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### CARIBOO.

In driving into Barkerville even at the present time the words of that *prince of early day poets in Cariboo*, the author of "Sawney's Letters," are recalled. It describes so well Williams Creek in '64 and it's people and their habits, that we reproduce it:

DEAR SAWNEY,—I sit doon to write
A screed to you by candle light,
In answer to your friendly letter—
I ne'er had ane that pleased me better.
Your letter cam by the Express,
Eight shillins carriage—naething less,
You'll think this awfu'—'tis, nae doot—
(A dram's twa shillins here about);
I'm sure if Tamie Ha'—the buddy
Was here wi' his three-legged cuddy
He hauls ahent him wi' a tether,
He'd beat the Express, faith a'thegither
To speak o't, i' the truest way,
'Tis Barnard's Cariboo Delay.

You'd maybe like to ken what pay
Miners get here for ilka day.
Jist twa pound sterling, sure as death—
*It should be four—atween us baith.*
For gin ye count the cost of livin'
There's naething left to gang and come on;
And should you bide the winter here,
The shoppy buddies'll grab your gear.
And little wark one finds to do
A' the long dreary winter thro.'

Sawney—had ye yer tatties here,
And neeps and carrots—dinna speer
What price—'tho I could tell ye weel,
*Ye might think me a leein' chiel;*
Na, lad, ye ken I never lee,
Ye a'believe that fa's fra me;
Neeps, tatties, carrots—by the pun'
*Jist twa for a penny—try for fun*
How muckle 'twad be for a ton.
Aitmeal four skillins, flour is two,
And milk's no to be had ava.
*For at this season o' the year*
There's naething for a coo up here
To chaw her cud on—sae ye see
Ye are far better off than me—
For while you'r *sitting warm at hame*,
And suppin parritch drooned in crame
The deil a drap o milk hae I,
But gobble up my parritch dry.
Of course, I can get butter here.
Twal shillin' a pund—its far oure dear.
Aye—a'thing sells at a lang price,
Tea, coffee, sugar, bacon, rice,
Four shillins a pund, and something mair,
And e'en the weights are rather bare—
Sae much for prices.

Noo for claims:
And first a word about their names.
Some folk waer sae oppressed wi wit,
They cad' their *claim by name "Coo—"*
And tho' they struck the dirt by name,
They ne'er struck pay dirt in the claim
Some ithers made a gae fine joke
And christened their bit ground "Dead Broke,"
While some, to fix their fate at once,
Ca'd their location "The Last Chance";
There's "Tinker," "Grizzly,"—losh, what names—
There's "Prince o'Wales" —the best o' claims,
There's "Beauregard" and "Never Sweat,"
And scores o' ithers I forget—
The "Richfield" and the "Montreal,"
They say they struck the pay *last fall*—
But will they strike it in the spring,
Aye Sawney, that's anither thing:
But by-an-by they'll ken, nae doot,
If they can pump their water oot.
Some strike the bedrock pitchin' in.
And some the bedrock canna win,
But ne'er a color can they see,
Until they sault it first a wee;
And syne they tell to ilka man,
They struck two dollars to the pan.
You'll see it in the Victoria Press
As twenty dollars—naething less.
Aye, Sawney, here a wee bit story,
Gin once it travels to Victoria,
Is magnified a hundred fold.
The bedrock here, doon there is gold;
Some folks would manufacture lees
To mak' a bawbee on a cheese.
Shame on the man who salts a claim,
A man he is—but just in name—
No manhood's in him, he's a cheat,
A smoothe, dissembling hypocrite,
Who, if he could but gain his end,
Would e'en deceive his dearest friend.

There is a set o' men up here,
Who never work thro' a' the year,
A kind o' serpents, crawling snakes,
That fleece the miner o' his stakes;
They're gamblers, honest men some say
Though it's quite fair to cheat in play
It it's no kent o'—I ne'er met
An honest man a gambler yet!
O, were I Judge in Cariboo,
I'd see the laws were carried thro,'
I'd hae the cairds o' every pack
Tied up into a gunny sack,
Wi, a' the gamblers chained thegither,
And banished frae the creek forever.
But, Sawney, there's anither chap,
There's none o' them I'd ca a man,
The ca' them "jumpers"—my belief
Is—"jumper" simply means a thief;
They jump folks claims, and jump their lots,
They jump the very pan and pots;
But wait a wee—for a' this evil—
Their friend'll jump them,
He's the deevil!

And sae ye think o' comin' here,
And leavin' a' your guids and gear
Your wife, and bairns, and hame;
Ah! Sawney! if ye wad listen to advice
And sae ye will, if ye be wise—
This country's no for you ava'
Sae bide at hame, and work awa,'
Ye mauna think we houk up gold,
*As ye the tatties frae the mould.*
Gude faith, ye'll maybe houk a twal mo't
An' never even get a glisk o't!
*An' then, what comes o' us puir deevils?*

We get as thin and lean as weevils;
O' wark we canna get a stroke,
We're *what they ca' out here* "dead broke"
Which means we hinna e'en a groat
To line our stomach or our coat;
So doon the country we maun *gang*,
And this the burden o' our sang,
To ilka ane that comes alang,
"Freend, be advised, and turn aboot,
For Cariboo is noo 'played out!"

Noo, Sawney, I'll blaw oot the light,
I'll finish this some ither night,
I'll cast my coat and breeks, that's a,'
And sleep until the daylight day.

Of Williams creek, so well described above in 1864, a feeling of dissapointment comes over one on seeing for the *first time Barkerville as it now is.* A long row of small, wooden buildings, along a crooked and narrow street. Many of the buildings, if not all, have been raised as though on stilts to get them above the level of the creek, that *has been raised many feet by the* immense amount of gravel brought down from above the town as the results of *early day mining.* The town originally consisted of three seperate sections, Richfield, Camerontown and Barkerville, but is now generally spoken of as Barkerville, although the court house is in this section still known as Richfield, about a mile from the principal business houses. Three stores and five or six hotels are engaged in business and large stock of goods are distributed annually from this mining centre. The hotels, even in this remarkably dull season, are doing a good business. The court house, Gold Commissioner's and sheriff's offices, with perhaps 100 more buildings, large and small, *make up Barkerville 'as it now* is. In 1861-2 it is said that there were 10,000 men made their headquarters at *Williams creek*, and the marvelously rich gravel found in the bed of Williams creek gave employment to large numbers of men, hundreds of whom made fortunes by a lucky interest in some of the famous claims. The Caledonia, with its output of half a million dollars in fifteen months, and from which pans of gravel were taken out of marvelous richness. The prize pan was $1,680, and from five pans over $6,500 was taken. This was in 1863, out of the Caledonia, which was 67 feet to bedrock. The best paying gravel was about two feet on bedrock, and the gold run was often 150 feet *wide.* The Never Sweat was *adjoining* and washed up every day from 60 to 200 ounces; the Beauregard as high as *800 ounces in a single day;* the New York from 150 to 200 ounces. From Moffatt's over $300,000 was taken out of 100 feet square of ground, which was the size of single claims in Cariboo in those days. The McLean claim was next but not so rich. The Tinker, with 300 feet of ground, paid, it is said, over $700,000 in actual dividends. The Watty, a small claim but rich, was next and paid $80,000. The Cameron claims cleaned up over $1,000,000; Rabby about $900,000; Dead Broke $70,000. Below these were some short but rich claims. The Prince of Wales paid eight interests a half a million. Above the Caledonia the Lillooet and Cariboo were very rich. The Aurora, with its fourteen interests, paid in dividends, *after all expenses of working were* provided for, about $30,000 per interest. On the Diller, two men on the windlass and two underground, took out in ten hours 102 pounds of gold. In all over $300,000 was paid in dividends to the three interests in this claim. Above the Black Jack, which was rich, the Wind Up was a rich fraction. From Canyon to Prince of Wales on up the saw mill, the Ericsson, Nigger and others, paid from $25,000 to $50,000 to the interest. Dozens of other claims along Williams creek paid enormously, and the creek never received credit for nearly all of its enormous output, so say the old timers. *It is generally* said that about $25,000,000 was taken out of 1½ miles, but as above stated *this estimate is believed by many* to be only about one-half of the real output —in any case it was a creek such as *was never before struck*, and it has not so far been equaled even in the famous Eldorado creek, of Klondike fame. When we consider that, taking Williams, Lightning and Antler creeks as the centre, within a radius of thirty or forty miles there are probably a hundred creeks that have never been bottomed and that only the three above named have been opened up so that bed rock could be reached and its rich gravel worked, and even in these creeks only a small part of each has been worked owing to the heavy flow of water in the deep channel, what may we not expect from the results of modern pumps and *machinery of every* description, and in the hands of companies having large capital. There is *no better country on earth today* where good returns can be looked for with more confidence than in the Cariboo *gold fields*, if intelligent mining is done, backed by sufficient capital. It must be remembered that the young and vigorous men of the 60's are now, if alive, old men and no longer able to do and dare as they did in the early days. Roads are now built and the introduction of heavy machinery is comparatively easy. It has been and is the policy of the Provincial government to grant to corporations having large capital to expend, especial privileges in the way of leases and mining rights. It is the only way many of *these* properties can ever be successfully worked. A man with a few thousand dollars *might easily be defeated in his* attempt to secure the buried riches of a promising creek bed, while a company *with a half million*, if necessary, to put in the preliminary work might make a property of enormous magnitude and value.

