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TO BE HANGED.

Before Mr. Justice Drake, of the Supreme Court, at the Clinton assizes, the Indian Sam In was, after a brief trial found guilty of wilful murder and sentenced to be taken from whence he came to Kamloops, there to be kept in close confinement until July 29th, and then to be hanged by the neck till dead, and His Lordship added, impressively, "May God have mercy on your soul."

The crime for which Sam In was sentenced to the extreme penalty of the law was the wilful killing of Lewis G. Elkins on the 30th day of December last. The murderer is an Indian who has been long known as bearing a bad reputation although this is the first serious crime brought home to him. He was ably defended by Denis Murphy, barrister, of Ashcroft, and was prosecuted by George Powell, barrister, of Victoria, assisted by J. Briscoe Cherry, of Lillooet.

The evidence showed that the prisoner was at Mr. Skinner's house on the way to the house of the murdered man, and from the condition of the body when found it was evident that the rifle of Elkins was taken from the wall, and while his back was turned the fatal shot was fired, the ball passing through his brain and causing instant death. Before the shooting the murderer had evidently for some cause removed his coat which was found near the body of the murdered man, with blood on it. After committing the deed he had taken the keys of the house and a small store near by kept by Mr. Elkins, and had locked the house leaving the body within with his bloodstained coat alongside. He went to the store, unlocked it, and selected a new suit of clothes, hat and shoes from the stock, and a new rifle, leaving in the store his old clothes. He then rode towards home leaving the keys with an Indian fifteen miles away, to whom he said he had killed a white man and asking him to look out for the store. The murderer went through the same day to Nemiah valley, sixty miles away, where the murdered man's brother, Edward Elkins, lived, and there told some of the Indians that he had killed Elkins and wanted some cartridges so he could go up and kill his brother, meaning Edward Elkins. The Indians took away the rifle and went to Elkins' house and told him of the occurrence. Elkins took a couple of Indians with him and left immediately for the place where the crime was committed, and arrived there about 10 o'clock the next night, accompanied by Mr. Skinner and Mr. McClinchery, finding the body as described above. The Indian was arrested, with the assistance of other Indians, three days after and was taken to the 150 Mile House, after a preliminary examination at Franklin's in Chilcoten. He was taken to the Kamloops jail to await the spring assizes. To the court he pleaded not guilty but after his conviction made a full confession of his guilt.

There has been no hanging of criminals in the upper country since 1884 when two Indians were hanged for murder. In 1872 seven Indians were hanged at Quesnelle for the murder of eleven white men, who were at work on the Waddington road then being built but afterwards abandoned. At that time the militia were called out and a general rounding up of the murderous tribe made. It is is said to be still well remembered by the older Indians of Chilcóten. At the Waddington massacre the older indians now say one bad Indian killed one white man, not a member of the Waddington party. Taking his supplies he went over to where the Chilcoten Indians were packing for the road party, and there, after a long talk, induced the Indians to join with him in the killing of the twelve men, one of whom escaped the massacre which followed. The method adopted was to cut the ropes to the big tent and let the canvas down on the sleeping men and as they emerged from under the edge of the tent they were killed with axes.

The reason assigned by Sam In for the killing of Mr. Elkins was that he refused to let him sleep in the house and refused to give him food.

Kamloops at Glenora.

Ben Wehrfritz, writing to Kamloops, says he left Vancouver on the 7th May on Mr. Mara's steamer, the Stickine Chief, and reached Fort Wrangel eight days later, on May 15th. It looks as if we had taken a long time, but our boat is built for the river, not for the sea, and we had twice to stop and clean the boilers.

At Fort Wrangel we waited for the Islander, which had 140 soldiers on board for us to take to Glenora. It was very interesting to see about 2,000 people camping on the river banks, who were unable to make it on account of the ice melting. They will all have to take the boat now. Only a very few people succeeded in getting through before navigation opened, but James Russell was one of them. It is a lovely country between Wrangel and Glenora, fine scenery, and high mountains covered with snow. The Stickine Chief is one of the best and fastest boats on the river. We met three steamers disabled on account of the rapidity of the stream. They had broken their shafts and wheels.

On Saturday morning at 6 o'clock we reached Glenora, and were received by a great crowd. There are a good many Kamloops people there and all are looking well. James Russell has a hotel and is doing a very good business. They call it the Kamloops Hotel. Our brewery and big cellar is already finished and as soon as we get our freight unpacked (which will take some time) I will at once begin to brew. There are a great many people here already and still they keep on coming.—Standard.

And Elections Coming on Next Month.

Citizen—Mr. Greatman, I heard a curious debate the other evening. The subject was: "Can a politician be a christian?" What's your opinion.

Mr. Greatman (local statesman)—He kin, but he'll git licked.—New York Weekly.

Will Probably Bring the First Gold.

Reliable information has come from Bennett lake that the steamer Ora is completed and will start on her run down from Bennett to Dawson on June 7th, and will arrive at Dawson about June 12th. It is expected that the Ora will be the first boat to arrive at Dawson, and her freight will, therefore, command large prices. She is making arrangements to bring out some of the gold now awaiting shipment at Dawson, in which case it should arrive about June 24th, being the first gold to arrive.

The Newspaper Man's Grave.

"Whose lonesome, deserted grave is that down there in the hollow?" asked the stranger of an old resident of a thriving little town in British Columbia the other day.

"Ah! that," said the old resident, "that's the newspaper fellow that was buried down there while this town was a village. Good enough fellow, too," he soliloquized, "but made a big mistake."

"How so?" asked the stranger.

"Well," replied the old timer, "he came here and started a paper and did a curious thing—didn't abuse anybody, treated everybody alike, gave the news as it occurred and tried to mind his own business. Rather an able chap, too, but it didn't work."

"What didn't work?" queried the stranger.

"Why, minding his own business," said the old man. "You see, some of the business men took it in their heads 'cause he didn't abuse others that he was ag'in them and so it went. The fellar took sick after awhile and died, and he was buried down in that there hollow 'cause he hadn't enough friends left to pack him up the hill to the burying ground. But the chap that is here now is all right. He changed the name of the paper from the Pacifier to the Agitator and he has been stirring them up ever since. Yes sir, he's all right. Averages two fights and a lawsuit a month, and has fit seven duels sincet the Agitator started. He is a much respected man in the community.

Prospects for a New Jail.

The below courteous reply was received by Tuesday's mail from Mr. Justice Drake in answer to the petition sent to him from Ashcroft, and signed by over fifty of our business men and other residents. The petition briefly recited the true condition of the building in Ashcroft called a jail, and which we have asked in vain to have replaced with a building that can at least be kept in sanitary condition, and that will be of such size that thirteen persons will not have to be confined in three cells about seven feet square. As the petition stated, the constable's books show that 125 persons have been held for longer or shorter terms in the jail since May 1st, 1897. There should be such arrangements made in Ashcroft as exist in other places, that prisoners doing time could be put to work on the streets. Following is Mr. Justice Drake's reply:

Clinton, B.C., May 30, 1898.

F. S. REYNOLDS, ESQ., Ashcroft, B.C.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of the petition relative to the Ashcroft gaol and will bring the subject before the Kamloops grand jury, to whose district it properly belongs, and I will myself examine the building and report to the premier if it is in the condition which the petition leads me to suppose.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

M. W. TYRWHITT DRAKE.

Ashcroft is indebted to Messrs. Adams, Hunter and Rogers, M,P,P,'s, of Cariboo, for their response to the citizens' request that while here they would examine into the condition of the facilities afforded by the government for the safe keeping of prisoners. They all stated, after the inspection, that the conditions were such that it was imperative that arrangements be made at once as would secure a tract of land and the erection of a jail and jailer's residence, a proper yard, and improvements of various kinds. All agreed to write to the proper departments regarding the matter.

BARKERVILLE.

Under date of May 25th our correspondent from Barkerville writes as follows:

Water has been turned into the ditches of the Cariboo Gold Fields, and the elevator is at this moment taking all of the gravel they can get to it and is calling for more. It is a grand success and the people here are greatly elated over the successful working of this great machine. The pressure is 660 feet and the height it elevates is 88 feet vertically. Only 1,000 inches of water is being used just now but a larger nozzle will be put on soon and 1,200 inches used.

The reports are here that several strong companies will start in soon on a large scale in this vicinity and there is plenty of gold in old Cariboo that that can be recovered if companies will use a proper combination of capital and judgment.

