by their guns until the struggle with fate was won.

Utah has a mining hero in the person of Captain DeLamar, a man of unconquerable nerve and determination. In the Mercur district he spent $1,500,000 before realizing one dollar in return, but as a result stands ready to "pull out" that amount per annum for many years to come. Usually men of DeLamar's wealth refuse to bother themselves with new ventures involving worry and anxiety and which may swallow up a large portion of their wealth without yielding adequate returns, but Utah's nervy investor plunges ahead and wins success by very audacity of his methods. His investments mean an expenditure of $1,000,000 a year among laboring men, and he thus conserves the public interests of the state in which he lives. Men of the DeLamar type are the heroes of progress, the benefactors of the mining industry, the life of the communities honored by their efforts.

There seems to be no limit to the uses to which aluminum can be put. The Russian Minister of War has approved of aluminum horse shoes for the cavalry, after a severe test as to their merits. They wear longer than iron, are less affected by moisture, cost no more, and are of course much lighter. They are likely to come into general use in the near future. Within a few years iron will have to take a back seat for many of the utilitarian purposes where it is now deemed indispensable. The first skirmish alone has been fought in the field of industry destined to be one by the onward march of aluminum.

The Shooting Season.

The following synopsis of the Game Act, for the perusal of those who would a-hunting go, or who are otherwise interested in the game animals and birds of the province, is taken from the Columbian:

Section 10 of the act states that it shall be unlawful to catch, kill, destroy, or pursue, or to buy, sell, or expose for sale, show, or advertise any of the game birds or animals during the close seasons and prohibited times of sale set out in schedule B.

The following is the synopsis of this schedule, in as concise a form as possible:

The open seasons during which the undermentioned game may be killed, are, respectively, as follows, all dates inclusive:

September 1st to December 14—Deer (buck or doe), mountain goat, mountain sheep (ram).

September 1st to December 31st—Caribou, elk, wapiti (bull), grouse of all kinds, including prairie chickens, hare, moose (bull).

September 1st to February 28th—Bittern, duck of all kinds, heron, meadow lark, plover.

November 2nd to March 31st—Beaver, land otter, marten.

It is unlawful to shoot or destroy at any time—Birds living on noxious insects; blackbird (English); caribou, cow or calf; deer, fawn under 12 months of age; elk, wapiti, cow, or calf under two years of age; gull; linnet; moose, cow, or calf under 12 months of age; mountain sheep, ewe or lamb; English partridge; pheasant, cock or hen; quail, all kinds; skylark; thrush; eggs of protected birds. Robins may be shot by farmers only, in gardens, between June 1st and September 1st.

It is unlawful to buy, sell, or expose for sale, show, or advertise, any of the above mentioned animals or birds, at any time, except caribou after November 30th; deer (buck), after August 31st; duck, during close season; blue grouse, during open season; hare, after September 30th; heron, during close season; moose (bull); mountain goat; mountain sheep (ewe or lamb), after September 30th; plover during close season. The above restrictions as to sale do not apply to beaver, land otter, and marten.

In addition to the above restrictions it is unlawful to kill or take in one season: More than five caribou; more than ten deer, or to hunt deer with dogs, or kill for hides alone; more than 250 ducks; more than two elk or wapiti bulls; more than two moose bulls; more than five mountain goats; more than three mountain sheep (rams).

The act contains numerous prohibitions as to the method, means and area by or within which game may not be killed; also, provisions regarding exportations, etc., and the act is now in such shape that it may be easily understood. All who contemplate enjoying the shooting season should post themselves, and avoid incurring the various penalties provided for contravention of this act.

Here is a story which is going the rounds of the Canadian press, and which is surely hard to beat of its kind. Somewhere in the States, the exact place is uncertain, a horse was being groomed. The stableman had carefully brushed and cleaned the horse and was giving a final touch to his tail preparatory to leaving him, when the animal, to the attendant's great surprise, turned his head and remarked, "Remember the Maine."

An Invulnerable Soldier.

Corporal Laurie, of the Seaforth Highlanders, has earned from his comrades the title of the "invulnerable soldier." How he earned it is told by him in a letter to his sister in Scotland, giving an account of the battle of Atbatara, in the Soudan. The corporal writes as follows:

"Shortly after we entered the enemy's zareba (defences constructed of thorns) a bullet tore off the point of my left boot. My boots were too large and the foot remained unhurt. Then my bayonet was hit and bent into a right angle.

"After that a bullet passed through my sleeve near my wrist. It made two holes in the cloth, but did not hurt me. More important was a bullet which as good as disarmed me, as it knocked the butt of my rifle into splinters. It glanced aside on a screw, else it would have entered my body.

"Then a nigger jumped up right before me and made a lunge at me with his spear. He cut my knapsack all to pieces. A little later a bullet grazed my hand, so that it bled a little. When I reached the river I received the bullet which caused me to be placed on the list of the wounded. Its course was so remarkable that it deserves description. The bullet passed through the cover of my right hand cartridge box, entered the coat pocket, where it destroyed a penknife and two pencils. It then tore four holes in my shirt, caused a wound three inches long in my chest, pierced the strap of my left hand cartridge box, and tore my coat over the left shoulder. In the afternoon I went to the hospital to get a little attendance. They call me the invulnerable soldier now, and my comrades jokingly ask whether I would mind having a platoon practising upon me."