At the present time, the season being very late, not so many men were found working on the different creeks as is sometimes the case. The following named creeks have about the number of men mentioned at work:

On Williams Creek—The Cariboo Gold Fields, 40; Black Jack, 8; Wind Up (including Chinamen), 8; Taylor & Boyce lease, 6.

In the Pinkerton, on Lowhee creek, a few men are working, but we were informed by Mr. Champion, who is in charge of the property for the Mund-Bremner *syndicate, that quite a* large force would soon be put on.

Some work is also being done on the Tinker.

On Grouse creek the old Waverly is at work with, we believe a good outlook. About half a dozen men are employed.

On Antler a few men are working independently in a small way. The Montreal Prospecting and Promoting Company are working a few men, Mr. Carry is in charge of the company's affairs, having only lately gone in for the season. It is expected that work on quite an extensive scale will be carried on.

On Cunningham, McGregor & Thompson are reported as having a good *property but are not working just now on* account of high water.

On Pleasant Valley Creek at Discovery claim, owned by Tagart, Campbell, and others, the ditch gave way just as work was about to begin and has, unfortunately put back the work on this most promising property.

At Baggs gulch and Stevens creeks, tributaries of Antler creek, quite a large number of chinamen are working and are making money.

On Wolf creek the property owned by the B. C. Development company of Seattle, was sold for $2,000 sheriff's sale. It is reported that a new company will be formed and the work of opening up the property will go ahead. It is a promising hydraulic proposition *and should be a producer.*

At the junction of Summit and Pine creeks, Shepherd and Hadnet are said to be *doing* well.

Professor Odlum, on Shepherd creek is working half a dozen men with, he informs us, most satisfactory results. It is his company's intention, if all goes well, to work the property now being tested on a large scale.

On Stuarts creek Messrs. Cockle, Isaacs and Johnson have been taking out 8 ounces to the set of timbers and have a very valuable claim.

On Coffee creek St. Clair and Moss have some valuable property.

On Burns creek much activity is shown and the company represented by Mr. Medlicott are working a large force of men *getting ready as rapidly* as possible for hydraulicing on a large scale. The same company are al*ready hydraulicing on New creek* and it is reported with most gratifying results. Quite a large force of men are also employed on the New creek properties.

On Dragon creek Mr. Lange is pushing work and will make a remarkably good showing this year, it is generally believed. He has already worked enough of his ground by means of a drift to know that bed rock is very rich and has taken out some of the finest specimens brought down from Cariboo in many years.

At Willow river Mr. Laird is awaiting a lower stage of water before resuming work. He has done a very large amount of work in sinking and drifting out under the bed of the river. *So far he has only been so far* successful as to prove to his satisfaction that the old river bed is very rich and that if it can be successfully worked, as Mr. Laird believes it can, that a very large amount of money can be taken out. His persistence and thorough grit in staying by the work for the past four or more years, certainly entitles him to success, and if he can handle the water as he thinks he can do, there seems no doubt of his success.

On Cornish creek Messrs. Fry, W. H. Laird and Seeley are sinking a shaft for the old channel which they believe will be found rich in gold.

On Sugar creek Messrs. Ross and Wiley have good property.

*Summit creek is attracting*, perhaps, more attention than any of the other creeks in that section. Messrs. Hamshaw and *Youngs*, who are installing a hydraulic plant that will be in operation before the season closes, washed up about $400 as the result of a few days run with a small head of water, and have still several hundred dollars left in the ground sluice. They are also sinking a shaft for the deep channel lying below their hydraulic bench. At 80 feet they struck rim rock and good gravel, with the rim rock pitching, and are now sinking deeper in the rim intending at about 100 feet to work from the surface to drift out for the channel. Their propositions are generally well thought of, and many old timers believe *they will strike it rich* in the deep ground on Summit.

Wm. Ogden also has a promising *property on this creek.*

### Passenger List.

The following is the list of passengers arriving at and departing from Ashcroft, this week, by the B. C. Express Co.'s stages:

ARRIVALS.

F Webb, Lillooet; Miss E P Northcott, Quesnelle; G B Powell, D H Elliott, B Anderson, S Jones, Barkerville; Miss Shannon, 137; Miss Duncan, 122; W J Newall, T Drummond, Miss Walker, 150.

DEPARTURES.

J P Forde, Ed Jones, Lillooet; W Thompson, *Barkerville*; Miss Smith, Clinton; A Patenaude, 150.

A special stage arrived on Tuesday with Messrs. Snider, Taaffe and Teporten as passengers.

### Quesnelle Forks and Horsefly Road.

Government Engineer F. C. Gamble was in Ashcroft this week on his way home from an inspection of the actual *condition of the Quesnelle Forks road.* We regret very much that Mr. Gamble did not also make a trip over the Horsefly road, as, bad as the Forks road is, it is not so bad as the Horsefly highway. We shall later attempt to describe the condition in which we found these so-called "roads" on our recent trip to Cariboo, and for which the repairs are this year about the same as they have been each year for some time, viz., $1,200 for the 33 miles of road from the 150 to Horsefly, and $2,000 for the road from the 150 to Quesnelle Forks. It is sufficient in this article to say that the amounts named are not enough to begin operations towards improving, to say nothing about actual improving. *There should be promptly placed at* least $20,000 or $25,000 by the Government, call it an emergency fund or call it what you like, as a fund for improving the above named roads. The late government never did what they should have done in this matter, by any means, and the present Government are not improving on the old conditions. If Mr. Gamble can see any possible chance to make roads with the present meagre allowance he is a more than good engineer. Work should be begun at once in grading these roads their entire length, and it should be pushed the entire season so that another spring may not see a similar condition of affairs. If the present Government could see their way clear to offer $1,000,000 *towards a Pacific cable, they* can surely find means to appropriate $20,000 towards the Forks and Horsefly roads, and it is the plain duty of the representatives elected last year by the people of Cariboo, Messrs. Helgeson and Kinchant, to see that they do.

Mr. Gamble would not say on his return trip from Cariboo as to what he should recommend, as we suppose it is only right that he should first report to the department sending him, but we shall look for his recommendations with interest. Mr. Gamble stated to us that he thought that we should urge the adoption of a broad tire wagon on the Cariboo roads, and his remarks on the subject were, we think, good. *The subject of wide tires should* be discussed and would perhaps result in their adoption.

### Acetyline Gas as a Mine Light.

Mr. A. Holland, in the course of his address before the Canadian Mining Institute, referred to his experience with acetyline as a mine illuminant in the Grand Calumet Silver Lead Mine in the vicinity of Ottawa. A small generator containing a pound charge *of carbide was used to light a shaft* 10 by 12 at the 60-foot level. The burner was a Brav. consuming only half a foot of acetyline per hour. When the gas was lighted the shaft was so brilliantly illuminated that the smallest piece of rock could be distinctly seen from the top of the shaft. The manager of the mine reported as the result of the first week's experience with the new light that his men had made an increase of three feet in sinking over the best week's work that had been done in the shaft—a gain sufficient to pay for the lighting plant and run it for six months. He added that the health of the men was better than it was while mining with oil or candle light.—Modern Machinery.