The weather has been cold and snow hangs on late on the road to Barkerville but we trust the mails will be regular hereafter.

The results of the successful work on the part of the Cariboo Gold Fields Company will bring about the realization of the people of Cariboo as nothing else would do, and it will set loose large sums of money to exploit and open up old channels and hydraulic ground. The fame of Williams, Lightning, Antler, Grouse and other rich streams that center in the Bald mountain range will be revived and the results of deep diggings will be such that the $60,000,000 which has been taken out of Cariboo will be no longer quoted as its output, but as the sum already taken out with old channels enough under way to make a marvelous showing for many decades to come. With the present showing of the hydraulic elevators throwing their immense streams of gravel high in the air and carried down to a resting place below, it now seems easy to work the deep diggings of Cariboo.

HORSEFLY.

An interesting letter from Senator R. H. Campbell, of the Miocene company, of Horsefly, received by last mail, says:

"We reached bedrock on May 5th at 275 feet, and found it still pitching at the rate of one to two, with some gold but not pay. We are now 50 feet into bedrock, or 325 feet from the surface. At this level we are driving a tunnel for the channel and expect to catch it in about 80 or 100 feet, which will take about twenty days, and we will soon know what this immense ancient channel contains."

The Hobson mine is running a part of the time, employing about thirty men. It is reported that some rich gravel deposits have been found in the mine within the past few weeks.

CHILCOTEN.

Four different bands of cattle numbering about 600 head or more have left this part for Telegraph Creek within the last two weeks. Norman Lee has taken over 200 head. Jerry Gravel and Blain took 102 head. Cornell and Varish took about 75 head and J. Harris and A. Knight took 200 head. Nearly all took horses as well to sell up there. J. Gravel and his partner were the first to start. Lee and Cornell went the same day only on different routes as far as Blackwater, and Harris and Knight left this week.

LACLA HACHE.

Everything has been very quiet in this valley during the spring, but everybody awakened in time to celebrate the Queen's Birthday. The principal celebration took the form of a picnic, which was held on the 129 hill. Quite a number attended and a very pleasant day was spent. Swings had been put up the day before, and tables built and everything was in readiness when the time came. The first thing on the programme was dinner and, as the ladies had provided bountifully, a splendid table was spread beneath the shade of the fine old trees and everyone did full justice to the good things provided. During the afternoon various games were indulged in by the young people, but base ball seemed to be the favorite pastime. After supper the whole party adjourned to the residence of J. Wright and spent the night in dancing. Everyone went home well satisfied with their day's pleasure and wished that our beloved Queen may live long to reign over us.

The crops are looking well and most of the ranchers have started their dairy work. This rain is just what was wanted.

The Cariboo road has been a scene of activity during the past two weeks with pack trains both large and small, all seeking the gold fields.

A Strange Visitor.

Friday morning as Mrs. Wm. Shufeldt was crossing the street to her residence, in the west part of town, something swooped down suddenly, apparently from the sky, and lit close at her side. Thinking the visitor a winged monster the lady gave a shriek of terror and sought the protection of the house at a speed that would have distanced a professional sprinter. Gaining a place of saftey she plucked up courage to take a peep at the object that had caused such sudden apprehension, and surprise gave place to fear as the thing with wings proved to be a tall, solemn looking sand hill crane. So tame was the bird that it did not attempt to escape when Mrs. Shufeldt approached, and now the long-legged fowl is a domesticated pet. Where the bird came from, or how it happened to be so fearless of the presence of man, is a conundrum that no one has yet been able to solve.—Palmer Mountain Prospector.

County Court.

The following cases were at issue and tried before His Honor Judge C. F. Cornwall on Wednesday, June 1 at the Ashcroft term of county court:

Sullivan vs. Hamilton. Action for debt. Judgment for plaintiff.

Shun Quay vs. Haddock. Judgment for plaintiff.

Wilson vs. Curnow. Judgment reserved.

McGillivray vs. Hyman. Action of replevin. Judgment for plaintiff.

Berry vs. Cummings. Judgment for plaintiff.

Bryan Offered a Command.

St. Louis, May 31.—A special from Jefferson City says: Gov. Stevens today sent the following telegram to W. J. Bryan, at Lincoln, Neb:

"Seeing that your state, under the second call for 75,000 volunteers, may not be requested to furnish a full regiment, and knowing of your patriotism and desire to be at the front in the service of your country during the present war, I hereby tender you, if under the second call I am empowered by the secretary of war to make such appointment, the colonelcy of a Missouri regiment. Presuming to speak for my state, I say that our people will be as loyal to you personally as you to your country, and they will feel honored to fight under your leadership.

LON V. STEVENS,
Governor of Missouri."

In an interview Governor Stevens said:

"I offer the colonelcy to Mr. Bryan in good faith and hope he will accept. Missourians generally will indorse my action. I believe I am empowered to make this appointment, and if Mr. Bryan accepts he may be induced to become a citizen of our state."

Lincoln, Neb., May 31.—W. J. Bryan today wired Governor Stevens the following reply:

"I am deeply indebted to you for the great honor you do me. I should be pleased to be associated in any capacity with the Missouri volunteers, but it is quite certain that all or a considerable portion of my regiment will be accepted, and I feel that my first duty is to the Nebraska boys.

W. J. BRYAN."

British Steamer Seized.

Key West, Fla., May 30.—The British steamer Restormel was brought in here this morning under her own steam by a prize crew. She was captured while trying to put into Santiago de Cuba with a cargo of coal. The steamer was bound from Cardiff to Porto Rico. As the Restormel came in the British flag was flying half way down her mainmast. She was leaking badly. Newspaper men are not permitted to approach within a hundred yards of her.

The Restormel was captured by the auxiliary cruiser St. Paul, Captain Sigsbee. She was built at Newcastle in 1882 and has a gross tonnage of 2,020, is 286 feet long, 36 feet 3 inches beam, and draws 23 feet 7 inches. She is owned by the Restromel's S.S. Co., limited (Cory & Sons), Cardiff. The Restromel was captured under the very guns of Moro Castle, at 6 a.m., on May 25th. She carried 2,400 tons of the best Welsh coal, from Cardiff.

Mica Mine Near Kendrick.

Kendrick, Idaho, May 29.—A most important discovery has been made on Cedar creek by H. L. Patterson of a fine ledge containing some of the best mica yet found in this section. A number of bodies of mica have been developed in this section of Idaho with but poor result, as most of them were scattering and not of sufficient size to warrant working. Mr. Patterson has opened up 10 feet and secured sheets from four to six inches square, and has returns from samples sent out that indicate that the quality is excellent.

The following cases will be tried at the assizes here next Monday before Mr. Justice Drake: Regina vs. Newlove, murder; Regina vs. Sweeney, unlawful wounding; Regina vs. Frank August, shooting with intent and escape: Regina vs. McDonald, robbery; Regina vs. Durgan, beastiality; Regina vs. Swanson, escape. Also the following speedy trial cases: Regina vs. Ike Swite, horse stealing; Regina vs. McIver, falsification; Regina vs. McIntyre, assault.—Standard.

QUESNELLE.

A meeting was held in the club room to consider ways and means to celebrate Dominion Day. A committee was appointed to collect funds for prizes. Next week the several sport committees will be appointed. It is intended besides the usual athletic sports to have an excursion on the steamer, followed by a dance in the evening. Posters will be issued in a few days announcing the programme of sports. The programme will be an attractive one, as we have quite a few first-class athletes.

It is estimated that between nine hundred and a thousand mules and pack horses have passed Quesnelle. Many are on the way to Teslin lake and others to the Omenica and Peace river country. There arrived today a splendid band of mules for the H. B. Co. The animals are in fine condition. It is intended that they take a load of flour to Fort St. James and then pursue their journey to Hazelton to load for Klondike. The outfit is made up of 73 mules and five men. The Charlotte is kept busy ferrying them across the Fraser. Captain Black crossed the other day accompanied by a representative of the London Times on his way to the Omenica.

The Queen's Birthday was celebrated in the usual way here by holding a children's picnic. The day was very fine. Prizes were distributed in races and other juvenile sports, in which the children participated. It was very enjoyable for young and old. After all joining in singing the national anthem the pleasant day was brought to a close. The ladies of Quesnelle kindly furnished the cake and other nice things and all were well entertained.

