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OMENICA.

While the southern and eastern portion of British Columbia are provided with daily increasing facilities for cheap and rapid transport by rail and steamer, in the north, west and central districts means of communication are confined to the primitive pack train or wholly wanting. In consequence the mining development has been greatly retarded, and prospecting in the far north and west only possible to those with means, and prepared to lose one whole season in reaching the centre of the mining territory. Take a map of the province, and starting from Nelson, in West Kootenay, draw a line down north-westerly to Dawson on the Yukon and you will have the strike of the great mineral belt, cutting through Yale and Cariboo, the Omenica, Cassiar and Atlin district. This axial line has a width varying from 130 to 160 miles and its length is fully 1200 miles within British territory, having all the characteristic mineral features of its continuation southerly through the United States, and possessing, wherever prospected, equally rich mineral indications. This enormous metalliferous zone holds the greatest area within the boundaries of the province of British Columbia. The marked success attending mining operations in the Kootenays, the proving immense bodies of rich silver lead, gold and copper ores, has at length succeeded in attracting outside capital. The discoveries in the Yukon and lately in the Atlin have further induced financial undertakings on a large scale, and it is safe to predict that British Columbia is on the era of great mining progress and activity.

To open up the practically unexplored northern and central portion of the province and the basin of the Peace river, it becomes a necessity to improve the at present very imperfect means of communication, to enable provisions and mining supplies to reach the interior and reduce to fair rates the now almost prohibitive cost of supplies. Fortunately nature has provided a waterway into the very heart of the country, and for a comparatively insignificant outlay this can be utilized for steamers.

Taking Ashcroft, on the Canadian Pacific as the initial point, the Cariboo wagon road provides means of transport to Quesnelle mouth, 220 miles. At this point a continuous waterway of 35⅓ miles reaches to the head of Tacla lake. A trail of 80 miles from the lake to Germansen creek, the centre of the Omenica mining district. At present the waterway is only navigable for small boats and canoes, but from an examination of this route made last October in the interests of the St. Anthony mining company, I am convinced that for a sum of $55-000 navigation for steamers can be secured over the entire distance from Quesnelle Mouth to head of Tacla lake and the freight rates to that point reduced fully one-half. At the existing charges of 13⅓ cts. to 17⅓ cts. per pound, prospecting is practically prohibitory and the mining operations seriously crippled and carried on only at enormous outlay.

The existing trail from Quesnelle Mouth involves a carriage (packing) of 295 miles to Germansen creek, and takes from five to six weeks to accomplish the distance. As railway communication is not a question of the immediate future the improvement of existing routes becomes an imperative necessity and calls for immediate action. Already two large mining companies, the 43rd and St. Anthony, are operating in the Omenica and others preparing to enter the district, but to the poor man prospecting is practically debarred until rates on supplies are reduced to a decent basis. With a railway from Ashcroft to Quesnelle Mouth and continuation to the centre of the Omenica district there would exist an ideal means of communication. The cost of construction would be very light. There are no engineering difficulties over the entire distance and the work of construction would be light and easy, and there is little doubt that in the near future long trains of supplies will leave Ashcroft for the Golden north. Provision must be made for the present need. The whole burden of the required outlay should not fall on the province. In the matter of waterway improvements the Dominion by right should take action and without delay supply the means to open up a great inland navigation and provide easy ingress and egress to the treasure vaults filled by nature in the centre of the province. The development of the mining interests of the province are almost entirely dependent on transport facilities not only for their future development but for the encouragement of search and discovery. To provide the means may be a burden to our province now but there is little doubt the results to be obtained will amply repay a progressive action consistent with the means at our disposol.

C. E. PERRY,
Mem. Inst. C. E.

The Bienemann Party.

The Bienemann party, consisting of Messrs. Bienemann, Markham and Frazer, will leave for the north probably about a week from next Monday, with a full summer's outfit and about 14 pack animals. The party will go through to Omenica where they will locate and prospect ground that they have in view.