### Rebuilding Khartoum.

One of the great cities of Africa, laid in ruins by the Khalifa Abdullah in 1886, is being rebuilt as fast as hundreds of artisans can advance the work. Before the Mahdist revolt all the commercial exchanges of Europe and Egypt with the regions of the Upper Nile took place in this city. It was the center from which military expeditions issued and the starting point of commercial and scientific parties bound for Central Africa. It is doubtful if the Mahdi would have destroyed Khar*toum, for its site, on the Blue Nile, is a* far better situation for a large city than that of Omdurman, a few miles to *the west*, on the White Nile. Mohammed Ali had chosen wisely when he said Khartoum was the most favorable position for the capital of his vast possessions in the Soudan, and ten years after he built his barracks and arsenal Khartoum was the first city in the Nile basin south of Cairo.

The weakest and most pitiful reasons, says the New York Sun, dictated the destruction of Khartoum, with its strong stone buildings, forts and walls. The Khalifa Abdullah was jealous of the deceased Mahdi's family, who was very popular and used the relationship that had lifted them out of obscurity to advance *their private fortunes.* They had established themselves in the best houses and gardens of Khartoum *and lead lives of ease and luxury.*

In August, 1886, Abdullah declared that he could not properly supervise the lives and actions of the inhabitants of Khartoum and ordered the evacuation of the city within three days. On the fourth day the destruction of the city began, and the only buildings spared were the palace, the missionhouse and the arsenal, in which, throughout the rule of the Khalifa, munitions of war were constantly *making. All the rest of the once thriv*ing and populous metropolis of the Soudan became heaps of mud ruins. Even the defenses of the place were destroyed, perhaps because for nearly two years they had helped Gordon and the Egyptians to hold out against the assaults of overwhelming numbers, so that Khartoum was not captured until traitors within betrayed the city to the Mahdi.

Khartoum is again to be the capital of the Soudan. The foundation walls of the Mohammedan University, for whose support the philanthropists of Great Britain have made ample provision, are already completed. The site of the railroad station where trains from Cairo will leave their passengers has been selected, and *plans have been* approved for a large hotel to be erected near the station. Thousands of cart*loads of rubbish are being removed.*

A new street plan to replace the narrow thoroughfares in which Arab, Greek, Egyptian and Indian merchants were wont to mingle will be carried into effect, giving the city commodious streets. The palace is to be repaired and other government buildings will be reared around it. The city is to cover more ground than formerly, and the greatest innovation will be the removal of the best part of the residence quarter to the hills that are shown on all the good maps of Khartoum, south of the old city. It is probable also that some of the business streets will occupy the slopes of these hills, which offer, it is asserted, the most salubrious situation in the upper Nile valley. Another advantage will be the railroad, caravan and foot passenger bridge across the Blue Nile. For the first time the land commerce with Egypt and the caravan trade with Abyssinia, Kassala and the Red sea may enter and leave the city without the inconvenience of ferriage over the river.

The Governor-General, Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, has invited the chiefs of the surrounding tribes to settle in the neighborhood. Fertile lands will be assigned to those who embrace the opportunity. It is desired to make the surrounding region the center of a dense population that will supply all the food required by a large city. Every effort is made to encourage the tribes, from the Atbara river to Khartoum, to return to the fertile lands on both banks of the Nile they had abandoned. They have been told that they may reconstruct the irrigation ditches, over 3,000 in number, from the Nile to their fields which were in use before the Mahdist revolt, and as many more as they require. Scarcely a hundred of them are now in operation.

The Eastern Soudan has been rescued from the darkness and terrorism of a fanatical regime. The blessings and opportunities of civilization are within its grasp, and the aim of its new rulers is to secure an enduring welfare. In the next quarter of a century we may expect the Soudan to attain a degree of development commensurate with its resources and the character of its inhabitants.

### The C.P.R. Injunction.

There is very much feeling displayed along the line of the C. P. R. by farmers who are obliged to irrigate their land each season in order to grow crops. Regarding the recent decision of the Privy Council in the Parke and Pinchard injunction case, the Privy Council having granted the injunction asked for by the railroad, no papers have *as yet been served on Mr. Parke* but as we understand the case he may now at any time be restrained from using water on his growing crop, which will of course not mature without the water. It also throws a heavy burden of costs on Mr. Parke, now the sole owner of the ranch. For the sake of Mr. Parke and other ranchers who live along the line of the road and are obliged to irrigate, it is to be earnestly hoped that this injunction will not be pushed, but that the officials of the road and the farmers may meet and discuss the serious question and if it is possible arrange the matter in such a manner that while the company's property and road-bed should be amply protected from damage and accidents from land*slides, that the owners of land along* the track may not be compelled to loose their hard earned ranches. It would not seem to be a hard thing to agree upon the amount of water that could be safely used aad no damage result, on certain portions of ranches where it is claimed by the company slides might be caused by a profuse use of water, and as every ranch that lies alongside of a railroad that is made non-productive is a material damage to a common carrier by loss of local business it does not seem possible that a railroad company, even if they posess the legal power so to do would cause a productive section to become a desolate waste. We trust that good counsel will prevail and that by mak*ing any necessary concessions to the* safety of the roadbed that all cause for fear of future long and expensive litigation may pass away.

Spenser H. Patanaude, of the Horsefly, left by stage yesterday for his home.

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### Mining at Loomis.

In writing recently from Loomis, in Okanogan County, John I. Bogge says;

In looking over an old newspaper of March, 1897, I ran upon the following item:

"*The Palmer Mountain tunnel* at Loomis is now in the mountain 230 feet. Inside of sixty days the machinery for the new air compressor will be in position, which will increase the weekly progress to about forty feet."

At *that time the property consisted* of twenty-seven claims. The machinery referred to was installed and has been largely added to since, making as complete a plant for a long distance tunnel as can be found in the Northwest.

After about 1000 feet had been made the showings were so far beyond the expectations of the company that a quiet campaign was entered into for the acquiring of more ground. In fact it was deemed wise to extend its holdings to the summit of the mountain, and only recently this has been accomplished and the company ground now includes forty-two locations and from what I saw in one drift at 500 feet depth it is not an exaggeration to say that almost any one of these forty-two locations has the making of a mine.

The drift I speak of has three feet of solid ore between two as nice walls as a miner can wish and there is visible gold all over this face. What the value of this ore is has not been determined here, as no assays have been made, but if it does not run into four figures, then I am no judge. I will say, however, if this showing were in any of the more widely known camps of Washington or British Columbia columns would be written about the rich find.

Since the day the compressor set the drills going, over two years ago, they have never been idle except on Sundays or for repairs of breaks such as occur in the best of well regulated mines, and today this tunnel has reached almost 200 feet in length and attained 1000 foot depth. It has cut eleven ledges, all of which show good ore and width of vein.

More drifting is now being done than for some time past, and the results will probably show eleven mines. A treatment plant is now having the consideration of the connection with other improvements, and the next twelve months will be a busy time for the Palmer Mountain Gold Mining and Tunnel Company.

The company have the water power to furnish 1500 horse power to bring into the mine and this being done, besides surface improvements necessary to a large mining project.

Without boasting this company can claim to have entered upon the largest mining undertaking in the state, and to have continued the work the longest time. It was started with the understanding that no ores were to be mined or treatment plant erected until 3000 feet in length and 1500 feet in depth had been attained.

The result of drifting on the veins cut in the Palmer Mountain tunnel during the past sixty days has set at rest the question, "Does the mineral go down and do the veins hold?"

The ore and the walls are both here to be seen by the skeptic and the developments by the Palmer Mountain tunnel during the next six months will both be seen and felt in mining circles in the State of Washington

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A special from Loomis says:

A break in the compressor machinery at the Palmer Mountain tunnel has stopped the drills for a week or so, until the broken part can be replaced. Nineteen hundred and twenty-five feet is the length attained and the last ledge is cut at 900 feet depth, showing a true fissure vein, well mineralized and carrying high grade ore. This should settle the question of depth on Palmer Mountain and whether the mineral goes down.

At the Wehe group the force has been increased and good ore is showing at eighty-five feet depth in the shaft being sunk.