150 MILE HOUSE.

The Queen's Birthday was royally celebrated by a picnic at Williams lake which proved a great success. A grand ball brought the psoceedings to a close in the small hours of the 25th, which shows the respect in which Her Gracious Majesty is held by the loyal citizens of this place.

Rumors are afloat that Jno. Murphy received an invitation to appear in full dress with white kid gloves at a certain place not 100 miles from St. Joseph's Mission.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Eagle regret their departure to Beaver lake, as their absence causes a blank that will not be easily replaced.

Archie Knight and J. Harris left with a band of 350 head of cattle for the Klondike a few days ago. Mr. Harris is an old timer on the trail, being in the employ of Veith & Borland in the pack train for the past four years and he is thoroughly acquainted with the trail to Telegraph creek. That success will crown their efforts is the wish of their many friends.

Mr. McVeigh passed here en route to Forks to begin work on the Morehead ditch. He states that the heathen Chinee will be conspicious by their absence from the work.

H. Haran has removed his saddlery department from the 134 to this place. His presence will be hailed with delight during the coming political contest, when all the government forces will be brought to bear on the thoroughly organized and well disciplined ranks of the opposition, of which he is the leader.

A. J. Patenaude left last week for Little lake. Reports say that a river of tears followed him.

R. L. Shaw is getting on his war paint for the coming provincial elections.

W. Felker returned from a picnic at the Blue Tent the 25th. Reports say that heart troubles have affected him since.

Dr. Wilson Herald and A. G. McIntosh, who sent their wives east about five weeks ago, now consider themselves privileged characters.

The government boarding house appears to have a liberal share of public patronage at present.

The Horsefly stage is making regular trips. New stages have lately been added by the manager, and before the end of the year we expect to see it one of the best equipped stage routes in British Columbia.

Mrs. Issac Ogden is visiting friends at Onward ranch.

Freighting appears to be at a stand still for the past month but better times are looked for later on.

The large and commodious stable of Veith & Borland's is nearing completion. When it is finished it will compare second to none on the Cariboo road.

Dissapointments appear to be the lot of the children of men. A young lady arrived at this place the 24th only to find that her partner had left for the picnic grounds an hour previous. Nothing daunted, she secured a seat beside a young benedict, assumed the position of driver and arrived on the grounds just five minutes later than the one that played truant.

Mr. Mansell, of Kootenay, with six men and a number of horses, will leave in a few days for the Omenica country via Fort St. James, with the intention of pushing along up into the head reaches of the Findlay river before the season closes.

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Spain an Object Lesson.

If we except the Mexican war of conquest, we are now for the first time brought into hostilities with a people *foreign to ourselves* in their traditions and civilization. Considering the fact that the free institutions of the Saxon race from the political hope of the future, it would seem that this common interest would lead to a warm alliance between the English speaking people of the world. Since the Venezuela disturbance "John Bull" seems inclined to view the matter in this light also. But it is a singular fact that so far we have had to fight for our rights, not against a foreign foe but against English speaking people.

And now, towards the close of the 19th century, as we have declared war war against a truly foreign nation, let us consider briefly the history and characteristics of their nation, that perchance we may contrast it with our own and value the latter more highly.

Historians of Buckle's type argue that the character of the Spanish people is to be accounted for in their national surroundings. A country in which nature appears in the awful formof frequent earthquakes is said to frighten a people and make them superstitious. They seek for some force to enlist on their side to help them in the fight against their enemy, nature. This accounts for their religion or superstitions.

But mankind is not yet willing to accept man simply as an effect. They consider the human mind as a cause as well, and therefore hold a people and an individual *responsible for their misdeeds.*

Spain stands today as an example among nations of the principle of de*generation. She has sowed to the* wind and is industriously reaping the scriptural fruit.

By the middle of the 16th century *she stood foremost among nations of* the world. The Emperor Charles V. and Philip II. had the resources of two worlds at their command. But even there the Spanish character was cruel and treacherous. They seemed to have inherited all the sins of our ancestor Adam, to have developed the same and then held them by the law of primogeniture.

When Columbus sailed for America the Kingdoms of Castile and Aragon had combined to drive out the Moors, some of their most thrifty and intelligent citizens, who had lived as the descendants of William the Conqueror have in England. Then followed the expulsion and prosecution of the Jews, and as these constituted the greater part of the remaining thrifty citizens, it was in fact a step toward national suicide.

Having no productive industries at home, they turned to the newly discovered world in the west and exploited that to the limits of their ingenuity. The Indians of South America and Mexico were forced to work their gold and silver mines and the barbarity with which they murdered this helpless race knew no bounds.

The calm language of Draper flames here into eloquence as he dwells on the crime of exterminating a civilization which has been thought by eminent historians to have been superior to that of Spain herself. He says: "*The enormous crime of Spain in de*stroying this civilization has never been appreciated in Europe." After 400 years, America is beginning to ap*preciate the cruelty of the last act in* this drama, the barbarities in Cuba.

The boundless quantities of gold and silver sent to the new world to Europe enables Spain to carry on the most high handed measures under that prince of despots and bigots, Philip II. She stifled the rights of free speech, and all institutions that were conducive to the welfare of humanity she considered her natural enemies.

In 1588 occurred an event which John Fiske calls the "greatest that has happened upon this planet since the wise men of the east followed the star of Bethlehem." Spain had all Europe in her power except a little sea-girt island where the English race lived and preserved the traditions of free institutions. These Philip II. with a fiend-like vindictiveness was endeavoring to overthrow. Accordingly he assembled a great fleet of warships at Cadiz, straining the resources of his dominions to make this the "Invincible Armada." When all was ready they set sail to conquer England carrying with them ninety inquisitioners with their thumb screws, and their little instruments of love with which to persuade the English people that their faith was the true one. The pope blessed the expedition as calculated to hasten the time when men should be brothers and love their neighbors as themselves. But in spite of this, under the heroic leadership of Drake, Haw*kins, Frobisher and other sea-dogs,* the armada was completely annihilated.

The "Holy Inquisition" was another of the eminently religious institutions *of Spain. Freedom of thought was the* most terrible of crimes. A man with an idea was hunted down like a wild beast. Draper says that the auto da fe *of Europe was a dreadful cruelty; not* an offering to heaven but a gratification of spite, hatred, fear, vengeance—the most malignant passions on earth."

Let us remember that in the period from 1481 to 1808 that fully 340,000 persons had been punished for the horrible and stupendous crime of having *minds of their own. Let any nation* sift out the most intelligent of its citizens and burn them for nearly four centuries, and if this does not make *arch demons out of ordinary sinful* mortals it would be the greatest miracle in the human history.

When Dewey crashed into the Spanish fleet at Manila it was only a continuation of the battle which the sea heroes of England so heroically began by overwhelming the armada in 1588, and saving old England from the horrors of the inquisition.

During the first two hundred years after the discovery of America, the resources of the new world were used to oppress and exterminate in Holland and England all that was valuable in the civilization of the old. Now, let the other great achievements of the 19th century be crowned by hurling back across the Atlantic the last vestige of the country that has proved a greater curse to humanity than Attila or Xenghis Kahn, and whose prime principles of bigotry, superstition, intolerance, and murder, it is high time to civilize off the face of the earth.

The above article was written by Andrew A. Wasburn, of Horicon, Wis., who is now attending the State University at Madison, that State.

"I don't see anything extraordinary about him!" said one young woman. "How did he get his reputation for originality?"

"Oh," replied the other, "he's the only man in our club who has'nt tried to make a joke on Admiral Dewey's name."—Detroit Free Press.

When a steamer whistled one day this week, two of Skaguay's business men hurried down to the dock, expecting to meet their wives. When half way down they stopped and carefully looked over each other's clothes in quest of any stray long hairs that might have been lingering thereabouts.—News.

Label Your Fruit Boxes.

Notice is given in the B. C. Gazette *that, at a meeting of the Board of Hor*ticulture, on April 25th last, rule 8 was amended to read as follows: "Stenciling and Labelling.—8. All persons ship*ping, sending, or delivering any fruit* trees scions, cuttings, or plants within the Province shall place upon or securely attach to each box, crate, or other package or parcel containing the same, a distinct stamp, mark, or lable, showing the name, of the producer and shipper or sender, and the locality where grown. Boxes and barrels containing fruit shall be stencilled or stamped accordingly with letters not less than three-quarters of an inch in length.