He Felt Funny.

One of the men on board the Olympia at Manila tells of the preparations to enter the bay and brave the dangers of the mines and shore batteries, says the Philadelphia Press.

"About 7 o'clock I took a pillow," he writes, "and lay down on the soft side of a plank to take a nap. All the men slept at their guns. At 9:30 we were quietly called. No bugle sounded. Everything was done quietly. I jumped up and went on the bridge. I felt nervous for awhile. I did not know where we were and it was dark as hades. All one could hear was the orders given by the officers and the click of the breech blocks as they were closed. We could see the shape of a big island ahead of us, and we were told that it was the fort. It was about 600 feet above the level of the sea. We could not elevate our guns enough to bear on it, so they fired at us without receiving an answer in return. Our nerves were highly strung now from waiting in suspense. About 12 o'clock we were directly under the guns of the first fort, and when they started to signal and fired a blank rocket, every man braced himself. On we went, not knowing what minute a torpedo or submarine mine would send us all to eternity."

Speaking of the battle, he says: "For awhile I thought I was a gone goose. The shells were falling around us thick as hail. We could see the big ones pass over our heads. It was hot as well, and the smoke and saltpetre were suffocating. One shell passed about two feet over my head, cutting the signal halyard I was holding. 'Jump up there and get that end,' said the officer. While I was up on the back stay I felt funny, I can tell you."

For some time past Messrs. F. Rowbottom and L. Manson, the owners of 160 acres of land (including the coal) in the vicinity of Beck's lake, have been prospecting for coal, and their labors have proved successful. At a depth of 30 feet from the surface they struck a seam of good, hard coal, six feet in thickness. No drifting has yet been done from the shaft, and the seam showed but a slight pitch. This is indeed a valuable find, as the property is in the vicinity of the Southfield and Alexandria mines, the E. & N. railway running through one corner of the property. The location is a practicable one for economic shipment, but Messrs. Rowbottom and Manson have not yet decided on what course they will pursue in utilizing their valuable discovery.—Nanaimo Free Press.

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CHAS. A. LEE.

Alkali Lake, July 11th, 1898. 1317

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A DOUBTING HEART.

Where are the swallows fled?
Frozen and dead,
Perchance upon some bleak and stormy shore.
O doubting heart!
Far over purple seas
They wait in sunny ease
The balmy southern breeze
To bring them to the northern home once more

Why must the flowers die?
Prisoned they lie
In the cold tomb, heedless of tears or rain.
O doubting heart.
They only sleep below
The soft white ermine snow,
While winter winds shall blow,
To breathe and smile upon you soon again.

The sun has hid its rays
These many days.
Wilt dreary hours never leave the earth?
O doubting heart!
The stormy clouds on high
Veil the same sunny sky
That soon (for spring is nigh)
Shall wake the summer into golden mirth.

Fair hope is dead, and light
Is quenched in night.
What sound can break the silence of despair?
O doubting heart!
Thy sky is overcast,
Yet stars shall rise at last,
Brighter for darkness past,
And angels' silver voices stir the air.
—From Adelaide Anne Procter's "Legends and Lyrics."

WON A BRIDE.

It was a warm summer'sevening, and I had left the windows and doors of the office open for the sake of a refreshing draft. I had been sitting for some time at my desk plunged in a fit of the deepest thought and had not heard any one enter, when suddenly the words: "Are you a lawyer, sir?" caused me to start violently.

Rising from my seat and turning up the gas jet on the table, I turned and surveyed my interlocutor, who proved to be a well dressed, rather good looking man of 40 or thereabouts, of middle stature and possessed of a small, piercing pair of eyes, which returned my gaze unflinchingly.

"The business on which I come," he said, taking off his hat and fixing his keen, black eyes upon my face, "will require your services until late in the night, if not until tomorrow morning. My niece, who resides some miles from London, is dangerously ill, and her recovery being extremely doubtful she desires to make her will. For this purpose I have applied to you, promising you, should you accede to my request, any fee you may demand."

I communed with myself for a few moments, eyed the man suspiciously, and then asked the distance to the young lady's residence and the mode of conveyance thither.

"About five or ten miles," he responded, handing me his card, on which I read "Martin Jackson, London Wall." "It is a short distance from Kew, and as a train does not leave London Bridge for some time I have provided a carriage and driver, which waits in the street. May I consider your services as engaged?"

I responded that he might, and a few moments sufficed to find us ensconced in a close carriage, which took a westerly direction at moderate speed.

My companion meantime enlightened me with an account of his niece's sickness and previous history, and an hour after leaving the place of starting we found ourselves about a mile from Kew bridge. I was a young man, and my nervousness and suspicions of the man beside me may be excused when his evident anxiety in employing myself, an inexperienced lawyer, are considered. His story, too, did not sound consistent in all respects, for he spoke of his niece, Miss Blanche Pickering, as being at times subject to short fits of insanity.