### Klondike Miners.

While large quantities of dust are coming up the river for the vessels plying between the south and Lynn canal ports, the big gold will go down the Yukon to St. Michael this year, as heretofore, and from the mouth of the great stream to the metropolis of the northwest via the ocean-going vessels. It is already apparent that the Dawson banks and the big companies doing business in the celebrated camp have planned to send their holdings by the all-water route. They, too, are going to handle at a conservative estimate two-thirds of the output. The banks are and have been buying dust as fast as it was offered at the current prices of $16 and $17 per ounce, according to creeks and the quality tendered, since the beginning of the sluicing season. The miners are apparently glad enough of an opportunity to give up a reasonable discount in order to be rid of the burden and care of their dust en route out. The banks give exchange of currency, Canadian bank notes, in return for the native gold. No less than a dozen big ocean steamers are now en route to St. Michael, there to take the passengers and gold dust cargoes of the great river fleet, nearly all of the vessels of which will have reached the mouth of the Yukon in advance of the big liners. But greater interest attaches to the individual miners, especially the big winners at the game of Klondike. The old-time and more successful Klondikers and those from lower Yukon points continue to head down the golden stream and back by ocean to the land of civilization.

"One cannot tell with accuracy," said E. C. Allen, of the Klondike Nugget, who arrived from the north a few days ago, "about individual amounts. It is easy enough to secure such information inside, though, for there gold dust is treated much as a common commodity. But we who are in there don't take much interest in such matters. The novelty soon wears off. You see sacks of gold thrown around in stores and saloons as though it hadn't much value. Here is my old friend, Louis Schonborn, who ran the Yukon hotel. He kept a room where he stored the sacks and bags of dust deposited with him by his guests. He frequently had $50,000 and $75,000 worth of dust piled up in an ordinary bedroom."

"Isn't that so?" Allen asked Schonborn.

"Yes," replied the latter, "I frequently had as high as $100,000 in that room, and there was no safe in it, either."

Schonborn's house, at least when he owned it, was a great rendezvous for Klondikers. He wouldn't allow a drop of liquor on the premises or a woman of questionable character to enter the hotel under any circumstances. And he made a success of the business, selling his hotel just before his departure from Dawson for $40,000, to say nothing of the money made in running it. He had only $700 when he embarked in the enterprise, but a credit and reputation for honesty sufficient for him to borrow $22,000 from brother miners. And this money was soon paid back from the profits of the house.

Allen, resuming his conversation as to the individual success last year of Klondike miners, said: "William M. Stanley, of Seattle, and his partners, Charles and George Worden, have taken out lots of gold which they will presumably send down the Yukon. The amount will reach $200,000 anyway and possibly more. This dust has nearly all been taken from 26 Eldorado. They own 25, 26 and 27, but 26 is the only claim of the three worked to any great extent last winter. Then there's Antone Sander. No. 5 Eldorado has yielded him this season $350,000. It's a wonderfully rich property. Burt Schuler and Max Endleman had a lay on this claim and each will have $30,000 or $35,000 to show as his share."

Endleman was formerly a Juneau saloonkeeper and later ran a variety show in the same town. Two years ago he went to Dawson.

"Dick Lowe," Allen remarked, taking up his golden thread, "did not work his famous Eldorado fraction very extensively last winter. But he will ground sluice on a big scale this summer." Lowe dug $256,000 from his fractional claim, which is only 80 feet long, last season. He came out with the money and spent a week or ten days in Seattle. From San Francisco he went to Iowa and there gave a farmer brother enough money to keep him in comfort the rest of his life. "I did it," said Lowe, "because he was my brother and was also good enough to loan me $500 once when I needed money pretty badly."

"But the richest piece of ground in all the Klondike," Allen observed during the course of his rambling discussion, is 26 Bonanza. Bill McPhee and the estates of his two deceased partners, Dinsmore and Spencer, are the principal owners of the claim, the output from which will this year be at least $500,000. There are 14 men interested in this rich hole. 'Skiff' Mitchell is one of them, and there are several others whose names I don't remember."

"William Leggett has a good Eldorado claim from which he has taken, I should say, $75,000 this spring, and Harry Ash is to the good $100,000 from No. 4 Dominion. Ash was formerly in the saloon business in Juneau and Dawson, but he quit that for mining. Pat Galvin and George Burns have an excellent Bonanza creek property.

"What will Alex McDonald's various mines yield him this season? Well, that is hard to say. I expect a million dollars anyway. McDonald has interests in a great many mines and his clean-up is liable to be something enormous."

"Nigger" Jim Dougherty is devoting more time to the sale of liquor this year than to mining. He and John Manning run the Pavilion saloon.—World.

### A Gold Washer.

An interesting exhibition was given at the office of Mr. Charles Nelson, mining broker, last night, by Mr. Gaston Legrande, the inventor of the gold washer, which has been on exhibition from time to time for the past few months. The gold washer consists of a zinc cylinder about the size of a small barrel, within which revolves a copper cylinder. The machine will wash a quart of sand and mineral deposit in from two to three minutes. The sand, which must be mixed with water, sinks down through a strainer into a receptacle provided for the purpose beneath the revolving cylinder. The water is afterwards drawn off by a siphon, the ore remaining on the sides of the cylinder.'

This invention may be used for gold, iron, lead or other mining. It is specially used for placer mining, but may be utilized for more extensive operations.—Montreal Witness.

### A Sweet Revenge.

"Oh, Eleanor, I am so glad to find you here. I went up to your house, and your mother said you had come here to be fitted," and as Eleanor grasped the speaker's hand the dressmaker frowned, for she didn't want the fit of the new gown interfered with.

"Well, Daisy," said Eleanor, "I am glad, too, for I see by your eyes you've something to tell me."

"Yes. This morning I went over to see Kit, and ran right up to her room, as we always do, you know."

"Yes," assented Eleanor.

"And she was crying. All round her on the floor were letters, and on the bed more letters. I said, 'Mercy, Kit, what's the matter?' Every now and then she would make a vicious jab at a letter and appear to be writing."

"'Oh, Daisy! I am almost wild, I'm so busy.'"

"'What are you doing?' I asked.'"

"'Well,' said Kit, 'you know Clarence and I have had a quarrel—and I'm glad of it'—and here she sobbed the gladdest kind of a sob—'and—and—he sent all my letters back—and the silver bookmark—and the lovely pipe I gave him with his name engraved on it—and—oh, Daisy! I can't use any of them—how can I?—and so I'm getting his letters ready to return. I'm correcting them,' and then she laughed and made another jab with her pen."

"'Correcting them?' I gasped."

"'Yes—correcting them. You know Clarence is a terrible speller, so I have gone over each letter in red ink and made him see that it was intentional. Humph! I'll bet he won't tell another man he broke it off.'"

"I couldn't help laughing, but wasn't it a fine revenge?"—Tit-Bits.

### Canadian Faith in Miracles.

A firm belief in miracles is not confined to those Canadians who flock in summer by thousands to the shrine of La Bonne Ste. Anne Beaupre, below Quebec. Two remarkable instances of this fact are now presented in the province of Quebec.

For some time past the channel of the St. Lawrence between Quebec and Montreal has been the scene of many accidents to vessels. In some cases the casualties were due to carelessness on the part of the pilots. Others were caused by accident, such as the breaking of the steering gear, or by error, as in the case of two large vessels meeting in a narrow and dangerous part of the channel. Some were undoubtedly due to the shallowness of the water in parts of the channel and some to its changeable character. La Bonne Ste. Anne, who is the special protrectress of Roman Catholic mariners, having failed of late to protect the shipping of the St. Lawrence from danger, the members of the French-Canadian Association of Pilots, who have charge of nearly all the large steamships between Quebec and Montreal, are invoking other miraculous aid.

Close to the river side in Montreal is the old church of Notre Dame de Bonsecours (Our Lady of Good Help), founded by Sister Marguerite Bourgeois in 1657, and here arrangements have been made for a certain number of masses in favor of the safety of vessels piloted by members of the association. In addition two large lamps have been presented to the church by the pilots, and they are to be hung in front of the altar and kept burning throughout the season of navigation.