Spain Seeking More Trouble.

A late Vancouver despatch says: Shortly after the breaking out of hostilities between Spain and the United States it began to be whispered in local diplomatic circles that the Spanish government was very uneasy about the great cargoes of coal leaving British Columbia to fill orders in the United States. It is claimed that Captain Mellon, the local Spanish consul, was then asked to interfere, but being a local business man he knew such a move would be unpopular and took no action.

It now develops that Senor Manuel Cruz, a Spanish diplomatist, is on his way west and is expected at Vancouver any day. Credentials granting him very extensive powers are here now with the local consul and Senor Cruz on behalf of the Spanish government will likely demand that the carrying of of coal from British Columbia into the United States shall instantly cease, and that all collieries which have previously supplied coal shall be held for damages by the Imperial government on behalf of Spain.

Local sympathy is so strong for the United States that the consequences *of such a move* are almost certain to be international complications. Captain Mellon and Col. Dudley, the United States consul, are said to have *been in close conference* to-day. Capt. Mellon, when approached said: "His papers are in my safe and when he comes you will see something that will make a *big row, and probably lead to* international complications."

Then he refused to speak further.

Growth of a Great Man.

The man who had come to Washington after an office was talking over old times with Colonel Stilwell.

"Do you remember Mr. Gowans?" asked the visitor.

"Puffeckly well," replied the colonel; "puffeckly."

"I believe he settled in your city, did he *not?*"

"Yes, suh."

"He didn't seem to have a great deal of ambition when I knew him."

"There's where you show yourself a pore *judge of human nature, suh. I nevvah* saw a man get along fastuh in our community, suh."

"Perhaps I did him an injustice."

"You undoubtedly did, suh. Why, befo' he had been there three weeks he had got to be a major, in less than six months he was known as 'colonel' and when I left a great many people were alludin to him as 'general.'"

"Still that doesn't prove that he has accomplished anything practical."

"Don't mistake, suh; don't imagine that he has wasted his opportunities. A man cannot achieve all things at once, suh. His rise was gradual, but sure. I didn't tell you what happened to him aftuh I left the city. Step by step he made his way, suh, from major to colonel and from colonel to general, and still onward and upward until now, suh, he has got to be a *real postmaster,* with compensation amounting to at least $600 per annum, suh."—Washington Star.

A farmer wrote as follows to a distinguished scientific agriculturing; to *whom he felt under obligations* for introducing a variety of swine: "Respected sir—I went yesterday to the cattle show. I found several pigs of *your species. There was a great* variety of hogs, and I was astonished at not seeing you there."

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.*

The Test.

Maid (breathlessly)—Oh, miss, both the gents you is engaged to has called, and they're in the parlor, and somehow or other they've found it out, and, oh, miss, I'm 'fraid there'll be trouble!"

Miss Flirtie—Horrors! Oh, dear! What shall I do?"

Maid (after reflection)—I'll *fix it.* I'll run an tell 'em you're crying y'r eyes out 'cause y'r father has lost all his money. Then you can keep the one who stays.

Two minutes later the maid returned to *say that both the gents had gone.*—London Tit-Bits.

She—Ah, count, you don't know how my love for you distresses my parents. I heard my father say this morning that he would give $50,000 if I could never see you again.

The Count—Ees your fazaire in bees offees now, you sink?—Chicago News.

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NOTICE.

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150-Mile House, Wednesday, 15th June, 1898.
Soda Creek, Friday, 17th June, 1898.
Quesnelle, Monday, 20th June, 1898.
Richfield, Thursday, 23rd June, 1898.

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

By order
JAMES McKEN,
Registrar County Court.
Barkerville, B.C., Jan. 25, 1898. 48-8

TABLE.

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Vancouver	Tuesday, 17th May.
Victoria	Tuesday, 31st May.
Clinton	Monday, 30th May.
Kamloops	Monday, 6th June.
Vernon	Monday, 13th June.
Nelson*	Monday, 20th June.
Donald*	Monday, 27th June.

*Special Assize.

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.

Re Robert McLeese Estate.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Robert McLeese, deceased, late of Soda Creek, B.C., are hereby notified to send their full names and addresses, and the full particulars of their claims and accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, duly *verified, to the undersigned on or before the* 16th day of July, 1898, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the said Executors then have notice.

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I see the golden sands which I
Could never see before.

The banks are dark with graves of friends.
Thank God, for faith sublime
In the eternity that sends
Its shadows into time.

The flowers are gone that with their glow
Of sunshine filled the grass.
Thank God, they were but dim and low
Reflections in a glass.

The autumn winds are blowing chill,
The summer warmth is done.
Thank God, the little dewdrop still
Is drawn into the sun.

Strange stream, to be exhaled so fast
In cloudy cares and tears.
Thank God that it should shine at last
Along the immortal years.

—New York Ledger.

TWO FOOLS.

"Why, I'd rather marry her myself," said I. Nothing, in truth, was further from my thoughts.

Amanda's mother regarded me curiously. "Of course," said she, "if that were the case, it would make a difference."

"But I don't really mean it," I cried hastily. Why, the idea was absurd! Just when I was in the middle of the book on the "Cerebral Convolutions" too!

"Then," said her mother, closing her hard, thin mouth with a snap, "Amanda will marry Mr. Plutus. There is no one but you who has any right to a voice in the matter."

"There is Amanda," I suggested.

"Amanda! She is far too young to decide. I am the judge for her. Amanda shall do as I bid her and marry Mr. Plutus."

"I shall do my best to stop her."

"She shall not see you." I knew she would try to be as good as her word, and my heart went out in a great pity for poor little Amanda, who was so like her father and had been a pet of mine ever since she was a child.

"If I weren't too old"—I said, half to myself.

"Nonsense! Why, you're no older than I." She is 43.

"I could never make the child happy," I sighed.

"Nonsense! She's devoted to you."

"Very well, I will speak to Amanda about it," I said slowly, "but there must be no drawing back on your part."

I had a sudden inspiration, being a man of quick thought. "I should like to have your consent in writing. To be candid, I do not trust you."

"Very well." She sat down to her escritoire. "What shall I write?"

"I consent to the marriage of my daughter to Mr. Frank Austen," I dictated. She wrote it accordingly and signed it with a flourish.

My name is the same as my nephew's. I'll have him up to town, and if he doesn't fall in love with Amanda he's a fool. That was my idea.

"Well, now I'll talk to Amanda," I said, feeling rather uncomfortable. And I did.

Amanda is 18 and stands 5 feet 2. Amanda has golden brown hair that will get loose and tumble about her cheeks and forehead.

"Oh, Cousin Frank," she cried—cousin is my brevet rank—"you won't let her make me—marry that horrible man!"

"No," said I, "Mandy, my dear, I won't." Then I kissed her. If only I were sure that she wouldn't disarrange my study!

"You kind old Frank!" She took hold of my arm and squeezed it.

"But your mother insists upon your getting engaged to some one, my dear," I said ruefully; "somebody who is fairly well off. Are you in love with anybody, Mandy? Tell me, there's a good little girl."

She opened her eyes wide and looked at me honestly. "Oh, no, Cousin Frank! Only—only—I think perhaps I should like to be—some day.

"Well, look here, Mandy," I said sheepishly, "your mother insists that you shall be engaged to some one, and I can only find one person."

"Not Mr. Plutus! I won't!" she cried vehemently.

"No, no! Not any one who will annoy you, dear, or whom you dislike."

"Whoever"— She looked up at me quickly and half let go my arm.

"Just till you find some one you like," I apologized, turning as red as a poppy.

She held on to my arm again and looked down on the ground. Then she laughed. "How very funny!"

"Would you mind, Mandy?"

"No-o," she laughed again. "I think it would be rather—fun. You would have *to take me out a lot, wouldn't you?* To pretend properly"—

"Ye-es. Oh, yes, of course!" Whatever would become of the "Cerebral Convolutions?"

"But wouldn't it be rather a bother to you?"

"Not more than to you."

"Oh, it wouldn't be any bother to me!" she cried excitedly. "We'd go to the Tower, and the stores, and the Crystal palace, and the zoo, and the exhibition and have tea in the gardens, and the opera, and"—

She saw my face fall. "I only meant to some of them," she explained. "You always do take me to the academy and one or two places, don't you?"