When the carriage stopped, it was in front of a large, dark looking building of stone, standing a short distance back from the road and surrounded by tall poplars.

One thing struck me as rather curious as I walked up the gravel walk to the mansion and tended to arouse my suspicions once more. Jackson dismissed the carriage after paying the driver with a few whispered words, the import of which I was unable to ascertain, and the hack turned sharply, as if to retrace the road to London. I said nothing, however, but, shifting a revolver which I always carry into a more convenient position in my inner breast pocket, entered the house with my companion, who unlocked the door with a latchkey and ushered me into the parlor, which was poorly lighted by a hanging lamp.

Having seen me seated by a table on which were spread refreshments, Jackson left me for a short time and returned shortly with a large, well built man, whom he introduced as Mr. Cooper, his cousin. The latter individual took a seat beside me and, pouring out some wine, requested me to join him, which I courteously refused, on the plea of being a teetotaler.

Jackson had left the room again. A short time after, by request of Cooper, I followed him up the staircase into the gloomy hall above and into a room where Jackson was seated by the side of a bed, apparently in conversation with some one lying there.

It was no wonder that I gazed long and earnestly at the countenance of the woman who reclined there. A more perfect face I had never seen—pale and with an expression of care and pain, it might have been, yet there was no trace of sickness or disease, and as my eye wandered from those beautiful features, the sad yet sweetly smiling eyes, down to the white, plump hand which rested in the large brown one of Jackson, I felt that there was some mystery in the case and that he had been untruthful in his revelations. Suddenly the man arose and, dropping the lady's hand, drew up a chair opposite to my own, and with an impatient, uneasy exclamation brought my investigation to a termination.

"You will draw out the ordinary formula of a testament," he said, giving the young girl a close, scrutinizing look, in which I could detect a warning expression, "writing as I dictate. Miss Pickering has already acquainted me with her destined disposal of her property and will acquiesce when it is finished. I suppose her affirmation will be all that is necessary?"

I was somewhat surprised at the strangeness of the request, but replied:

"Certainly, if I am confident that she is compos mentis and she too ill to dictate the instruction herself."

Here a slight exclamation broke from the lips of the occupant of the bed, as if about to frame a word or sentence; but she was checked by Jackson, who, with a threatening scowl, evidently not meant for my observation, said:

"Don't exert yourself, my dear niece. I will do all that is necessary," and then, as I drew the writing materials before me, he quickly leaned over toward her and hissed in her ear, "Remember—be careful" with such emphasis as to cause her to sink, pale and trembling, back among the pillows of the bed.

A half hour elapsed and the will had been completed. All Blanche Pickering's property, personal and real, was to be divided between the man Jackson and his son Henry, with the exception of a few small legacies. Then I read it, and after propounding the few necessary interrogatories to the legator, which were answered in a low, trembling affirmative, I requested her to sign it.

Drawing my chair up to her side, with the paper and pen in my hand, I waited for her to obey my request, intimating to Jackson that it would be as well to have Cooper as a witness.

The latter individual had evidently fallen asleep, for, a call not bringing him to the bedside, Jackson arose and walked to where his confrere lay.

At this moment and with the rapidity of light the girl's hand caught my own and, leaning my head downward so that I could listen to what she might desire to say, I heard her whisper in passionate, beseeching words:

"I am forced to this! They intend to kill me! For heaven's sake, help me!"

Then she sank back, and before Jackson had been able to observe us we had both resumed our former relative positions.

At last the will had been signed, witnessed and sealed, and, hat in hand, I stood at the table awaiting my client's further pleasure, as if I had not the idea in my mind of returning before morning, and that, too, with an officer of justice.

I followed my servitor down the stairs, listened to his untruthful regrets that the carriage must have returned to the house, as agreed upon, and then gone to the city; declined his offer to remain for the night, and, having been directed the route to the station, stood once more in the open air.

Suddenly a wild scream of terror assailed my ears. In a moment I was again up the steps and turning the knob of the door in an ineffectual attempt to gain admittance.

I was about to attempt to force an entrance through the window when the door was flung suddenly open and the man Cooper stood before me.

He discovered me at once and struck at me with his clinched fist. Evading the blow, I whipped out my revolver and, striking him with the butt end, knocked him senseless upon the steps.

I was again about to turn and enter when the form of Jackson dashed down the staircase through the open door and I felt myself in his grasp.

I saw at once that he was unarmed, and elevating my pistol I fired, but the shot was turned aside and the weapon knocked from my hand to the ground.

Then ensued a fearful struggle between us, in which we both were precipitated down the steps upon the gravel walk below, I uppermost.

It was perhaps for two minutes that I held him by the throat, dealing him blows with my disengaged hand—he having the other in his strong grasp—when, with a dexterous twist of his powerful arm, he turned me aside and I lay prostrate upon the ground with the vise-like grip of his strong fingers grasping me by the throat until my eyes were starting from their sockets and every muscle became inactive.

Seizing a large stone which lay near him he raised it in his left hand and was about to strike me on the head when a sharp, loud report rang on the air. The form of the ruffian fell back. His fingers relaxed their grasp.

A form in white passed before my uncertain vision, and then for the space of five minutes I was utterly unconscious.