Mr. Venosta, of the same party, who went in from Hazleton by the Naase route, writes Mr. Bienemann under date of March 15th, from Hazleton: "Have had a tough trip up here, but beat Cotton and Thompson, who started a week ahead. Indians very troublesome and expensive. This Naase river is a failure. It is a very hard trip and costs about five times as much as if we had gone in via Ashcroft and Quesnelle."

This report from Mr. Venosta, who knows whereof he speaks, added to that of Mr. Perry, the engineer for the St. Anthony Company, a letter from whom appears in this issue, ought to be conclusive proof that the Ashcroft-Quesnelle route is vastly superior to the Hazleton-Naase river route.

The improvement of the Fraser river, the building of the through telegraph line and the early construction of the Stuart Lake-Quesnelle wagon road, are among the most needed improvements in the province.

Mr. Hewitt Bostock, M.P., and Senator Reid are doing all they can to facilitate the Dominion improvements, that of the telegraph line and the improvement of the Fraser river. Surely the provincial government should at least make a start on the Quesnelle-Stuart lake road this season. It means much to northern British Columbia.

Off For Omenica.

The Columbian of the 24th inst. says: About the end of the week, Mr. John McMartin, who for the past two or three years has spent the summers on the 43rd Mining & Milling Company's claims, in Omenica, will leave for Ashcroft, where he will gather together the horses and goods, preparatory to commencing his long six weeks trip.

It will require about a fortnight to pick up the requisite number of suitable horses and arrange the provisions for the mining camp in convenient packages, which should average about 100 pounds each, and which must be all securely tied up. The amount of stores being taken in, this season, will necessitate having 36 pack animals. These, with the horses for the express wagon, in which the bosses will ride, and the wagon, which will be fitted up as a traveling kitchen, will bring the number of horses up to about 50 head. This year, too, there will be fifteen or twenty head of cattle. Heretofore, the camp has been supplied with beef cattle by contract, but this year the company will supply themselves.

From Ashcroft to Quesnelle, the old Cariboo road gives good traveling, and the latter place should be easily reached in 13 days. Here the wagons will be left, and all hands will take to the saddle. The remainder of the journey should be accomplished in about five weeks. Mr. McMartin says he rarely puts in more than seven hours per day on the road, as, after leaving Quesnelle, the animals lose the bunch grass, and, in cropping the wild grass, they wander a long way from camp, whereby much time is lost, and, anyway, that is about all the animals can stand on that fodder.

On arriving at Manson creek, where the 43rd Company is now operating, some of the horses will be sent back to Stewart river for the mail.

The development work carried on by the 43rd Company, of Ottawa, under the direction of Mr. A. F. Cotton, P.L.S., of Westminster, has now reached such a point that the water will be turned on in June. The work will be further facilitated by the installation of an electric light and telephone plant. The electrician left Vancouver last week on the steamer Danube, and will go in via the Skeena river and Hazleton. The company will have splendid water power, and will furnish light for operations, both on Manson and Slate creeks, five miles apart. The telephone will save much time and travel.

Another boon will be the temporary establishment of a postoffice, with Colonel Wright, of Ottawa, as postmaster. Four mails will be taken in this season, which will be a great convenience, not only for those stationed there, but for people at Stewart river and other points en route, at which the mail bag will be opened.

The little camp will be further augmented this year by the arrival of miners and prospectors for other companies interested in that locality, not to mention a bookkeeper and a gold commissioner, the latter being Mr. F. W. Valleau, who has authority, moreover, to expend $1,500 in improving the trail between Nechaco and Manson creeks, where there are two or three very bad places.

The St. Anthony Company, of San Francisco, which started work there, last year, will send in more men, this year, and there will also be a party of miners and explorers for an English syndicate, which owns claims on Evans' creek. Mr. Venosta, of this latter company, went in with Mr. Cotton, and Mr. Bienemann, another partner, will accompany Mr. McMartin, who will also be joined at Ashcroft by Col. Wright.