"I shall like to take you to some, my dear," I assured. "I always enjoy myself when I do."

"Ye—es," said she thoughtfully, "but—oh, Cousin Frank, suppose I didn't find any one else?"

"Then I shall have to marry you myself. It would be better than old Plutus, wouldn't it?"

"Oh, yes, but I shouldn't like—I couldn't bear to think that you had sacrificed yourself to me! I should be such a bother, shouldn't I?"

I looked down affectionately on the rumpled hair and inquiring eyes. "I think—I think, Mandy," I said gently, "I could put up with you very well, but we have been so used to look upon one another in a different light that it's rather late to change. You see, dear, I have grown into a fidgety old bachelor."

"You're not really old, and you're never fidgety with me, and I owe you so much."

I'd merely paid for her schooling and pocket money and so on. I promised old Tom—poor old Tom!—that I'd take care of his girl.

"That's nothing to do with it, Mandy," I said slowly. "You see, I've a lot of interests which you could never share." She shook her head doubtfully. "And I like to rush off when I'm not working to men's recreations—to play cricket, to watch football or"—

"I like watching football," she observed eagerly.

"I'm used to having meals when I please and going out when I please and coming in when I like. Of course I couldn't do that if I had a wife. It wouldn't be fair."

"It would be a little lonely for her," said Amanda wistfully.

"So," I continued resolutely, resisting an absurd impulse to kiss her again, "though I think you the nicest little woman in the world, dear"—she smiled just like the sun coming out—"it would be better for you to find some one younger and less crotchety." She tapped the ground rapidly with one little foot. "Meanwhile we're engaged, you know, and we must live up to it. Where shall I take you tomorrow?"

"Oh, no! You mu t do a lot of your book tomorrow and give me some copying to do—about brains and spines and things."

"Nonsense, child! Don't I always take you out when I come to town? Shall we go to the academy?" She laughed her old childish laugh.

"And lunch at a restaurant?" she inquired delightedly. "And go to the Crystal palace afterward, and have tea in the gardens, and see the variety show, and dine on the terrace like we did last year?" She squeezed my arm in her old way. "Won't it be jolly?"

It was jolly. The next day I took her to the zoo and smiled to see her laugh at the monkeys. The day after I took her to the exhibition and up the big wheel and put my arm round her because she was frightened, or pretended to be. I squeezed twice for good night. Then I began to see that it would be bad for the "Cerebral Convolutions" if this sort of thing went on. So I sent for Nephew Frank to come up to town at once. That light hearted young gentleman held his sides with laughter when I explained the situation.

"So I'm to court your fiancee—she used to be a pretty little girl—and take her off your hands for an allowance of £500 a year?" he said, wiping his eyes; "£500 and £300 make £800—£400 apiece."

"*Exactly!*" *I said approvingly.* "You always were smart at figures, Frank."

"But, my dear uncle, suppose she won't have me? Besides, I'm not sure but I think I'm just a little gone on Nellie Marchant. Suppose I don't care for your Amanda?"

"She's awfully nice, Frank. You couldn't help it." I was surprised at my doleful tone.

"Then," said he, "why don't you marry her yourself?"

"I lit a cigar and drummed on the fender with my slipper. "I'm too old—too settled in my bachelor ways, Frank," I said regretfully. "I don't know—I'm not sure—if it would do."

"I believe it would be the best thing in the world for you, old man." Frank leaned over the table earnestly. He's an honest, unselfish lad. That's why I'm so fond of him. And I know he'd be good to her.

"Well," I said slowly, "I'll be honest with you, Frank. I'm fond of the child—very fond indeed. If I thought that she could like me—in that way—I'm hanged if I wouldn't chance it. But she only looks upon me as an elder brother. Some day she"—I paused to blow my handkerchief—"she would find out. It wouldn't do. I'm sure it wouldn't do."

So it was arranged that I should be busy finishing my book and see less of Amanda, and Frank was to see her every day to find out if she would like him better than me, or if he could like her better than Nellie Marchant.

This arrangement lasted for a fortnight, but none of us seemed quite ourselves. Mandy grew staid and silent. I couldn't do anything right with the book, and something seemed wrong with my liver. Even cheerful Frank grew a bit bad tempered. At the end of the fortnight he burst in upon me in the evening when I was busy with the "Cerebral Convolutions."

"Look here, uncle," said he coolly, flinging himself into an armchair and taking one of my cigars, "you're an ass!"

"That," I observed mildly, "is very strong language, Frank."

"Well," said he, "I like Nellie over so much better than your Amanda—that's flat."

"Then," said I, bringing my hand down on the table with a thump, "you're a fool!"

"Amanda," said he firmly, "is as dull as dishwater."

I took off my reading glasses and glared at him. "She's the brightest little creature in the world," I asserted resolutely.

He took a long draw at the cigar and blew smoke rings, a thing I never could manage. "Amanda," he continued in a matter of fact tone, "is dull because she's in love."

I let my pipe drop on the floor with a crash. "With whom?" My voice sounded strange to me.

"Why, with you, of course. Man alive, you must be blind! You're pretending that you don't care for her and breaking her poor little heart."

I looked at him in silence for a few seconds. Then I got up and fetched my hat. "I'm going out," I told him, and I went.

When I arrived at their drawing room, Amanda was sitting on the rug, with her back against the sofa. She had dropped her book on the floor and was looking into the fire, with her cheek on her hand, and I could see tears in her eyes.

She jumped up to meet me, with an eager little laugh. "What, deserted the 'Convolutions?'"

"Hang the 'Convolutions!'" I said. "The fact is, they're awfully uninteresting compared with you, Mandy."

"Are they? Then they must be stupid."

I put my arm round her waist and drew her close to me. "*Mandy,*" *I said* passionately, "my dear little girl, we've been playing at sweethearts long enough. Shall we begin in earnest?"

Amanda said nothing, only laid her head down on my shoulder, with a happy little sob.—J. A. Flynn in Madame.

Different Views.

Superintendent—Mr. Hustlejohn, the boy you sent to the broker's with orders to purchase those shares in X. Q. and W. has been run over, and he will probably die.

Proprietor—H'm! Did he get hurt on his way there or when coming back?

Superintendent—On his way there.

Proprietor—Just like that boy! Why in time couldn't he have waited until he had done his errand? It would have made $1,000 difference to me perhaps.

Superintendent—By the way, we have just got news that X. Q. and W. has passed its dividend and may go into receivers' hands.

Proprietor—I'm sorry about that boy. He was a good deal better boy than I thought him to be.—Boston Transcript.

Worked Both Ways.

"Speaking of proverbs," remarked Mr. Blykins, thus bringing to mind the fact that nobody had mentioned proverbs, "reminds me of the loose manner in which they can be construed. When you get right down to facts, a great many of these proverbs don't amount to much."

"They're supposed to be the products of the wisest minds in many cases," replied the young woman who is popular because she listens.

"They are unquestionably. It took exceedingly clever people to make them fit all cases. I was reminded of this during a journey which I recently made. I met at a hotel a friend of mine, who is very economical and very much given to fault finding. I overheard him addressing the landlord with great vehemence. As I came up he turned to me and said: 'It's an outrage! I pay for a place to stay, and I expect to have it habitable. That landlord has given me a room so small that I have to climb into bed over the footboard. It's a case of pure avarice. He wishes to bully me into taking a more expensive apartment.' Then he heaved a sigh and exclaimed, 'Ah, the love of money is the root of all evil!' Later I met the landlord. 'I am sorry that friend of yours was dissatisfied,' he remarked. 'But he told me at the outset how much he desired to pay, and we did the very best we could for him. And now our effort to help him economize has made him a lifelong enemy to the house.' And then the landlord heaved a sigh and exclaimed, 'Ah, the love of money is the root of all evil!'"—Washington Star.

The English clergy was at first very bitter against the fork, one declaring that its use was impious

A CASE AT COURT.

"'Dan Cupid, Attorney at Law,' is he in?
A chair? Yes, I'll wait here a minute!
I've a suit quite annoying I'm anxious to win.
As my counsel I wish you'd begin it!
The case has to do with a maiden so true
That a legal proceeding's a bother,
And yet there is nothing remains but to sue
The maiden's most obstinate father.