When at length the mind awoke from its stupor, Miss Pickering was bending over me chafing my temples and attempting to perform what nature had done—restore me to sensibility.

From her I learned that she had risen from her bed at the exit of the two ruffians from her room, and observing my dangerous situation had fired at Jackson just as he was about to strike me with the stone with my revolver, which she had picked up on the steps.

I also learned that her scream was caused by the resolution of the murderous twain to start after and murder me, fearing that she had communicated something to me which might upset their well laid plans.

Having securely bound the still unconscious Cooper and removed the corpse of Jackson into the house, we awaited the coming morn—Miss Pickering meanwhile informing me of her imprisonment by Jackson for over a year and his resolve to force her to make a will and then make away with her. Her parents having died and left her sole heiress to a large property, her appointed guardian, Jackson, a half brother of her mother, was playing for no diminutive stake.

The next morning a farmer's wagon conveyed Cooper to the city, and, the affair having been reported to the proper authorities, he was arrested and conveyed to jail. His trial took place a month later, and he was rewarded with seven years' penal servitude.

Miss Pickering was entirely exonerated from all blame in the killing of Jackson, and her estate properly administered a few months later, she having been of age for over a year. Not long after Miss Blanche Pickering became Mrs. Avery.

The will and revolver are still in our possession—the sole mementos of that exciting night when I almost lost my life and gained a bride.—J. F. Avery in Spare Moments.

REDEEMED THEMSELVES.

A Company of Soldiers Whose Captain Didn't Know General Rosecrans.

The late General Rosecrans ran up against a tartar once, but he had the good sense not to let his ruffled dignity cause him to lose his temper. The story, as told by Colonel James T. Sterling, is as follows:

Company A of the Seventh Ohio was formerly the Light guards of Cleveland and was one of the very best drilled companies in the army. It was commanded by Captain Creighton. The Seventh Ohio was in West Virginia in 1861, and "Old Rosy" was in command. The supplies for the army were brought up the Kanawha river in boats, which were unloaded by details from the regiment. General Rosecrans had ordered that soldiers on duty must wear their equipment. Company A was sent out to unload a boat, and Captain Creighton permitted the men to take off their equipment and their coats as well while engaged in this hard work. When the work had been completed, the men and officers sprawled out on the grass for a rest, and then General Rosecrans and some of his staff rode up. The general looked at the soldiers a minute and then called for the commanding officer. Captain Creighton did not know General Rosecrans, but he rose to his feet.

"Who commands this company?" asked the general.

"I do to the best of my ability," replied the captain.

"Don't you know, sir," inquired the general sternly, "that it is against orders to allow the men to remove their equipments when on duty?"

"I have heard some such order," said Captain Creighton, "but the man that issued it never did a day's work in his life. When my men have to work hard, I'll see him in the other place before I'll let them swelter with their accouterments on."

"Old Rosy" stared at the cool captain a moment and then rode down toward the boat.

A soldier approached Captain Creighton and said:

"Do you know who that is?"

"No, and I don't care."

"That's General Rosecrans, the commander of this department."

"Whew!" ejaculated Captain Creighton. "Company, fall in!"

Without question it was the finest company in the command. When the general and his officers rode back from the boat, the company in full equipment stood in perfect order and gave him a present in such splendid style as to attract his attention. General Rosecrans returned the salute and requested the captain to put his men through the manual. When it was finished, the general raised his hat, turned to the captain and said:

"I think that a company that can handle muskets as well as that should be allowed to unload a steamer without anything on if they want to."—Detroit Free Press.

JINGLES AND JESTS.

The Usual Programme.

When a friend assails you, look carefully round;
Don't rush into action where dangers abound;
Be sure that you think it all o'er once or twice
And never be backward in asking advice.

Never fear that your friends will be cautious and coy;
They'll step in the midst of their duties with joy
To hear you describe your dilemma clear through
And tell you just what they think you should do.

Don't let your own judgment a barrier be;
Go on through the list, though they all disagree,
Till some one at last recommends your pet plan;
Then take his advice; he's a sensible man.
—Washington Star.

A Wild Quest.

He came down the street at a rapid gait. He dodged into the first bank that met his gaze. A moment later he reappeared.

His jaw was firmly set, his eye blazed.

He dodged into two more banks. Then he dodged into the other four.

Every time he reappeared his jaw was still more firmly set, and his eye blazed more furiously. He rushed into the postoffice, he charged into four newsstands. Deep wrinkles were lining his countenance. His face grew paler and more haggard. On he rushed. People turned and stared at the flying figure. A policeman glowered at him. But he heeded not. On, on he rushed in that wild and endless dance.

No, he hadn't been bitten by a tarantula, nor was he running amuck.

He was just an inoffensive business man and good citizen looking for a bank check stamp.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Old Fashioned.

New Boarder—See here, I can't stand this lamp. It smells like an oil refinery. What sort of a lamp is it, anyhow?

Chambermaid—That's a center table lamp, sir.

New Boarder—Well, take it away and bring me one of the old fashioned kind. I don't care for these newfangled scenter table lamps.—New York Weekly.

Deserved Congratulations.