A. A. A. A.

EDITOR MINING JOURNAL—Dear Sir: With your kind permission the officers of the A.A.A.A. wish, through the columns of the JOURNAL to thank the ladies who so generously assisted us with refreshments at our social dance on the 13th inst. We would also thank all who attended. Net proceeds of this dance are $28.45, which of course goes into the general fund of the association.

The following is the standing of the association to date:

Receipts—From old Association, $35; entrance fees, $49; Pauline Johnston, $10.50; monthly dues, $12; proceeds of dance, $28.45; total, $140.95.

Expenditure — Clearing grounds, $13.00; rent of hall, Pauline Johnston, $6.50; advertising Pauline Johnston, $2; gymnasium, $23.27; baseball equipments, $22.80; moving piano, $1; total, $69.17.

Balance on hand, $71.78.

Liabilities—Rent and light for April, $6.50; postage, $1; horizontal bar, $15; baseball backstop, $5; total $30.50.

Next week it is expected the baseball club will get down to regular practice, as it is contemplated having a match game with Kamloops, at Savonas, on the 24th of May. Arrangements are now pending with the C.P.R. for a town excursion to Savonas.

The executive committee wish it to be known that they are not responsible for the slow manner in which the gymnasium is being equipped. We intended to get these goods from the coast, as the nearest point, but were unable to do so and finally had to send to the east for them, there being no house in Victoria or Vancouver carrying anything like a fair sample of gymnasium goods.

Yours respectfully,
J. E. KNIGHT,
President A.A.A.A.

A Stiff Story.

A man from Iowa who went prospecting in the Klondike, in the course of chilling events was frozen to death. His friends had him brought home for burial. When the body arrived it was found to be so drawn out of shape as to forbid its being placed in a coffin.

To bring the limbs down to a natural pose, the frozen man was placed in a baker's oven and a strong heat was turned on. In the course of half an hour one of his friends opened the oven door, when, lo and behold! the corpse arose slightly from its reclining position, and shivering perceptibly remarked petulantly, "Shut that door! I think I feel a draught."—Fessenden News.

Troubles Of a Populist.

An Oregon farmer, who was a delegate at a convention in Portland, was greeted by a fellow farmer and delegate the morning after his arrival, and asked how he felt.

"Mighty poorly," was the reply; "did'nt sleep a wink the whole night through."

"Why, what was the matter?" asked the other.

"There was a goldarned light shining right in my eyes all night long."

"Why did'nt you get up and blow it out?"

"Blow it out?" was the reply. "How could I blow it out when the blamed thing was shut up in a bottle?"

Agricultural Association.

The following report of the Kamloops Agricultural Association, taken from the Standard shows that Kamloops is up and doing. How about the meeting at Ashcroft? It should be held at an early date.

A meeting was held of the directors on Tuesday last, at 8 p. m. There were only six members present, but these got to work and decided that the annual Exhibition be held on September next, Wednesday, 20th; Thursday, 21st; and Friday, 22nd.

It was also concluded to thoroughly revise the Prize List, and the following committees were formed:—

Stock—W. J. Roper, J. B. Greaves and A. Noble. Vegetables—J. P. Shaw, E. J. Callaway and T. W. Graham. Fruit—E. Stuart Wood, P. Owens and C. T. Cooney. Poultry,—J. N. Moore, W. T. Slavin and J. Vair. Floral—R. H. Lee, Mrs. Genelle, Mrs. R. E. Smith. Ladies' Work—Mrs. M. G. Gordon, Mrs. Pegram, Mrs. Strutt. Attractions—M. P. Gordon, J. T. Robinson, and S. Wallace.

The Committee were requested to report at a meeting to be held on Saturday, May 13th.

The Auditors' Report, which showed a balance on hand of $390.32, was received and adopted.

In Interest of Irrigation.