The maiden some way stole my heart, and I sued
At once for her hand, and reviewing
The case from inception with ardor imbued
I won a sweet 'Yes' by the suing.
Her father, in wrath, upon learning of this,
Gave notice of surely appearing
The next night I called with a move to dismiss,
And since then there 's been no rehearing.

"So, Cupid, just fix up a legal retort,
A something to frustrate the father!
Perhaps 'twould be well in contempt of the court
To hold him and end all this bother.
Do this and the rector at once we will seek,
With license and all due provision,
For some slight retainer the words he will speak
Sustaining the former decision!"

MAIL "MYSTERIES."

HOW ONE COUNTRY GETS PAID FOR WORK DONE BY ANOTHER.

It Is the Unpaid or Short Paid Mailed Matter That Causes This Curious Result. "Due Stamps" and How They Are Used. Counterfeit Stamps.

Less care is used by the people in America than by those in European countries in the preparation of mail matter, and as a result the United States government is losing money, while foreign governments get paid for service they do not perform. Short paid matter in large quantities is sent abroad every week, and when it arrives at the point of delivery it is rated up to double the deficiency. About 200 souvenir postal cards, for instance, addressed to people in Germany were mailed recently, and there was only a 2 cent stamp on each card. If they were regular government cards, they would go for 2 cents each, but since they are printed by a private concern and are written upon the postage is 5 cents, the same as for a letter. Had the sender been known to the postoffice men he would have been notified, but in this case each card had to be stamped with a "T," to indicate that postage was not fully paid, and then forwarded, because the sender had signed his initials only and could therefore not be found. When these cards arrived in Germany, the equivalent for 6 cents, just double the deficiency, was collected for each card. Thus the German government received 3 cents on each card for nothing.

This kind of mail is a good deal larger than is generally supposed, as is shown by the fact that $100 may be collected at the Boston office on one single mail from Europe, and the United States sends about 50 times as much as it receives. Most of the unpaid or short paid matter comes from Armenia and Turkey, although England and Ireland contribute a fair portion of it.

Just before St. Patrick's day the mails are flooded with packages of shamrocks from Ireland, picked and mailed by people who know little about the postal regulations and who frequently neglect to find out how much postage is required. Anxious to have the precious twigs well preserved, they even sprinkle them with water before wrapping them up, which not merely increases the weight at the time of mailing, but also serves to spoil the wrappers. Christmas time and Easter, when friends interchange gifts, are equally profitable in this respect, but the United States does not collect as much on foreign mail as the foreign governments collect on United States mail.

There is such a wide difference in the amount collected by the various nations that years ago it led to negotiations for new regulations, resulting in the adoption in this country of the "due stamp," and now each government keeps the money it collects for due postage. Those due stamps serve in reality merely to show how much is collected, as they are put on and canceled in the postoffice, and no person connected with the service can by honorable means obtain one that has not been canceled. In spite of the law, such stamps have come into circulation, probably through burglars who have broken into postoffices or through dishonest postmasters, but it matters little to a private citizen how he has obtained such a stamp, whether he has paid for it or not, for the stamp is not acceptable as postage. If an attempt were made to use it, postoffice inspectors would be at once put on the trail of the offender.

It is a matter of principle with some individuals to refuse underpaid matter, says one who is in a position where he sees refused letters when they return. A letter may be sent to some foreign country without any postage on it. The addressee may refuse it, and in that case it must be returned to the sender, who has to pay double rate for it if he accepts it. But he, too, may refuse it, and then its final destination will be the dead letter office in Washington, if the letter originated in the United States. Uncle Sam gets nothing for all this trouble. Occasionally there appears a postal card that is evidently traveling around the world to gather postmarks for its sender. But Uncle Sam proposes not to be imposed on to that extent when he can help it, and if he sees the scheme he will put on a mark that ends the postal card's mission.

Counterfeit postage stamps were in circulation in the United States a few years ago, but what has become of them or to what extent they were used is not known. They were such good copies of the 2 cent stamps that only an expert could detect the difference. As a guard against them the government secured a large amount of them and sent sample sets to the large postoffices in the country to be used for comparison. The set that was sent to the Boston office is still preserved there, but it has never been used, as no counterfeit stamps have been seen passing through that office.—Boston Transcript.

A Hongkong Elevator.

Says a correspondent of the Chicago Post: "The lift in the Hongkong hotel is very comfortable, but it takes ten minutes to make the round trip of five stories up and five stories down.

"'Ling bell?' he asked with a grin after we had been pushing the button for eight long minutes.

"'No,' I said, 'never touched the bell. How fast can you go?' I asked the decorated manipulator of the rope. He was togged in white satin, trimmed with red.

"'Lift go belly fast,' he said proudly. I explained to him how our elevators in Chicago shoot up. Whiz! He shook his head.

"'No safee!' he replied, holding on to the rope with both hands.

"'Nonsense! No one ever gets hurt,' I informed him.

"'Melicans too fast,' he replied, with a grave expression; 'die young! Go fastee up, bad head.'"

Adapting Himself to Circumstances.

Proprietor—What in the world are you taking aluminum for?

New Clerk—Want to contract my stomach so that I can live within my salary

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The Government of the Province of British Columbia.

PART IV.

"WATER CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1897."

1. This is to certify that the "Ashcroft Water, Light and Power Company, Limited," a specially incorporated company within the meaning of Part IV. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," incorporated on the 25th day of February, 1898, has submitted its undertaking to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for approval, which said undertaking as shown by the documents and plans filed with the undersigned, is as follows:

To erect a power house, works and machinery for producing power, at a point on the Bonaparte river about three miles from its mouth, in the Kamloops Division of Yale District, and to operate the same by the use of 500 inches of water from the said Bonaparte river recorded by the company for the purpose of converting water power into electrical power and supplying the town of Ashcroft, B.C., with water, light, power and heat. The electrical power to be conveyed to the said town of Ashcroft by means of a wire and poles along the Cariboo wagon road from the aforesaid company's power house, a distance of about three miles.

Also to supply power for the irrigation of Lot 377, Group 1, in aforesaid district, and of such other lands situate within a radius of six miles from the site of the said power house as the company may deem fit, and to furnish power to the Ashcroft Waterworks Company, Limited, and that the said undertaking as so submitted has been approved.

2. And this is further to certify that the amount of capital of the said company, which shall be duly subscribed before the said company commences the construction of its undertaking and works, or exercises any of the power of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," Part IV., in that behalf, is hereby fixed at the sum of $10,000.

3. And this is further to certify that the time within which such capital is to be subscribed is fixed at one month from the date hereof, and the time within which such undertaking and works are to be commenced is fixed at one month from the date hereof, and the date by which such works shall be in operation is fixed at the first day of October, 1898.

Dated this sixth day of May, 1898.

W. S. GORE, Water Commissioner.

Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C.

Certified to by "James Baker," Clerk of the Executive Council.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Wm. E. Fisher, formerly a barrister at Clinton, is now at Glenora.

Master Harry Glencross is over from Lillooet visiting his sister for a few days.

Provincial elections will be held on July 9th. At least that is the date now decided upon.

N. de Keyser, the jeweler, has a neat and attractive shop, and seems to be doing a good business.

Mrs Bowron, wife of Gold Commissioner Bowron, of Cariboo, is expected home this week from a visit with relatives in Victoria.

The postal department has decided to open three branches of the dead letter office at, respectively, Halifax, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

Professor Sherwood writes that owing to serious illness he has not been able to return to Ashcroft with his party as yet to prepare for his overland trip.

It it a place now much visited, the dam of the Ashcroft Water Co., between two and three miles from town. Two or more pleasure boats will be on the lake formed by the dam.

Ashcroft is fortunate in having two among the brightest members of the British Columbia bar, as their work shows in court and office. A client is well served that retains either of them.

The contractors for the big Morehead ditch to supply the Cariboo mine with reserve water, are breaking horses and fixing up wagons, carts and scrapers preparatory to their start for the upper country.

It is reported that D. C. McDonell, barrister, of Vancouver, will contest this district against Chas. A. Semlin. Mr. Semlin will be returned by a very large majority against any opponent that may be named.

Dr. Kelly's party of four or five men and 25 horses left Ashcroft yesterday for the north. Dr. Kelly proposes to return to St. Louis for a brief trip, and will then leave by rail and steamer for Glenora where he expects to meet his party.