I was introduced to a man today,
And, so soon as his name I heard,
At first I scarcely knew what to say,
The position was so absurd.

To congratulations my words so ran
That he soon became quite confused,
But he deserved them, for he was the man
Whom my wife had once refused.
—Up to Date.

Not Guilty.

"How did they come to release that fellow who was suspected of being a Spanish spy?"

"Why, they caught him shooting craps with some of the other prisoners. Of course that proved his innocence. A Spaniard couldn't shoot anything."—Chicago News.

What They Are Like.

"Those Spanish gunners are lightning," he said.

The listeners were startled.

"Yes," he continued, "lightning never strikes twice in the same place, you know."—New York Journal.

We All Know Him.

There is one man we've all marked for slaughter
Where'er he shall come in our reach;
Then we'll reap deep revenge,
And our past wrongs avenge—
On the camera fiend of the beach.
—Vim.

In the Restaurant.

Stranger—Waiter, let me have a poached egg.

Stranger at Next Table—One for me, too, please, but see that it isn't a bad one.

Waiter (in the kitchen)—Two poached eggs; one good one.—Tit-Bits.

Roundabout Hint.

"I hear that you're going to move, neighbor."

"Stuff and nonsense! Nothing to it. Who told you so?"

"Your landlord."—Detroit Free Press.

Circumstances.

"Death is the base deserter's fate,"
The Spanish soldier paused to sing,
"But if the leaders of our state
Are seized with fear and abdicate
Of course that's quite a different thing."
—Washington Star.

An Exception.

"This war," said the theatrical man, "has knocked the interest from everything."

"I don't find it the case," said the pawnbroker.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

His Greatest Sacrifice.

"Do you really think you love my daughter as a husband should?"

"Love her? Why, I would give up my bicycle for her."

(No cards.)—New York Herald.

A Mistaken Shakespeare.

"What's in a name?" I always sneered
Till father doned his specs
And settled fifty urgent bills
By signing fifty checks.
—New York Truth.

A Gentle Hint.

"You are my sun," he breathed passionately.

"Have you noticed that lately the sun has a ring?" she inquired, with a delicate blush.—Town Topics.

He Couldn't In New York.

Hewitt—What makes you think so much of Boston? Were you born there?

Jewett—No, but I've won a good deal of money betting on its baseball club.—New York World.

Business Stimulus.

Now the weather man is happy
And rejoices in his lot,
For he reads the war dispatches,
Then gets up and makes things hot.
—Chicago Record.

His Long Suit.

Framme—There is always the stamp of originality about everything Shortly does.

Pierry—Yes; they are the only stamps he ever has about him.—Philadelphia North American.

The 1898 Rules.

"It is the war that has knocked baseball out."

"You mean it is the lack of war."—Indianapolis Journal.

A Case of Curves.

When a scorcher doubles himself in a bow,
All the faster to make his bicycle go,
In a contest of speed, why it's most evident
What on winning he is very much intent.
—Town Topics.

Smart at "Figgers."

Mandy—I see by this paper, Hiram, that Jimmy Stone has been a bookmaker.

Hiram—That so? I allus thought he'd turn out a literary feller. He wuz so smart at figgers an spellin.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Cheap Ministers.

Aunt Derby—I do declare the folks in this congregation ought to be ashamed of themselves.

Aunt Hannah—Yes, indeed; I'm as economizin as anybody in some things, but I don't think churches ought to go around shoppin to get cheap ministers.—New York World.

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, 26th 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

—OF AN—

Extra-Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

The Consolidated Mining and Trading Company.

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.

The objects for which the Company has been established are:

Conducting mining operations for gold, silver lead, iron, coal, and all other substances of a commercial value in any section of North or South America, or elsewhere; of leasing, buying, owning, holding, developing, operating, prospecting, selling and disposing of mines and mining properties of every description whatsoever; for dealing in merchandise and all mercantile pursuits, and for furnishing all supplies necessary for mining or supplying mining camps; for conducting a general transportation business either by land or water; to establish colonies and to develop properties; employ people by contract or otherwise; also for the purpose of laying out a town or towns at or near any of its mines or mining property, such towns not to exceed six hundred and forty acres in extent, and to sell lots therein; also for the purpose of taking real estate, stock, bonds and securities in payment, in whole or in part, in payment of any debt bona fide owing to it, or as security therefor, and to manage, use and dispose of what has been so taken or purchased as a natural person may do; also, for the purpose of subscribing for or purchasing the stocks, bonds, or other securities of any other corporation formed for similar purposes, or for manufacturing or producing any products manufactured or produced by this company, or constructing a railroad or other work of internal improvement into the country in which the works or properties of this company are located; also, for the purpose of manufacturing any of the products so mined or produced.