Ellensburg, April 25.—At a meeting of the Commercial Club last night the committee appointed to devise means for furthering the irrigation interests of Kittitas valley submitted a report which was adopted. It recommended the formation of a local corporation with a capital of $2,000, fully paid up, to be known as "The Canal Promoters' Corporation," the shares to be $10 each. This being fully subscribed, it is the purpose to expend the capital thus subscribed to prepare and complete data, in pamphlet form, as a result of surveys and technical estimates as to cost of construction, amount of land to be watered, cost of maintenance, probable income, etc. In fact complete details to be set before business men in a business-like way, without any boom or wildcat accessories.

A committee to solicit subscriptions, composed entirely of business and professional men, was named and the work will commence at once. There is no doubt whatever about the successful forming of the corporation, and it will be able to present to capital an inviting proposition and a colossal one as well, as the canal in contemplation, according to former surveys, will cover between 80,000 and 90,000 acres of choice land in Kittitas valley.

Very Proper, Anyway.

A Lincoln County paper in this state says that over in Adams County, Newton Lord and Miss Jennie Helper were united in marriage. Newton is a six-footer, with muscles like sugar cured hams, and neither of the editors in that county dared head the notice "Lord-Helper."—Garfield (Wash.) Enterprise.

Fur Trading in Early Days.

"John Jacob Astor was the first trader I ever dealt with," said Mr. Le Count in telling the story of his life and recalling incidents of a hundred years. "He began business at La Baye, as Green Bay was then called, in 1810, I think. He owned the whole country. He had dozens of agents and dozens of trading posts. That at La Baye was his chief. His man Franks told us La Baye would be a great city in time. Then there was no Chicago—no big town in the west—only Detriot, a trading post, and east of that Montreal. My father bought up hundreds of acres of land at La Baye. He was a trader himself. Astor built a steamboat at Buffalo to bring immigrants to La Baye. People interested in Milwaukee bought the boat. Astor didn't want to sell. But they told him to set a price on it. He set $100,000—four times as much as it cost him—and they took him up. They ran the boat right through to Milwaukee, passing La Baye by and immigration all passed up and went right on to Milwaukee. And that is how Milwaukee became a great city and La Baye stayed a little town.

In 1810, Le Count, then ten years old, joined the Astor expedition, headed by Ramser Crooks and W. P. Hunt, who with a band of adventurous fellow explorers, started for the Pacific Coast. The perilous overland journey has been described in Irving's "Astoria." Le Count, small for his age of ten, left the party on the sixth day out, and, boy as he was, made his way home, a distance of 100 miles through the dense forest and across swollen rivers.

The old trapper retained a distinct recollection of almost every important incident in his long life. Encounters with fierce beasts were of so common occurance that it was with difficulty he could be induced to refer to them or to give details once the incident was mentioned. The killing of three bears in as many minutes—one with a bullet from his old fashioned muzzle-loading rifle, the second with an axe and the third with a knife—was one of Le Count's recollections, and four great scars across his breast, which were visible when his body was prepared for the grave, gave evidence of the fierceness of the battle.

"That happened in 1843," said the old man. "I was trapping on the upwaters of the Chippewa that autumn. It was in the latter part of October, if I remember right, and I was following up a line of traps one afternoon, when I broke through an old windfall and fell over a log, landing right in a nest of four bears—two full-grown and two six months cubs. I was a trapper and not a hunter, and usually let such varmints alone unless they tackled me; but this time my rifle was up to my face before I knew it, and I brought down the old male with a bullet in his brain. The other three started off, and as they went I let go at one of the cubs with my little trapping axe. There wasn't one chance in a hundred that I would hit him in a place that would hurt him, and I just threw it more under the impulse than with any expectation of bringing him down. But as luck would have it, the axe hit him square in the head and he went down with a roar. His yell turned the old mother into a devil. She had started off on a dead run, but as soon as she heard the cub cry, she turned and came back on a gallop. Twenty feet from me she went up on her hind feet and came toward me like a snow slide. My empty gun was of about as much use as a snowshoe, and as there was no time to think of a tree I just whipped out my knife and faced the music. She was about three seconds knocking me over the windfall, but as we closed I drove the ten-inch blade of my knife between her ribs. Her nails found my shoulder and breast, and I was laid up eleven weeks. The scratch didn't amount to much; I would have been well in a week, but my partner was a greenhorn from Vermont, and when I sent him to get slippery elm for a poultice he got basswood."