In some of the parishes of the counties of Rouville and Vandreuil, also in this province, the orchards have been attacked by myriads of caterpillars, which threaten their destruction, despite all the ordinary methods of fighting them. Miraculous interposition is in this case, too, the remedy proposed, and solemn masses with processions around the infected districts have been duly arranged for.

It sometimes happens that when miraculous interposition is sought and is not obtained the officiating clergy are held responsible for the failure by the more ignorant of their petitioners. When religious processions, similar to those being arranged for the extermination of caterpillars, were unsuccessfully tried in a parish not far from Quebec as a protection against the ravages of the Colorado beetle, a resident of the place remarked that their priest was splendid in preventing the spread of fires, but no good at all for potato bugs.—New York Sun.

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Fair Customer—Are these eggs strictly fresh?

Grocer—Yes, mum. The chickens that supply me with eggs don't lay anything but fresh ones.—Philadelphia Record.

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Boy—I say, mister, I don't suppose you don't know of nobody what don't want to have nobody to do nothing, don't you?

Gentleman Addressed—Yes, I don't. Harlem Life.

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"And so you have finally succeeded in getting your husband to take the gold cure? I thought he always claimed that he could quit drinking whenever he wanted to?"

"Yes, he did. We have just convinced him that he ought to take something to make him want to."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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M. Leon Boillot, manager of the French Exploration Co. of Paris, examined the Python and some Jako Lake claims on Saturday. He expressed great pleasure at seeing such good prospects in such a pleasant country to reside in. M. Boillot has gone to Dawson to superintend the clean up of the company's claim on Eldorado and intends then to return to this camp and invest. He reports no lack of capital for developed properties.—Inland Sentinel.


## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that from and after this date I shall not be responsible for any debts contracted without my written order.
Dated at Ashcroft this 23rd of February, 1899.
42tc C. W. EAGLE.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I shall, on behalf of the Williams Lake band of Indians, apply to the Commissioner of the Cariboo District for permission to record one hundred inches of water from a creek crossing the wagon road between the 154 and 156 mile posts for domestic and agricultural purposes.
E. BELL,
Indian Agent.
Clinton, B.C., June 9th, 1899. 715

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I shall, on behalf of the Fountain band of Indians, apply to the Commissioner of the Lillooet District for permission to record one hundred (100) inches of water from a creek called We-o-mis, in Lorenzo valley, and about eight miles from the Fountain, for domestic and agricultural purposes.
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Specifications, drawings and conditions of tender and contract may be seen at the Government Offices, at Victoria, Vancouver, Ashcroft, Revelstoke, Vernon, Greenwood, Nelson, Slocan, Fort Steele and Fernie, B.C., on and after the 23rd June.
Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, and signed with the actual signature of the tenderers.
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W. S. GORE,
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Lands and Works Department,
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## NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden as follows:
150-Mile House, Friday, 16th June, 1899.
Soda Creek, Monday, 19th June, 1899.
Quesnelle, Tuesday, 22nd June, 1899.
Richfield, Monday, 26th June, 1899.
Court opens each day at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.
By Order,
JAMES McKEN,
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JOSEPH WM. BURR,
Chief License Inspector,
8t2 Ashcroft District.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the expiration of 60 days I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease 1,000 acres, more or less, of pastoral land for 21 years, situated on Dog Creek mountain, adjoining the preemption of J. S. Place, Isadore Gaspard and William Meason, between what is known as the Big Gulch and Dog Creek.
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## WASHINGTON'S BRAVERY.

**The Courage He Displayed In the Battle of Princeton.**

Cornwallis had left all his stores at Brunswick and three regiments of foot and three companies of horse at Princeton. Thither then Washington was marching that winter night. He meant to strike his superior enemy another blow at a weak point. By daybreak he was near Princeton and moved with the main army straight for the town. Mercer was detached with 800 men to destroy the bridge which gave the most direct connection with Cornwallis. The enemy had started at sunrise, and one regiment was already over the bridge when they saw the Americans. Colonel Mawhood at once recrossed the bridge, and both Americans and English made for some high commanding ground. The Americans reached the desired point first, and a sharp fight ensued. The American rifles did great execution, but without bayonets they could not stand a charge. Mercer was mortally wounded, and his men began to retreat. As Mawhood advanced he came upon the main American army, marching rapidly to the scene of action. The new Pennsylvania militia in the van wavered under the British fire and began to give way. Washington, forgetting, as he was too apt to do, his position, his importance and everything but the fight, rode rapidly to the front, reined his horse within 30 yards of the enemy and called to his men to stand firm. The wavering ceased, the Americans advanced, the British halted and then gave way. The Seventeenth regiment was badly cut up, broken and dispersed. The other two fled into the town, made a brief stand, gave way again and were driven in rout to Brunswick. Washington broke down the bridges and, leaving Cornwallis, who had discovered that he had been outgeneraled, to gaze at him from the other side of the Millstone and of Stony brook, moved off to Somerset Court House, where he stopped to rest his men, who had been marching and fighting for 18 hours. It was too late to reach the magazines at Brunswick, but the work was done.—"The Story of the Revolution," by Senator H. C. Lodge, in Scribner's.

## OBSERVANCE OF EASTER.

**The Discrepancy In Computing the Date Was Not Corrected Until 1752.**

The observance of Easter dates back to about the year 68, at which time there was much contention among the eastern and western churches as to what day the festival should be observed. It was finally ordained at the council of Nice in the year 325 that it must be observed throughout the Christian world on the same day. This decision settled that Easter should be kept upon the Sunday first after the fourteenth day of the first Jewish month, but no general conclusion was arrived at as to the cycle by which the festival was to be regulated, and some churches adopted one rule and some another. This diversity of usage was put an end to, and the Roman rule making Easter the first Sunday after the fourteenth day of the calendar moon was established in England in 669. After nine centuries a discrepancy in the keeping of Easter was caused by the authorities of the English church declining to adopt the reformation of the Gregorian calendar in 1582. The difference was settled in 1752 by the adoption of the rule which makes Easter day always the first Sunday after the full moon which appears on or next after the twenty-first day of March. If the full moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter is the Sunday after.—Ladies' Home Journal.

**The First Real Bicycle.**

Frank H. Vizetelly, in St. Nicholas, tells "The Story of the Wheel." After describing the draisine, which came into use in 1816 and was named after its inventor, Mr. Vizetelly says:

In 1818 Dennis Johnson, an English coachmaker, made the draisine lighter and provided it with an elbow and body rest, decidedly improving the vehicle. Further changes made by Louis Gompertz, in 1821, enabled the rider to propel this vehicle with his hands, but he still had to keep himself upright by the use of his feet and legs. A cogged wheel fixed to the side of the front hub and a gearing moved by a lever were the means of driving the wheel, and the lever also did service as a steering bar.

So popular did the draisine become that forms of it continued in use until 1855, but the later form was built of iron instead of wood. This change was brought about by an English contractor named Knight, who was so pleased by the new way of traveling while visiting the continent that he thought of using the cheaper iron of his own country for making the draisine. Shortly after it came to England this machine was changed from the crude and heavy wheel of Baron Drais von Sauerbron. It became a light, elegant and reliable machine, capable of being skillfully ridden.

## BOSTON'S EMPTY PEWS.

**Figures Show That the City's Churches Have 30,000 Unoccupied Sittings.**

Massachusetts, and more particularly Boston, has been regarded for many years as being a great center of superfluous women. Now it seems likely to achieve a reputation as the city of an abundance of church sittings. This is gathered from a report submitted at the annual meeting of the Boston City Missionary society. The statistics show that the Protestant churches of the city provide over 30,000 surplus sittings for the Protestant population, even were they all to attend church at any one service.

These figures are the result of a careful investigation made by the society in November, 1897, when the attendance at the various services on a given Sunday was obtained by an accurate count. Out of 265 places of worship count was made in 234. The aggregate attendance at the several services and meetings was 64,534. An estimate of those present at the 29 churches where no count was made brings this figure up to 108,313. Based on the estimate of the seating capacity of the Protestant churches made in 1892, the figures prove that if all the worshipers of every description gathered in the churches at one service the churches would have only been two-thirds filled.

From the experience of the superintendent of the society he states that 144,000 may be regarded as the total available attendance at any one church service. From this it may be seen that if the sum total of all those who had attended all the services had gone to church at any one given service there would have been over 30,000 empty seats.—New York Press.