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., 20th July, 1898. 14t10

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61-Mile House	46
70-Mile House	55
83-Mile House	68
87-Mile House	72
140-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
131-Mile House	116
137-Mile House	122
141-Mile House	126
144-Mile House	129
150-Mile House	136
Soda Creek	165
Alexandria	183
Moffatt's	189
Australian's	198
Bohanon's	200
Quesnelle	220
Cottonwood	241
Beaver Pass	265
Stanley	270
Barkerville	280
Big Lake*	159
Beaver Lake*	167
Quesnelle Forks†	191
Berry's†	22
Finny's†	28
Martley's†	37
Fathom†	40
Garagan's†	41
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1898.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Cariboo Exchange Hotel.....G E Johnson
Bush Fire Act.....Wm Dodd
Appointments.....Provincial Secretary
Remington Guns.....Chas E Tisdall

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

The Cariboo Exchange Hotel has a new advertisement on this page.

James Stott is again back to his old position as night clerk at the Ashcroft Hotel.

Mrs. Pringle, of Grand Prairie, came to Ashcroft Tuesday night to attend *the funeral of Mr. Newland.*

The Salvation Army band arrived *last night and* will discourse sweet strains in the town hall tonight.

Miss Noel, of Merril, Wisconsin, arrived in Ashcroft Wednesday night on her way to Lillooet to visit her brother, Arthur Noel.

Charles George of Vancouver is visiting Ashcroft and vicinity again making arrangements for shipping fat stock to Vancouver.

Arthur Haddock and Dick Stewart *have some valuable mining property* in the Bridge river country, a description of which we will be able to give before long.

Parties who have been using vacant lots in the townsite for the purpose of dumping old cans and general garbage on are hereby notified that it must not be done after this date or prosecutions will follow.

We are in receipt of a catalogue for 1898, issued by Chas. E. Tisdall, importer of arms, ammunition and sporting goods, Vancouver. It is a large and complete catalogue, and any one wish *ing goods in this line would do well to* send for one.

N. A. Clarke, of Quesnelle, who has been for some months in charge of the work on the Golden Province mines, came down from Quesnelle the fore part of the week, accompanied by his family, and has gone down to the coast for a brief holiday.

F. W. Foster's delivery horse with wagon following, made a quick trip *around the square on Thursday night.* Fisher Williams' and Mr. Barnes' saddle horses acting as escorts. Not much damage was done and for a wonder there were no children in the way on the street, so no one was hurt.

John Hay has accepted the office of secretary of state. His is a very unusual career, but not unlike that of a diplomat of a foreign school, He has held the office of private secretary to a president, and has occupied several positions which qualify him by experience to fill an office which places upon him the responsibility of our foreign *policy.*

By the engagement of Miss Annie Louise White, the New York favorite entertainer, and Miss Lillie Kleiser, the Canadian soprano, to appear in Ashcroft on Friday, the 26th, the pub*lic has a great treat in store. The high* recommendations these young ladies have obtained should be sufficient inducement to secure a large and appreciative audience.

Different prices are paid for miners and other employees in the Cariboo section. Wages range from $2.25 per per day, with a charge of $5 per week for board and if needed the company furnishes rubber coats and boots, to $3.50 per day and the men to board *themselves. This latter price only* applies to good miners working in hydraulic or underground mines.

Word has been received here of the marriage of W. A. Ballew and Miss Pearl Rogers at Republic. Both the contracting parties are well and favorably known here.—Loomis Prospector. We think the W. A. Ballew referred to is the Irvin Balleau that worked so long at the Cariboo mine. Whoever the lucky fellow is he has a Pearl anyway. We hope that it is our old friend that is referred to.

We *are in receipt of a letter from* the Kamloops people this week asking if it is not possible to arrange for a game of football, Rugby rules, to be played on Wednesday, the 28th of Sept., during exhibition week at Kamloops, and stating that Kamloops would play a return game some day during the Ashcroft fair. The committee of the Athletic club have the letter and will do the best they can to arrange for sports. How it will be about this particular game we can not yet say but *hope it can be arranged.*

On Scotty creek a party of miners *are sinking a shaft* for bedrock about six miles up the creek from its junction with the Bonaparte. It is reported that gold is found all of the way down and the prospects seem good for rich gravel being found on bedrock. A party of capitalists who were here about two weeks ago and expect to return in a short time, are reported as having left three men to look the claims located over and if their report was satisfactory would take a bond on the property at a good figure. It is farther *stated that the men above referred to* have expressed themselves as more than pleased with the property. A group of working mines on Scotty creek would be of much advantage to Ashcroft. May they prove rich and valuable, so say we all.

Mr. Higginbottom has begun the erection of Mr. Roberts' cottage on Brink street.

The chances now are that when the time arrives Ashcroft will have some government buildings.

Mrs. E. Dougherty and family were in town Wednesday to attend the funeral of James Newland.

A cave-in of the trench for the water main resulted in the temporary burial of a Chinaman, yesterday.

R. G. Gordon, principal of the Ashcroft school, returned last Sunday night from his summer vacation.

Chas. E. Tisdall, the Vancouver gunsmith, has a change of adv. in this *issue which should be of interest to* sportsmen.

J. Anderson *is back in* Foster's store after a month spent in the Clinton store, where he was relieving another for vacation purposes.

On Monday afternoon, at the Kamloops hospital, John H. Hook, aged 71 years, passed away. Mr. Hook will be remembered by old Cariboolte.

The prize lists, etc., for the annual exhibit of the Inland Agricultural Society are now ready and will be sent out by the secretary the first of next week.