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.

Mr. McLaughlin, C F Law, Dr Burgess, Mr Taylor, Lillooet.

DEPARTURES.

Rev C Ladner, A Wills, Clinton; Mr and Mrs R Middleton, Soda Creek; Miss Emma Jewett, J C Joliffe, E D Swope, Quesnelle; C French, J Wilson, C G Polleys, T Sherwood, H Beaumont, J W Polleys, G Alheidt, George Beaumont, 150-Mile House; Gus Lange, W Lindgerin, F Lindgerin, Stanley; Mr Fleckenstein, Lillooet.

A Dream of Opulence.

It is said that E. E. Balcom, agent of the Pittsburg & Western Railroad at Wayland, Ohio, will resign his position and go to Montana to prospect for gold in pursuance of a dream he had, in which fabulous amounts of the yellow metal were spread out in view.

Balcom, after a hard day's work, retired and dreamed that he was taken by a guide to the top of a mountain range in Montana near the border line of British Columbia. The sun was just rising, and his guide pointed to a certain spot that was literally covered with gold.

The dream so impressed Balcom that the next day he drew a map giving the mountains, valleys, and rivers as they appeared to him, and the spot where he had seen the gold.

Balcom has never been in Montana, and knows practically nothing of its surface, yet the map is said to be a perfect reproduction of that section, and is pronounced correct by experts who have prospected there.

He has taken carbon copies of the map, and one is in possession of an official of the Pittsburg & Western Railroad at Youngstown.

As soon as Balcom can arrange his affairs he will leave for Montana, and he expects to make a rich strike.

Had a Good Breakfast.

One day late in the 18th century the great Emperor Joseph of Austria was out driving when a heavy shower came up; as the first big drops fell an old soldier of the invalides came hobbling to the door of the carriage and asked to be taken in, because, he said, his uniform was new, and he did not want to get it wet. The emperor, who was taking the air as a private gentleman with no marks of his rank about him, told the old man to get in, and at once fell to talking with him very affably. Soon the soldier mentioned that he had had a capital breakfast that morning.

"What was it?" asked the emperor.

"Guess."

The emperor ran over all the dishes he could think of that were best liked among the common soldiers, but to everything he mentioned the invalid answered, chuckling, "Better than that." At last, the emperor giving up the puzzle, he slapped his knee and declared he had taken a pheasant out of the imperial preserves. The emperor laughed sympathetically, and the subject was changed. When they had driven some time, the poor poacher, after recounting some of his experiences in battle, remarked:

"You look like a military man yourself; are you in the army?"

The emperor said he was, and was then asked what position he held.

"Guess," said the emperor.

The soldier guessed and guessed again; he finally guessed everything from sergeant up to marshal, and to every guess he got the answer, "Better than that."

Naturally, after awhile the truth began to dawn upon him, and the poor man was frightened nearly out of his wits, but the emperor only laughed, told him to learn discretion in making confidences to strangers, asked him where he wanted to go, set him down at the right door, and never took any further notice of his loss of a pheasant than to make it a favorite story at court.—Ex.