**Crisis In His Career.**

"Cyrus," asked his wife, "what are yo! moping about?"

"It is 37 years ago today, Keturah," replied the gloomy man, who had thrown himself on the lounge, "since I became cashier of the bank."

"Well, what of that? Are you worn out? Is the salary too small? Have you ever had the slightest trouble with the bank? Is there anything wrong with your accounts? Are they thinking of replacing you with a younger man?"

"No, there's nothing wrong in any way," rejoined the bank cashier, "but the very fact that I have been the bank's most trusted official for 37 years, that I have never done a dishonest thing in my life, never made an injudicious loan, that my accounts are perfectly straight and that no man on earth can say a word against me is making people suspicious and they are beginning to talk about me."—Chicago Tribune.

## A MESSAGE OF INQUIRY.

**How a Disagreeable Telegraph Operator Was Taught a Lesson.**

A commercial traveler wanted to know if the train was late and ventured to ask the operator in the ticket office.

"Dawnaw," replied the gentleman of the keys, meaning probably, "I don't know."

"But I am told it is an hour and a half late," persisted the grip distender smilingly. "You surely could tell me if that is true?"

"Dawnawnathawnboutut," replied the knight of the sounding board, turning the back of his head to the questioner.

"But it is highly desirable that I should know," smiled the gatherer of orders still more pleasantly. "I can make three business calls in that hour and a half and still have 15 minutes' margin. Don't you think you had better find out for me? It will take you only a minute or two, you know."

"Finownoth," replied the lightning manipulator, probably meaning, "Find out nothing." And he began reading the advertisement columns of a daily paper, paying no more attention to the interlocutor.

"This is a commercial as well as a railroad telegraph office?" inquired our traveler in the blandest tones yet used during the conversation.

"Yah," replied the operator, meaning "Yes."

"A telegraph blank, please."

The unfinished document was half thrown at him. He leisurely wrote a message and handed it to the other, with the money to pay for it.

The operator commenced reading it, hitting the words one by one with his pencil to count them. Before he was half through he ceased hitting and looked startedly at the writer.

"Good sakes, man, I can't send this!" he exclaimed, giving this time each word its full sounds. "I'd lose my position!"

"And you'll lose it if you don't, I fear," replied his amiable tormentor sympathizingly. "You've no right to hold it back a minute."

The operator nervously read it over again. It ran:

"Superintendent Railroad: Will you kindly tell me how many minutes late is train No. ——? It is very important that I should know, and your operator here refuses to inform me."

"Look here, now," exclaimed the operator, ignoring his newspaper and everything else except the traveler, "I really wish you wouldn't insist on sending this. I think I must be somewhat in the wrong, and I—I beg your pardon. I can find out for you in two minutes."

"Yes, I thought perhaps you could," replied the other, returning the money to his pocket, and exploiting the sweetest smile of the day, in which he was joined by several bystanders, while the operator fairly exuded information.—Everywhere.

**So Called Asthma In Cage Birds.**

Canaries are troubled often with a wheezing in the chest, which, from its resemblance to what is known as asthma in human beings, is given the same name. It is not, however, asthma, but an affection of the lungs. The cause is not far to seek. Canaries can bear great extremes of heat and cold, delicately framed though they be, but they cannot stand sudden transitions from one to the other. When they are kept in a room where the temperature is very variable, perhaps close to a drafty window during the day, with hot, vitiated atmosphere from burning gas in the evening, and later on the other extreme of cold, we must not wonder if the lungs are affected.

It is therefore important that care should be taken to prevent such a state of things, and this is best done by hanging the cage below the middle bar of the window, or, what is better, standing it on the table some distance away, and then, when the gas is lighted, the cage can be covered over and put on the floor in one corner of the room, as the temperature will be much more equal there than higher up. If such a plan be adopted, the so called asthma will be prevented, but if it is found a little tincture of aconite is the best remedy —say, a drop to a teaspoonful of water divided into two doses.—New York Ledger.

## HISTORIC FLAG.

**In It the Assassin Booth Caught His Heel After Shooting Lincoln.**

Why the government has not taken better care of the silk flag which hung over President Lincoln's box in Ford's theater that fateful April night in 1865—the flag over which the assassin tripped, causing him to sprain his ankle—is an official enigma. All the Lincoln relics have been cared for in a special museum in Washington, but this flag, while in the hands of the government, was given over to the care of the treasury department. No special attempt has been made to preserve the silk, and it is likely soon to decay and disappear. The flag has a history of its own.

When Jubal Early made his raid in 1864 around Washington, the male employees of the treasury department organized to aid in defending the capital. The women employees could not fight, but they made a silk flag and gave it to the treasury guard.

April 12, 1865, two nights before the assassination of President Lincoln, the treasury guard gave an entertainment at Ford's theater for charitable purposes. The theater was beautifully decorated. On the boxes occupied two nights later by President Lincoln and the White House party were the two flags mentioned. They gave the boxes such a pretty appearance that the manager of the theater requested that the flags be allowed to remain until the night of the 14th, when the president was expected to be in attendance at a play. The request was granted, and on the arrival of the president at the theater the fatal night he commented with pleasure on the decorations and expressed admiration for the flag which hangs in the treasury. In jumping from the box, after the shooting of the president, to the stage below, one of the spurs on Booth's boot caught in the folds of the flag, causing him to lose his balance and fall, thereby spraining his leg. The rent in the flag is shown to visitors and has been on exhibition for years.

The treasury people take as good care of the flag as they can, but they are unacquainted with the scientific way to do it. The heat of the building is causing the flag to decay rapidly.—Exchange.

**Nine Meals a Day.**

Agricultural labor in Lucerne requires a great deal of eating, according to the Lucerne Vaterland. At 4 o'clock in the morning the laborer arises and puts away a glass of schnapps or of wine, with eggs and bacon; at 6 he has the first breakfast, milk and coffee, bread and butter, with something to go with it, sometimes soup; at 8 comes the znuni, bread, cheese and cider or coffee; at 10 a second znuni, cider and bread. Between 12 and 1 he eats his dinner, consisting of soup, two kinds of vegetables, meat, sometimes two kinds of it, cider and bread; at 3 he has milk and coffee, with bread and butter; at 5, what he calls z'funfe, "5 o'clock tea," of cider and bread; at 7, supper, of coffee or soup, vegetables and usually meat. Between meals he puts away irregular refreshments that do not count, such as an occasional glass of beer or of schnapps or a cup of black coffee.

**Just About.**

Mr. Wise—Johnny, can you tell me why the little hand on my watch goes faster than the big one?

Johnny (after mature reflection)—Papa, ain't it just like why I have to run when I go walking with you?—Jewelers' Weekly.

## SNAKES IN COSTA RICA.

**The Culebra de Sangre Is the Most Deadly of Them All.**

Costa Rica [illegible] rich coast, and in most respects it is [illegible] particularly in the snake family, the [illegible] deadly of which is the terrible culebra de sangre, or blood snake.

This variety of reptile does not grow to a large size, and perhaps for that very reason is most to be dreaded, as it is not so easily seen. It is red and resembles a large swollen vein ready to burst with blood.

A short time ago I stepped on one of these snakes, and like a flash he struck at me, but as I had a pair of leather leggings on no harm was done, though it was a close call. Not so fortunate was a poor day laborer who was bitten by the same variety of snake. The man was working for a neighbor of mine, and I did not see him until the day after he was bitten. The moment I heard about it I went over to see the poor fellow, taking with me a remedy for snake bite, thinking it would do no harm to try it, anyway. When we reached the men's camp, the sight that met our eyes was a sickening one.

The man was bleeding from his nose, mouth and ears; also from his finger and toe nails. How a man could bleed as much as he had and still live was a marvel. He had been bitten in the foot. Only one fang of the serpent had entered the flesh. The manager of the estate had given him several doses of curarine, a medicine made in Colombia and much used here in Central America for poisonous bites. We also gave him the medicine which I had brought with me, which made him vomit profusely.