J. B. Leighton has been giving gramaphone entertainments for the past few evenings in the B.X. office, which are a source of much pleasure to his audiences.

The superintendent of education has authorized the Ashcroft school board to postpone the opening of school on account of the hot weather. The school, probably, will reopen on the 29th inst.

Miss Roberts returned on Saturday *evening and will resume her position in* the school on its reopening. She reports having had a good time with her friends and relatives during her stay in Victoria.

General Kinchant is spoken of by the coast papers as being considered for one of the cabinet positions not yet filled. If this could be arranged it will give great satisfaction to General Kinchant's supporters.

Make a note of the fact that the entertainment given by Miss White and Miss Kleiser is a first class one and that the Misses White and Kleiser have a world reputation. Call and secure your reserved seats at the drug store. *The entertainment is to be on Friday* evening, the 26th.

On Wednesday night a large number of Premier Semlin's friends met at the town hall to arrange for a future meeting when it would be convenient for the Premier to be present, with a view of passing a pleasant evening and of showing the appreciation of the community in general of the recognition that has been given our fellow townsman by the voters of the province. Arrangements were completed, a committee was appointed and a proper reception will be given the Premier when, *as he is soon expected to do, he pays a* visit to his old home. For many years Mr. Semlin has represented west Yale and his constituency has stood by him on all occasions, and always until now in the front ranks of the minority. Now that he has been asked to form a government and is occupying the most important post in the province it is not surprising that his supporters for so many years should be thoroughly pleased and that they should manifest their pleasure in a proper manner.

Charles Poquet, of Quesnelle, who went in with the road gang from Ques*nelle as packer, is in town.* He states that the trail from Quesnelle to Hazleton is in first class shape now, that on the return of the gang from Hazleton every mud hole was corduroyed. A bridge is now completed over Mud river and a ferry at Nechaco. Coming back they crossed 1,580 horses going north and several hundred were missed by reason of the road gang being on the Maurice town trail, while many men went around by Bear river. At Maurice town he saw Hamlin Gar*land and had a long talk with him.* Mr. Garland will be remembered as a writer of note, going in this time as a special correspondent of McClure's Magazine. Mr. Garland was the writer of "Grant's Memoirs." Mr. Garland told Mr. Poquet that he had never taken a more interesting trip, or one that he more enjoyed. The broad valley of the Buckley and other agricultural portions attracted his especial attention. He thinks that the country along the trail will furnish homes *for thousands of agriculturalists.* and stockmen. At Hazleton Mr. Poquet saw Robert Nesbitt with his pack train. Mr. Nesbitt made the trip from Quesnelle through to Hazleton in 15 days, as did another pack train, but most of them took about 20 days. Many men are stopping at Naase river, 60 miles beyond Hazleton, where there is said to be a quantity of mining ground that will pay fair wages, and many expect a strike there. Few horses were lost on the trail in com*parison with the number that started,* especially considering the condition of many of them at starting. The season was several weeks late and the rain was excessive, but under the circumstances good time was made. Ben Beach, who had charge of this section of the road is now either at Mud river or on his way to Quesnelle with his party.

Pistols for Two, Coffin for One.

The Ottawa Citizen says: "The Free Press man calls the Citizen a rechauffage. We want him to understand that he is nothing more than an ectype of a siphonoprous hydrozoan."

This seems libellous.

Dashed to Death.

Victoria, Aug. 17. A span of the Trent river bridge, on the Union Colliery Coal Railway, gave way at 8 o'clock this morning, and twenty loaded cars and the locomotive broke through, falling 80 feet. Nine persons were aboard the train at the time of the accident, five of whom were killed outright, three injured, and one escaped unharmed. Alfred Walker, *engineer; Alex. Malado, brakeman;* Wm. Ward and two Japs were killed. Richard Nightingale, of Nanaimo, who was working under the bridge at the time, was instantly killed. Hugh Grant, fireman, had his leg broken. Miss Frances Horne and Miss Villa Grieves were both badly cut and scalded, but will recover. Matt Piercy, brakeman, saved himself by jumping on the swinging wreck of the bridge as the engine went over.

Resolution of Condolence.

The following resolutions were passed by the Pioneer Society at a meeting held, as is their custom after the death of one of their members:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty *God in His wisdom to remove from* amongst us our brother, James Newland, who for years was associated with this society: and whereas the members thereof whilst bowing to the inscrutable decrees of the Most High are desirous of expressing their heartfelt sympathy with the bereaved family:

Be it resolved that this society hereby expresses its keen sense of the loss that has befallen those near and dear to the deceased and extends to them the sincere condolence of its members in this their hour of heavy affliction.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of our late brother and to the press.

Committee. { J. Burr, D. Murphy.

Important Real Estate Deal.