By a private letter from the Horsefly under date of April 14th we learn that the big shaft being sunk by the Miocene company was, at that time, down 140 feet in solid blue gravel with a very large percentage of quartz. Much more than in the old shaft, boulders and driftwood and colors of gold at every pan indicating that the shaft is now nearer the centre of the channel than before. The increase of water also indicate this although the water is now draining out. The water in the shaft is under complete control and altogether the outlook is favorable. Enclosed in the letter is a photo of the new shaft house, which is a substantial building about 100 feet long, the shaft being sunk in one end and a saw mill under the other end of the building. Senator Campbell is steadily and safely going ahead with this work and the Horsefly country has a great future. It will not be strange if thousands of men are engaged in drifting out the rich gravel of the old channels within the Horsefly country before many years.

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Turbine Power.

In the selection of sizes of dynamos to be driven by water wheels the considerations are quite different from those involved in engine-driven combinations. The essential difference arises from the fact that water wheels will never much exceed their rated loads being rated at practically wide open gate in order to have a high efficiency at their rated load. A slight margin, about 10 per cent., is allowed to make sure that the wheel will always carry its load with slight vibrations of head, etc. On this account turbines must always be chosen with a rated power equal to the maximum load they may be called upon to carry. Very brief overloads, that is, with a duration of a few seconds, may be carried by flywheel retardation, but for more protracted overloads there is no available source of energy.

Steam engines are also, as a rule, rated at or near their point of greatest economy which, instead of being the maximum possible output of the engine, is at a cut-off varying perhaps from one-quarter to one-half stroke. When called upon, therefore, the engine will take an overload of 50 or 100 per cent. without difficulty or harm other than a low steam economy. Thus, for fluctuating loads, such as those of street railways, the rated capacity of the engines in operation at any one time need not be more than, roughly, 60 per cent. of the load that may be thrown upon them.

Electrical generators have, as a rule, the same ability of carrying an overload, provided it is not continuous. Rated—as they usually are—upon their heating limit, they will stand excess loads of a magnitude somewhat in inverse proportion to their duration, limited only by the regulation, commutator sparkling, etc. Thus, in choosing the site of a generator to carry fluctuating loads when steam driven, the common practice of picking one with an output in kilowatts equal to three-quarters of the rated horse-power of the engine minus a few per cent. for internal losses is correct. But in the case of a generator to be turbine-driven on a variable load, the turbine must be chosen with a rated output sufficient to carry the maximum peaks, and the generator may well be of a much lower rating, since it can stand an overload which its driving power cannot. To take a concrete example, a water wheel rated at 1,000 effective horse-power might well be expected to carry a 700-kw dynamo, but with a fluctuating load with peaks requiring 1,000 horse-power at the shaft, a 600, or if a modern machine of high overload capacity, a 500-kw generator would do the same work at a lower cost and—in case the peaks were the exception and low loads the rule—with a greater efficiency.

Exactly the same consideration applies in gas engine work. Gas engines, whether of the "hit or miss" or variable-charge style of governing, give their greatest efficiency with their greatest loads, and are therefore rated very close to their maximum output, with a slight margin to assure their ability to carry their rating with slight changes of quality of fuel, etc. With perfectly steady loads driven either by turbine or gas engines, the common practice of rating is quite justifiable but steady loads are the exception and variable loads the rule in [illegible] work, and the limitations of the driving source should be taken into account in the choice of sizes.—Western Mining World.

On a former visit to San Francisco the ex-champion pugilist, John L. Sullivan, played a soul-stirring drama entitled "Honest Hearts and Willing Hands," says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The San Francisco press at that time had good fun with the Boston fistic expert, who persisted in saying "Fadder and Mudder." On one occasion, after a particularly severe "roast," Sullivan appeared before the curtain between the first and second acts and assuming an attitude common in fistdom, said in thundering tones: "Ladies and gents. De mornin' rags is trying to trun me down, but it won't go, see? Dey say dat I say 'Poor fadder, what will mudder do?' Dat's in me lines. Well, I don't say dat. I say Fadder and mudder, dy' see?' and off the stage he swung his ponderous figure, satisfied that he had revenged himself on "de mornin' rags."

The Stephens Process.