In a few hours' time the bleeding stopped, and next day the poor fellow was sent to the hospital. No one expected that he would live, as the bite is considered dreadly; but, strange to say, he did recover and in a months' time was at work once more. If both fangs of the snake had entered the foot instead of one, he would undoubtedly have died. I have known a horse to die in a few hours after being bitten by one of the snakes. In hunting in this country one must always keep a sharp lookout for snakes.—Forest and Stream.

## EPIDEMIC OF "JERKS."

**A Singular Affliction That Accompanied a Southern Religious Revival.**

Religious history, so full of anomalies, nowhere chronicles anything stranger than this epidemic of "jerks." It began at Red River church in Robertson county, Tenn., about 1802 and spread thence in every direction. So did the revival wave, of which it was an accompaniment rather than a manifestation. If the influence, whatever it was, came with vigor, the most hardened sinner was not exempt. Sometimes it affected barely one foot; sometimes it took both; again it was one hand and the feet or the arms alone; sometimes the head was the seat of attack, and it drew violently from side to side with fixed features and glassy, staring eyes. Those who fought hardest against it fell prone, writhing, twisting, crying out with the pains of severe cramps. Those who sat passive fell into something like a mild catalepsy.

Pious folk sang and shouted "Glory!" as they jerked. Frightened sinners laid hold upon the nearest stable thing and wrestled mightily to free themselves. It was no light matter to be thus at grips with "the power," as the simpler folk called this undefinable force. Dow, the preacher, tells of passing a camp ground some miles out of Knoxville and seeing upon the grounds 50 to 100 stout saplings, cut off breast high and made smooth for the jerkers. "The earth roundabout them was torn up as by horses stamping at flies or bulls in anger," he adds naively and goes on to say the jerk antidote is, of all conceivable things, dancing.

Particularly for Christians the jerks were exquisitely painful, but as soon as the jerkers began to dance pain was banished, they became intensely happy, assumed a fixed upward gaze, as though looking into the gates of gold, and wore a heavenly smile. Sinners could dance away pain, but lacked the blissful exaltation. Sometimes they danced themselves into insensibility and came out of it weak, as if recovering from mortal illness.—Godey's Magazine.

**Sol Smith Russell and the Autograph.**

"Speaking of autographs on registers," said a veteran hotel man the other evening, "I once witnessed a singular little incident in the town of Independence, Mo. I was visiting a friend at that point when suddenly the whole state was set wild by the news that Frank James, the famous bandit and last of the gang, had surrendered to the authorities. He was brought to Independence for safe keeping, pending his trial, and was met at the depot by an enormous crowd, mainly from Kansas City, which is only 20 miles away.

Before locking him up the officers took him to the hotel for dinner, and he registered like any other guest. Instantly the counter was besieged by a mob of fellows, who fairly trampled over one another in their frantic efforts to see the bandit's chirography, and bidding for the autograph soon began. One man offered $5 as a starter. He was promptly raised to $10, and at last, after a spirited competition, the prize was knocked down for $30 spot cash.

"While this animated scene was in progress a quiet stranger with a lean, melancholy face was standing at the rail taking it all in. I recognized him as Sol Smith Russell, the comedian, who was playing an engagement in Kansas City. After the autograph was sold Russell beckoned mysteriously to the landlord.

" 'Say, mister,' he whispered impressively, 'what's the very least you'll take for the blotter?' "—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Joseph Jefferson expects to rejoin his company for a five weeks' tour, which includes one week in New York. The veteran actor has been ill nearly three months, but is rapidly improving.

## THE HORSE REVIEW.

The veteran driver, A. J. Feek of Syracuse, will be in the sulky this year, it is said.

It is probable that the veteran, Peter Johnston, has retired permanently from the sulky.

Kellerton, by Allerton, dam Aulinda, by Alcantara, is eligible to $47,000 worth of stakes in 1899.

Iron Bar, 2:11, won eight of his nine races in 1898. He was defeated only by Wynema, 2:13¼.

It is said that Major Gentry, 2:24½, pacing, by John R. Gentry, will be out as a trotter this year.

Thirty-five thousand dollars is to be spent at Marion, Ind., on the construction of a new mile track.

Winslow Wilkes, 2:09¾, was the first Nebraska bred horse to enter the 2:10 list. He took his record in 1892.

It is said that the Kentucky Futurity in 1894, which was for $31,630, was the biggest purse ever trotted for.

Jock Bowen has in his stable a filly sired by a French coach horse, out of a trotting bred mare, which is said to have considerable speed.

O. B. Graves, who gave Dick Hubbard his record of 2:09¾ and has been since engaged with the runners, will return to his old love this season.

Old Harry Wilkes, 2:13½, is being driven on the snow path at Somerville, N. J., by Senator W. J. Keyes. It is said he can beat them all down that way, old as he is.


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## LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

Mrs. A. L. Clements went to Vancouver Wednesday for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Leslie passed through on Tuesday's train, on their way East, where they will visit relatives.

Mrs. S. Tingley and Miss Tingley returned Friday evening from a month's visit at Victoria and the Sound cities.

R. Y. McCarter, of Montreal, representing the "E T" corset, was registered at the Cargile House the fore part of the week.

F. Waverley Shipman, a former "typo," but prospering now as manager of the Lyceum Company, was at the Ashcroft Hotel last Monday.

Toronto had a fashionable wedding on the 21st ult., when the daughter of Postmaster-General Mulock was married to Arthur E. Kirkpatrick.

Gavin Hamilton, jr., and Miss Eagle, of Williams Lake, were married at Williams Lake on Wednesday, the 28th ult. The young people's friends wish them a long and prosperous life.

Wm. Frisken, the well-known C.P.R. conductor, will be married be married on Monday next at the home of the bride, in Vancouver, to Miss Celia Boehlofsky. The many friends of the young people join heartily in wishing them a long and happy life.

Along the Adriatic sea swallows and other migratory birds are caught every year by the hundreds of thousands and eaten by the Italians, who spread nets in which as many as 300 to 500 of the tired birds are caught at once.

The Sentinel says: "The infant daughter of J. A. Patterson, Mary Beryl, died on Sunday last from tuberculosis, aged 1 year and 3 days, and was buried on Monday afternoon, Rev. J. Ladner officiating." Mrs. Patterson is the daughter of our fellow townsman, Mr. I. Lehman.

The Lyceum Company will give an entertainment at the town hall tonight. The play will be the "Man in Black." The Company is well spoken of and the entertainment should be well worth attending. The entertainment is given under the auspices of the Ashcroft Amateur Athletic Association.

The Westminster Columbian says: The administration of the Education Department by Mr. Martin and his new superintendent of education has been open to criticism on more than one point of late, as readers of the Columbian well know. Altogether Attorney-General and Minister of Education Martin has turned out, in a remarkably short space of time, to be anything but a source of strength to the government.

The Georgetown Herald says: "Seneca G. Ketchum, formerly of Orangeville, who is now publishing the Skagit County Times, in Washington, recently offered a bicycle as a prize for the man whom the citizens should pronounce to be the homeliest in the county. Seneca got the prize himself on an almost unanimous vote." If we had only known this sooner we would have backed some of our neighbors for the wheel, although "Seneca Garnet" is a hard man to beat.

James Deacon, of Quesnelle is at present in the Parsnip river country prospecting river leases and hydraulic ground for parties living in the eastern states. From all reports received from that country, while gold does not lie around on the ground thick enough to be scraped up in large quantities, as Captain Broughman's credulous victims were led to believe, nevertheless there are good mining properties awaiting the prospector who uses common sense and knows his business.

The best fishing in the upper country is in Polley's lake, near the outlet to the big Cariboo mine ditch, or in the ditch itself. Rainbow trout are on exhibition almost any time in the ditch. Mr. Harris, the ditch tender stationed at Polley's lake, catches them in large numbers. He packs them in a box, nails it up and throws it in the ditch and telephones down to the boarding house to look out for fish. In about nine hours the current takes the box down to the gate near the mine. The gate man takes it out and the result is fish enough for the crew of a hundred to get a trout breakfast.