The Victoria Consolidated Company of Quesnelle Forks, will very shortly decide about a 14 mile ditch that they contemplate putting in this season. If the work goes ahead, as now seems almost assured, it will mean work for several hundred men this season.

Work so far done on the Keefer mine has shown that the gravel is good. There is not water enough to work to advantage and arrangements will very likely be made to get in the creek crossing the railroad near the 142-mile post. A survey will shortly be made with this in view.

A rather large party, consisting of eighteen men and a large number of pack and riding horses came into Ashcroft yesterday. They are from Oregon, principally Lake and Kalama counties. They will outfit here and after resting up their stock a few days will go on to Quesnelle and the northern country.

The Nation says an effort is being made at Comox to induce G. W. DeBeck, of Vancouver, to allow himself to be nominated as an independent candidate. Mr. DeBeck has not given answer. It also says that Mr. Adams fears his business interests will prevent him from representing Cariboo for another term, and adds: We trust not. Mr. Adams is a representative of whom any constituency might feel proud.

The Hall Mines lost its appeal in the Supreme Court of Canada in the case of Moore vs. the Hall Mines. This case was started in the Supreme Court in Nelson, when the plaintiff, Samuel Moore, secured a judgment against the Hall Mines as damages for the loss of an eye. The company appealed to the full court, which sustained the verdict of the lower court. An appeal was then taken to the Supreme Court of Canada, with a like result.

If the contractors on the Morehead ditch do not employ chinese on the work it will be much better for the white labor of the upper country. We understand that they do not contemplate using chinese. As a rule all especial mining concessions granted now in the upper country or in any part of British Columbia contains a clause that no chinese labor shall be employed. The money paid for labor to a white man is passed along. All in the community benefit by it. With the chinese it is mostly hoarded and shipped out of the country.

The management of the B.C. Express Company are giving good satisfaction to the traveling public. The same may be well said of the secretary's office and the express work. The management and accommodation of this, one of the longest stage lines in America, have always kept up prompt connecions with Cariboo and Lillooet, and often under great disadvantages. To make a 280-mile trip, regardless of weather or roads, in four days is good work. The stage leaves regularly on Monday morning, and but few times since the railroad was built has it failed to bring in Cariboo mail, express and passengers by 6 o'clock Tuesday evening.

We are glad to be able to note that Rosa Burr is at present improving.

E. J. Coyle, D. P. A., C. P. R., passed through Ashcroft last night on his way to Kootenay.

Work will shortly be resumed on the B.C. Development Company's mines on the Bonaparte river. J. R. Mitchell is expected shortly.

James Halliday, an old timer at Clinton and vicinity, was buried at Clinton last Sunday, having died there after a brief illness.

A sixty mile ride on the steamer Charlotte adds much to the pleasure of the Cariboo trip. The steamer has good accommodation and is a model of neatness and comfort—so say all passengers who travel on it.

Wm. Adams, for the past two terms an efficient and hard working member from Cariboo, will not again be a candidate for the legislature. Mr. Adams will this season build, on the ranch lately bought by him near Soda Creek, known as the Hawkes ranch, a new and commodious residence.

The Morehead lake dam will be 40 feet high, 400 feet long, and will require the moving of 100,000 yards of gravel in filling. The ditch will be 12¼ miles in length and with a capacity of 3,000 inches. When completed the Cariboo mine will have more than 30 miles of the finest system of ditching in the mining world.

Alex Goodfellow, who was taken up to the 150-Mile House last week by Constable Burr to answer to the charge of forging the name of E. Dupont to cheques of the Golden River Quesnelle Company, was released after his arrival, there not being evidence to connect him with the crime sufficient to hold him for trial.

The case of Wilson vs. Curnow regarding the right to advertise and sell cattle that come into enclosures, is one that is of interest to the community. The decision is not yet given in the case, and if obtainable the JOURNAL will publish Judge Cornwall's decision next week in full. It will be read with interest by stockmen in general throughout the province.

A well known bishop some time ago lost his third wife. A clergyman who had known the first wife returned from Africa recently and wanted to see the grave. He called at the cathedral and saw the verger. "Can you tell me where the bishop's wife is buried?" he inquired. "Well, sir," replied the verger, "I don't know for certain, but he mostly buries 'em at Cedarton."

Why not ask the superintendent of public works for this district to spend a few of the many dollars collected in taxes in Ashcroft by doing some work on the streets? The rocks should be taken out of Brink street and Railroad avenue should be leveled and graded. The good book says: "Ask and ye shall receive," and in in this world of ours the men that hustle win, and towns likewise.

Messrs. Stewart, Bryson and Deans are the owners of some promising quartz properties on Langley mountain. If the results of further development work continue to show as well as so far indicates the property will make a good showing. Assays run from $4 to $27 in gold and a good percentage in copper. The ledge is extensive, but how large is not yet known as it is not all uncovered.

Engleheart was taken up from Kamloops jail to Clinton on Monday to stand his trial for robbery; but, as the man from whom the money was alleged to have been stolen did not appear, the prisoner was remanded to the fall assizes. Engleheart was taken back to Kamloops jail. The trial of Williams for assault and attempt to kill, was also put over until fall, the prisoner being allowed out on $200 bail.

A foreign newspaper correspondent tells a story about a couple of Scotchmen. He was walking softly about the camp so as not to disturb the sleepers on the night before the fight, when he overheard a sentimental Seaforth Highlander say to his comrade: "Ah, Tam, how many thousands there at hame across the sea thinking o' us the nicht." "Right, Sandy," replied his chum, "and how many millions there are that don't care a ——. Go to sleep, you fool." And silence again fell on that corner of the square.

Mr. Jones, representing the New York Post, left Ashcroft yesterday for a visit to the Cariboo mines. He will then take the Telegraph trail for Omenica and will visit the Peace river section, continuing his trip from there on to Telegraph creek and Lake Teslin. He expects to go in to Horsefly, from there to Quesnelle Forks, and will visit the Cariboo mine, the Golden River Quesnelle Company's works and other mines at the Forks. He will then go on by trail to Barkerville, see the elevators of the Cariboo mine at work, and other mines. Then he will next visit Lightning creek, the Cottonwood, etc., to Quesnelle, and intends to give the New York Post full reports of the country as he finds it and will look to the feasibility of railroad building through the center of the province to connect with the Klondike country. Charles Haddock has been engaged by Mr. Jones as guide and horse man, and Charlie will be able to do the work in first class shape. It will be a long and adventurous trip but not an unpleasant one.

J. G. Mather is now in New York city.

Daniel O'Hara, of Bonaparte, is spending the week in town.

Ric. A. Fraser will take a trip to the coast for a few weeks soon.

Fred Foster, who has been in Clinton for the past few days, is again back in the Ashcroft store.

Some Chilcoten stock men that have been in Ashcroft this week, report the woods as being full of opposition voters in Chilcoten.

J. Fleishman, the jeweler, who has been seriously sick for some months is again around on his periodical trips, not well but improved.

Hay is sold at Quesnelle at $30 to $35 per ton. For that section of the country and the time in the year, demand etc. the price is very reasonable.

Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Vancouver, will preach in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening and speak on the Chinese question. "What shall we do with the Chinese in our country?"

It is still an unsettled question who or what two men are the best cribbage players. It hardly seems worth while to burn so much midnight oil to find out, but like other great questions, it has to be fought out.

The H. P. Kelly that the Kamloops papers refer to in regard to a telegram respecting the prices as between Kamloops and Ashcroft, is we suppose, Dr. H. P. Kelly who is now here and whose party after outfitting started along the road yesterday for Quesnelle.

Dr. D. C. Newman of Spokane returned Thursday night after seeing his party across the Fraser at Quesnelle. His party contained 56 horses and over 20 men. The Doctor will visit the coast and Spokane, afterwards joining his party by steamer via Glenora.

It is reported that some of the packers hired by the Hudson's Bay Company to work through the season on the Hazleton trail in to Babine lake, reached Fort St. James and did not go any further, but are returning to Quesnelle. The difficulty was said to be about an increase of wages.

Mr. Curry states that he is entirely alone in his freighting work with only one outfit, the others who came in with him being only neighbors but in no way interested with him. Further that he never sold goods in the upper country except to stores. The JOURNAL does not desire to do Mr. Curry any injustice and as stated last week it is only the method that is criticised.