The Engineering and Mining Journal (New York), of April 15th, says: In our issue of October 22nd, 1898, we referred to the Stephens process and on the strength of the dubious statements concerning it, a saving of 96 to 98 per cent. of the gold values of ores, at a cost of $1.50 to $2.50 per ton for treatment, we warned mine owners to have nothing to do with it. We were in error in stating that this was a secret process, learning subsequently that it was covered by United States patent No. 602,526, of April 19th, 1898, of which the claim was a process of extracting gold from refractory ores by dissolving it as chloride in a solution composed of 500 gallons of water, 500 pounds of chloride of lime, 500 ounces bromide of potassium, 15⅝ gallons nitric acid and 31¼ gallons muriatic acid. This solution would generate free chlorine and bromine, which are solvents for gold, as indeed is aqua regia itself, by means of which the chlorine and bromine are generated. However, there is abundant reason to suppose that neither chlorine nor bromine can be generated in this manner as economically as in the ordinary chlorination or bromination processes.

Lately the Stephens Metal Extracting Company, which controls the Stephens process, has given out a statement that a person who proposes to apply it to the sands and gravels of the Fraser river in British Columbia has also treated successfully a moss which grows on the river bank, from which the Stephens Metal Extracting Company has extracted $26.80, whereas fire assays show the existence of only $14, "showing that the chemical extracted more gold in this instance than the fire test could possibly obtain." The absurdity of this statement is so obvious that further comment on the process in question, and its exploitation by the Stephens Metal Extracting Company is unnecessary; and notwithstanding the extensive promotion which it is receiving at the hands of many of the western newspapers, mine-owners in general will probably be shrewd enough to let it alone, just as they let alone the Beam process and some others of the same ilk. With respect to "processes," miners seem to have learned something since the days of the "green gold" theory, and though they are sometimes taken in nowadays, such incidents are much less frequent than they used to be.

Standard Oil Profits.

According to the Standard Oil Company's sworn statement in the hands of the attorney-general of Ohio, a barrel of refined oil costs that concern just 20 cents, or two-fifths of a cent a gallon. In that cost is included raw material, treatment and the expense of refining the oil. From this it would appear that someone is making an outrageous profit by charging the consumers 20 cents a gallon for an article which costs but two-fifths of a cent to manufacture. With each gallon the consumer pays for the manufacturing of a barrel. The oil could be produced at 2 cents a gallon in any part of the United States, and if sold at 5 cents a gallon would bring an immense profit. —Denver Post.

Electricity in Mines.

The use of electricity in Colorado coal mines is greatly increasing. There are a few plants at present in operation and a number of others in course of construction. At Sopris, in Los Animas county, there are two small lighting plants. Electric pumps have also been installed there with a capacity of 1,200 gallons per minute, thus relieving the surplus water which could not be handled by the steam and compressed-air pumps already in use. At the Walsen a 300-horsepower plant is in course of construction to be used for pumping, lighting and mining at the Walsen and Robinson mine. At the Keebler mine a complete electric plant has been abandoned as the roof overlaying the coal proved to be too fragile to admit the required space for the mining machines to be unsupported by timbers At Lafayette, in Boulder county, a 100-horsepower plant is being erected for lighting and hauling purposes.

America Leads, Others Follow.

The ostentatious display at the marriage of Lord Crewe to Margaret Primrose, second daughter of Lord Rosebery, at Westminster Abbey, on Thursday afternoon, comes opportunely as a sufficient reply to the invidious distinctions drawn there between British and American society methods. The Vanderbilt wedding called for tirades from the press against American flashiness and millionaire extravagance, etc. But Lord Rosebery certainly capped the record by the arrangements to have the bridal party cinematographed on entering and leaving the abbey. For this purpose he had the awning at the entrance removed, and the party, on leaving the old edifice, marked time to a certain degree in order that the pictures should be a complete success. The bridal party drove to and from the abbey in open carriages, and everything was done to ensure the widest publicity in every detail of the arrangements and description of the presents.