The Georgetown (Ont.) Herald of the 22nd ult. says: "Rev. M. D. McKee, of Slocan City, B.C., and Miss C. J. McKechnie were married this afternoon at the home of the bride's father, Mr. McKechnie, on St. John street. Mr. and Mrs. McKee will spend a short time in Ontario, and expect to be home to their British Columbia friends by July 15th. We congratulate Mr. McKee upon taking to himself so estimable a bride." Knowing, as the Ashcroft people do, the sterling integrity of our former townsman, Mr. McKee, we feel that we can safely congratulate Mrs. McKee on securing a helpmeet through life who is in all respects a gentleman and an honest man. In the name of Mr. McKee's many Ashcroft friends we extend best wishes for the future to Mr. and Mrs. McKee.

The lacrosse game today promises to be interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Nelson spent a couple of days in Kamloops this week.

Geo. Powell, representing a tailor firm, will soon make a trip to Cariboo.

Dexter & Son are finishing off their house. It will be a warm, tidy building when completed.

Notice is given that anyone found dumping refuse of any kind on the vacant lots in the townsite will be prosecuted.

F. Welsh, L.D.S., dentist, of New Westminster, is at the Cargile House, where he will remain for some time doing business.

Miss Mary Smith, of Clinton, returned home from Kamloops, where she has been attending school for the past year, yesterday.

Two of the Hamilton boys, from the 114 Mile House are in town, having come down for a load of their own freight, lying at one of the forwarding houses.

John Shields visited Kamloops on a business trip this week. Arrangements may be made for putting in a saw mill plant at Kamloops by the Water Works Company.

Quesnelle Forks is one of the best small towns in the country. John McRae, of McRae's hotel and store has sixty regular boarders, besides the transient trade.

The Horsefly will some day before long create an excitement such as has not been seen in Cariboo for many a day. The old channel system is extensive and rich.

The change in time from night to day service, and two passenger trains a day each way, means a great improvement for the traveling public that stop off at, or leave Ashcroft.

Both Oliver Evans and G. E. Johnson, while somewhat improved in health are still not well. Their many friends in the community hope for their complete recovery soon.

Miss Northcott, government teacher of Quesnelle, was a down passenger on Thursday's stage, as was Miss Duncan, of Lac La Hache. Both have gone to the coast for a well-deserved holiday.

The Agricultural Association intend to do themselves proud this fall. Make your arrangements to come in and attend the fair, September 27th, 28th and 29th. Don't just think about it, but come.

The party of English prospectors, or four of them, are still in Ashcroft. They yet intend going north but are awaiting news from home which the actions of their former leader makes imperitive.

A gay young chap named George Wray, of Indianapolis, Ind., aged 103 years, has just received a divorce from his wife and is now free to marry again. He is reported as wealthy and should be a good catch.

Mr. W. J. Newell, the well known mining man, came down this week from Quesnelle Forks on a business trip and is now in the country for a few Similkameen country for a few days, examining some dredging properties.

Arthur Booth was back for a day this week from the Boundary creek country. Charlie Haddock is at Penticton with his team and is reported as already out of freight. Messrs. Barnes, Cargile and Cover are in the Republic section across the line.

Donald Perrier, the Westminster murderer, was hanged at 8:02 yesterday morning. He slept peacefully through the previous night and it was 4 a.m. when he was aroused. He went to the gallows as criminals of his class usually do, without repentence.

A letter was received at the Ashcroft post-office on June 27, 1899 from Mayomonte, Wisconsin, addressed as follows:

"For Lillooet I am bound
In British Columbia to be found
In Canada let me be
Until Mr. J. J.H. calls for me."

J. W. Burr has received the appointment of assessor and collector for the district of West Yale. Mr. Burr will fill the office thoroughly and well. It is generally understood that the Government office at Yale will be closed, but this report is only a rumor.

Chas. Pennie, J. C. Barnes, Philip and Henry Parke, Mr. Wood of Spatsum, Mr. Kirkpatrick, and numerous other farmers living in the vicinity were in town this week. The decision of the Privy Council in the Parke case is very unfavorably received in this community.

So far as reported there was no particular change and no marvelous improvement in the few unfortunate sick that Mrs. "Doctor" Wenzel had induced to take the electrical treatment. Electricty is a well known and well understood therapeutical agent among medical men, in many cases it is of material service, but in the hands of a charlatan and a thoroughly unscrupulous person like the one above quoted it is much more likely to do harm than good.

Next Tuesday is July 4th.

J. W. Burr, Assessor and Collector, is away on a business trip for a few days.

At the Cargile House regular concerts are now given by the zitherphone.

The adjourned sitting of the Licensing Board will be held on Thursday, the 6th inst.

The weather in Ashcroft has not been so far as hot and dry as it usually is at this season of the year.

Captain Dowling, of the English party staying at the Ashcroft, this week received the sad news of the death of his twin sister at her home in England.

Judge C. F. Cornwall is on his way down from Barkerville, where he held court last Monday. Quite a number of cases were disposed of at the various courts held.

The Norris Brothers' trained animal show will exhibit on the railroad grounds on Tuesday, the 4th. The entertainment is first class and all reports agree that nothing has been seen in the west to compare with this unique show. The street parade is well worth seeing, Street parade and entertainment both afternoon and evening.

Do any of our readers know of the whereabouts of a man 73 years of age, six feet tall, etc. name Tyler P. Lovejoy. His relations at Hastings, Minn., write enquiring of his whereabouts. Any information left at the JOURNAL office will be forwarded. He is reported as living in this section but we have never heard of such a man.

Messrs. Vieth & Borland have not yet returned ffom Victoria where they have been for the past week in attendance upon court. The parties to whom they sold their mule train last year having sued them for the alleged non-delivery of the train, at the time agreed upon, at Glenora. We understand that Messrs. Vieth and Borland state that they did not agree to deliver them at any stated time, agreeing simply to send them through overland as early as practicable.

Letters asking for information about the school house have been answered in full of late, and tenders are being asked for for construction. The building will be two stories high and on the present site. This is the selection of the school board and is, we believe, a mistake. One hundred feet of ground does not give sufficient space for recreation grounds. The board could possibly arrange it so as to get a larger tract of ground, say down a block or two, on the B. X. ground, where trees could be planted and pleasant grounds gradually made. It is worth while for the school board to yet consider this as we are informed by the engineer, Mr. Gamble that such arrangements are usually made by the school board, and it might be tnat if proper representations were made to the government the matter could be arranged. At any rate, if this is not done, the ground immediately back of the present grounds should be secured if possible so as to be able to put the building further back from the street.

Wm. Thompson, the well known mining man who has operated so extensively in Australia, left yesterday morning by B. X. stage for Barkerville, where he goes to spend the season, arranging for extensive development work on the Slough creek, Willow river, Williams creek and other properties that his company are interested in. Mr. Thompson's reputation as a successful mining man in Australia is such that his advent into the mining fields of Cariboo as an extensive operator is a matter of much importance and the large and valuable interests his company have through him secured will be developed as speedily as may be. Surely on Mr. Thompson's reports there should be no difficulty in securing plenty of capital for developing properties, and of the properties he has secured there is but one opinion among mining men, viz., that with sufficient capital and intelligent work the properties will prove of great value. Mr. Thompson was for some years in the Coolgardie gold fields of Australia, and was at one time president of the Coolgardie Chamber of Mines.

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### Some Bear Stories.

A party of hunters leave town next week to try to exterminate the grizzly bear that is amusing itself killing beef steers near Salmon Lake. This bear has been seen several times recently and is said to be as large as a horse.—Sentinel.

Mr. Harris, of Polleys lake, claims there is a grizzly in that section whose tracks measure six by twelve inches. He must be as large as an elephant.

### Collision With a Whale.

Lieut. F. L. Chadwick, of the United States navy, is visiting his uncle, Dr. L. S. Chadwick, says the Cleveland Leader. During the war with Spain Lieut. Chadwick served on the cruiser Raleigh. He entered Manila bay when Dewey made his famous dash into the harbor. Lieut. Chadwick said that on his return trip there was a collision with a huge whale that was sleeping on the water. Lieut. Chadwick was on watch when the boat gave a lurch.

"I thought we had run on some hidden rocks," he said. "I rushed to the rail and found that the ram of the cruiser was fast in the side of a whale 40 feet long. The engines had to be reversed before the whale was released. It floated away dead. You may think that is a fish story, but it is an actual fact, and the cruiser's log will verify it."

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F. CARTER-COTTON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 22nd June, 1899. 914

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