Andy Walters, of the Cariboo Exchange, has had plans drawn for a large brick block which he contemplates erecting, perhaps yet this season. It will have a frontage of 100 feet, 60 feet of which will, on the ground floor, be used for stores or shops, with rooms overhead connected with the hotel. With brick blocks going up Ashcroft will begin to put on metropolitan airs.

There is a report of a new discovery of coarse gold on a small creek not named. The creek is about 20 miles north of Fraser lake and some 130 miles from Quesnelle. A fine sample of coarse gold was brought down by a prospector, who showed it to our informant and told him that it was taken out within the last month and that the gravel was very promising. By next week we hope to give details of the find.

The water works and electric lights will, it is now thought, be in operation by the middle of July. Mr. Shields is now beginning the erection of a large building near the residence of J. C. Smith to be used as an office. A room in front will be for a hose cart, a repair shop in the rear and sleeping rooms overhead. It will be a nicely finished building and a credit to the town. Who will recognize Ashcroft with the best system of lights and water in the province? Watch us set out shade trees and grass!

A German on trial many years ago in Western Ohio for maliciously cutting a neighbor's cow, had so convinced his attorney of his innocence that, although the evidence against him was totally insufficient to convict him, his attorney, in order to give him the completest vindication, placed his client on the stand and asked him point-blank, "Did you cut the cow?" The effect was startling. With blanched face and quivering lips, the accused stared in agony at the court and stammered: "Mien Gott, shudge, I can't tell you a lie I know I shall go in de hell if I do. I cut dot cow."

The stores and hotels at Quesnelle are doing a good business. According to reports all of the hotels, the Occidental, Hotel Cariboo and the Armstrong are doing well and are filled to overflowing. Quesnelle is one of the pleasantest places on earth to spend a few hot days or weeks. The carpet of green stretching along the banks of the mighty Fraser in front of the one main street of the town, the swift running and turbulent Quesnelle at the left and joining the Fraser at the lower side of the village, the cool pure air, almost a complete absence of insects, all combine to make Quesnelle a place that will be more prominent as development of the country goes on and some day will be noted as a pleasure resort in hot weather.

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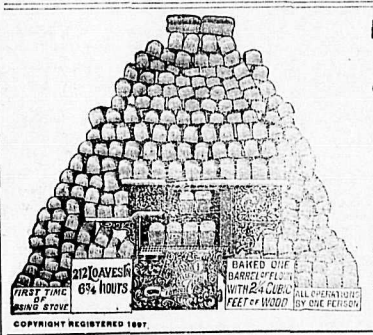

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ASHCROFT.

C. E. Davieson is making a business trip through this section this week.

A large consignment of freight for the Golden Cache mines at Lillooet is expected in shortly.

The Kelly party had some serious trouble at the bridge owing to a pack coming in contact with the bridge.

The Cargile House has, since being taken over by Gus Bettman, done a very large and satisfactory business.

The rush may not be so great but the fifty-four sleeping rooms of the Ashcroft Hotel and annex are filled every night.

McPherson, the tailor, is certainly doing a thriving business considering the brief time he has been established in business in Ashcroft.

The Browns, of Kamloops, write that they will immediately begin the erection of a building on the lot on Railroad avenue lately purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Barclay are rejoicing at the advent of a son and heir, born last week at the home of Mrs. Barclay's father, Judge Cornwall.

"Oh, mamma, do Christians eat preachers just like the cannibals do?"

"Why, no, my child. What put that notion in your head?"

"I heard Mrs. Deekon say this morning that she was going to have her minister to lunch."—Brooklyn Life.

Mr. Lyne comtemplates the erection of a new barn 60 by 100feet. No doubt when he builds it will be on a back street where he will have good room near the river bank. The ground his stables now occupy are valuable pieces of of ground either for business houses or for residences.

Change in time on the C. P. R. it is now reported will not occur until about the 15th of the month and will give Ashcroft a fast train going to Vancouver, at about seven in the morning and about the same hour going east at night. It will be a wonderful improvement for Ashcroft. It will be a sad blow at the liberty of certain benedicts around town who struggle in now at all hours of the night and get away with it by informing their trusting spouses that they waited up for the train.

The Kamloops papers have done good work in advertising the overland route and the JOURNAL is not displeased to see Kamloops getting their proportion of the outfitting trade. In our judgment they make a mistake in advancing the North Thompson trail. The wagon road via Cache creek is good and it is not so far that way to Bridge creek as it is, according to our best information, via the trail. You avoid the North Thompson crossing, a serious piece of work, and 50 miles or more of the trail is very difficult to travel on account of its hilly character and lack of feed and proper watering points.

Mr. Justice Drake, according to promise written from Clinton on Tuesday last, was in town yesterday on his way to Kamloops to hold court, and went through the Ashcroft jail with a resident of this place. To the jailor Judge Drake said the condition found to exist at Ashcroft in the way of jail accommodation is astonishing. He will present the petition in regard to the new jail sent up to him at Clinton by the people of Ashcroft to the Grand Jury at Kamloops and will instruct them. He will personally take the petition to the premier of the province and give him his views after a personal examination. The true condition of the place, he said, was not made as bad in the petition as he found it to be on inspection. He added that he had no doubt that immediate stops would be taken to erect a proper building with drainage, ventilation, etc., that would meet with all necessities. Mr. Drake expressed surprise at the thriving condition of Ashcroft, and at its rapid growth, saying that the change since his last visit was remarkable.

W. B. Bailey is building an addition to his residence.

J. B. McLaren is now financially interested in the extensive deposits of alkalies near Clinton.

F. C. Youngling, of the Imperial Brewery, Kamloops, was in town yesterday for a brief visit. The Imperial Brewery has a good business built up and its reputation is steadily extending.

Pollock Found Guilty.

The extra session of the Vancouver spring assizes was concluded Friday, when the jury in the case of Regina vs. Pollock, a former Justice of the Peace on Thurlow Island, brought in a verdict of guilty. There were several counts against the prisoner, varying from forgery to that of obtaining money under false pretences. This latter was the seventh count, and the one which the jury agreed, while disagreeing on the others. The prisoner protested his innocence, and said perjury had been committed. His Lordship Mr. Justice Irving, however, agreed with the jury, and sentenced the accused to eighteen months' imprisonment, with hard labor.

The Cosgroves.

The Cosgrove Merry Makers will again visit Ashcroft, and will appear in the town hall on Monday evening, June 13th. They have been playing to full houses on the coast, and on their way east have decided to stop at Ashcroft. The admission will be 50 cents, children 25 cents. They have an entire new collection of kinetoscope pictures and have also secured some late interesting views of the Klondike. The Cosgroves played two nights at Ashcroft when going west and gave entire satisfaction to the public. We predict a good patronage for them when they play here on Monday, June 13th. They are high class performers and have played for the past ten years to the eastern public. Their kinetoscope is a fine machine and the whole company is also good.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a sitting of the county court of Cariboo will be held at Clinton, on Tuesday, 19th July, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. By order

F. SOUES,
Registrar of the County Court of Cariboo at Clinton. 369

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NOTICE.

A meeting of the electors of the Cache Creek polling diversion will be held at Ashcroft on Monday, June 6th, at 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing a board of overseers for the ensuing year, under the Cattle Rangers Act.

W. B. BAILEY,
412 Returning Officer.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty-one acres of land situate in Cariboo district described as follows: Commencing at a post planted about 20 chains east of the wagon road running from Soda Creek to Chilcotin and distant about four miles from Soda Creek, thence west 40.50 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains to point of commencement.

R. A. COLLINS.
Dated June 2nd, 1898. 5t10

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Hat Creek	15
14-Mile House	18
20-Mile House	20
22-Mile House	22
CLINTON	32
63-Mile House	44
71-Mile House	56
76-Mile House	55
83-Mile House	68
87-Mile House	72
100-Mile House	83
105-Mile House	90
108-Mile House	95
111-Mile House	96
115-Mile House	100
117-Mile House	102
122-Mile House	107
127-Mile House	112
134-Mile House	119
141-Mile House	126
145-Mile House	129
150-MILE HOUSE	135
Soda Creek	165
Alexandria	183
Moffat's	189
Australian Ranch	198
Bohanan's	209
Quesnelle	230
Cottonwood	241
Beaver Pass	265
Stanley	270
Barkerville	280
Places below, Road branch from 150-mile House but the distances are from Ashcroft.	
Big Lake	159
Beaver Lake	167
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