One of the most important real estate deals that has been made in Ashcroft occurred when Henry Cargile purchased from G. E. Johnson the Cargile House and the building adjoining, which is occupied by James Cohen for a barber shop and by a store owned by J. Menzies. The entire frontage on Railway Avenue is 100 feet and also one 50 foot lot lying back, running to Brink street, or three lots in all. Mr. Cargile will immediately begin the erection of an addition to the house and will move the bar back, making parlors and sitting rooms over the store buildings and will in front make over and remodel the building into a first class *house. This house was established by* Henry Cargile's father and conducted by him for many years and it is with a feeling of satisfaction that Henry now has the old place back. It will be so renovated as to make an attractive, convenient and roomy hotel. It will be conducted as at present by Messrs. Cargile and Devery. We understand the purchase price for the property, including as above stated the store buildings, was $9,000.

To a Finish.

An interesting match without gloves took place in town the other day between a local Corbett and a Kid McCoy. From one of the eyewitnesses we are able to describe the affair which *took place where there was plenty of* light and plenty of room. The contest opened by a demand for the key to the bathroom and the other fellow said he was another. Corbett let out with his right and the blow was beautifully countered by the jaw of the Kid. The Kid returned the blow with interest and invited his opponent to come up to the scratch. A struggle for position then ensued, both men wanting the same corner. After breaking away at the command of the referee it was seen that some damage was done to Corbett's face by the long finger nails of the Kid. Again the combatants came together and again the warning voice of the referee was heard, "go in boys but don't scratch." About the time for the bell to sound the Kid backed for a better position, which he secured and made a running jump for Corbett. Corbett countered on the Kid's cheek but injured his fighting hand. Meantime the Kid was making the map of Manila on his opponent's face. At this point the referee forced the opponents apart and the Kid took refuge in the back yard, while Corbett proudly dressed his wounds and is now looking for more worlds to conquer. The Kid has quite a reputation as a fighter and if his bump of discretion were not so well developed, it causing him to invariably run before the fight is ended, he might be among the heavy weights of Boiler avenue.

Judge C. F. Cornwall, A. B. Fergusen, Charles Pennie, Christopher Barnes, Wm. Walker, James Campbell, M. R. Eagleson, Cole McDonald, S. Robins and a number of the old timers and members of the Pioneer Society were in town on Wednesday in *attendance upon the funeral of the* late James Newland.

Our school accommodations remain in statu quo. We understand that the amounts in the tenders were altogether out of proportion to the sum appropriated by the government for the buildings; but perhaps it is well that it has turned out as it has. We will, undoubtedly, now get a good school house as well as other pre-requisites badly needed in our town.

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WM. DODD,
Government Agent.

Government Office,
Yale, B.C., Aug. 4, 1898. 161

Ashcroft Waterworks Company
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company will be held at the office of the Company in Ashcroft, in British Columbia, on Monday, the 22nd day *of August, 1898, at the hour of eleven o'clock* in the forenoon, to consider and if approved to ratify and confirm a bylaw ratifying and confirming the bylaw of the Company known as "A Bylaw respecting the borrowing of money, issue of mortgages and bonds and the sale and pledging of the same, etc.," which said bylaw was passed by the Directors on the 6th day of December, 1897, and was ratified and confirmed by the shareholders on the same day;

And in the event of such order being made the meeting will be adjourned until the Directors shall have prepared and passed a bylaw in accordance with such order;

And that on the meeting resuming after such adjournment the said bylaw will be considered and if approved will be ratified and confirmed, and the mortgages, bonds and agreements which were issued and executed by the Company in pursuance of the powers conferred by the said hereinbefore cited bylaw passed on the 6th day of December, 1897, will be submitted for ratification and confirmation, and all other business which has been transacted in connection with the borrowing of the said money and securing the same, and with the sale, *pledging and hypothecating of the said mortgages and bonds,* will be submitted to the meeting for ratification and confirmation.

Or, as may seem advisable, the meeting may consider and if approved ratify and confirm a substantive bylaw of the Company, either in lieu of the hereinbefore cited bylaw passed on the 6th day of December, 1897, or in addition thereto, or in connection therewith, providing for the transaction of the general business and affairs of the Company, and to consider the question of the Company borrowing a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars on the credit of the Company and of securing the repayment of the money so borrowed, or of part thereof, with interest, by mortgages of the *undertakings, tolls and assets of the Company* and of the future calls on shareholders, and of issuing bonds therefor or for part thereof, and of negotiating, selling, pledging and hypothecating such mortgages and bonds, and of obtaining temporary advances pending the sale or hypothecation thereof, and of properly securing the repayment of such temporary advances, and in the event of such order being made the meeting will be adjourned until the Directors shall have passed a bylaw in accordance with such order, and that on the meeting resuming after such adjournment the said bylaw will be considered and if approved will be ratified and confirmed, and the mortgages, bonds and agreements to be issued and executed by the Company in pursuance thereof will be submitted for ratification and confirmation, and all other business required in connection with the borrowing of the said money and securing the same, and with the sale, pledging and hypothecating of the said mortgages and bonds will be transacted;

And for the transaction of any business of the Company and for general business.

Dated this 5th day of August, 1898.

JAMES C. SHIELDS,
Secretary.

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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

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

15th August, 1898.

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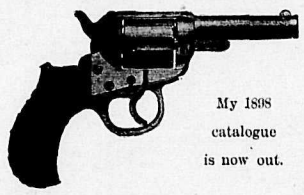
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