Faith Fenton, writing in the Globe, from Dawson, says: "The miners are already beginning to talk about the wash-up and are estimating in advance the value of their dumps. From the best authority, that of various mining inspectors, who spend their time up and down the creeks, I understand that the promise is exceedingly good. Twelve millions is computed as the lowest total estimate of the June output."

Dredging for gold is all the rage at the Antipodes, to the detriment too often, it is to be feared, of quartz mining, the epidemic having now broken out afresh in Victoria, where the Government is considering the propriety of granting 20,000 acres on the Murry Flats, over a distance of some 20 miles from below Wahgunyah, to a syndicate composed mainly of local investors. These flats consist of a surface layer of from 1 to 6 feet of soil and clay, covering a stratum of rather fine gravel. From the grass roots to a depth of 8 or 10 feet gold is found in sufficient quantity, in the opinion of the Minister of Mines, to pay if appliances are used which will save the gold. On the other hand, the dredging claims recently pegged out in Coromandel Harbor, New Zealand, by a Dunedin syndicate, have been abandoned, owing, it is said, to the magnitude of the initial outlay.

Record in Telegraphy.

An Associated Press dispatch of recent date, from London, says: "Herr Pollack, the well-known engineer and electrician, has discovered a means of telegraphing sixty thousand words per hour over a single wire."

Came South for Repairs.

After a protracted stay in the north, the tug Czar came into port for a few hours, having during the past seven days been employed in towing the disabled City of Seattle down from Juneau, for the greater part of the way against a strong head wind and unfavorable water. The tow was relinquished at Plumper Pass, where an American tug was waiting to pick up the cripple and convey her to Tacoma. She will there receive her new crank shaft, and it is expected be ready to resume service within a week. The Czar went north again.—Colonist.

Killed at Samoa.

The friends, and there are many in this part of the province, of Mr. James Monaghan, so well known as one of the original owners of the Cariboo mine in Camp McKinney, will sympathize with him in his sad bereavement, when the intelligence is conveyed to them that a few days ago he lost his eldest son in Samoa in the engagement which recently took place between the American and British forces and the rebels under Mataafa. Lieutenant Monaghan was an officer on the Philadelphia, one of the United States warships, and was one of the leaders of the party which landed and was making its way to Apia on April 1st, when without warning it was pounced upon by Mataafa warriors and a bloody battle was fought, resulting in the death of two American officers and two men killed, and five American sailors wounded.—Midway Advance.

The Russian Government is said to have practically resolved upon supplying the whole of the artillery with a new quick firing gun, constructed on the same or a similar principal as that of the gun used in France. An order for one battery has already been given a French firm.

Mr. and Mrs. James Russell, of 713 Homer street, Vancouver, awakened on Saturday morning to find themselves, if not famous, what is almost as good to most people, rich beyond their dreams of avarice. They are believed to be the heirs to a million sterling, bequeathed by an almost forgotten relative in the old country.

IT SHOOK HIS NERVES.

An Incident That Made a Man Feel Queer For Awhile.

"The other night," said a young lawyer, 'I was preparing some tedious pleadings which had to be submitted to court the following morning, and, knowing that I would need every moment of my time, I locked myself in a small private consultation room in the rear of my suit, where no chance caller could interrupt me. The room is very diminutive, with only one window, looking into a court, and no furniture except a table and two or three chairs. Well, I worked on steadily, hour after hour, long after the city had settled into sleep and silence. The building was so still I could hear even an occasional mouse scamper across the floor alone. At last I concluded the task and, sitting erect in my chair, began to stretch my cramped limbs.

"As I did so my eyes happened to fall on a lighted cigar stump lying on the carpet not four feet away, and I stopped stock still, frozen with amazement. I do not smoke. I had been sitting for hours in that little locked room. I could swear that no one had entered. The window was tightly closed, yet there, right at my feet, lay a half consumed cigar with a great live coal still glowing at the end. It seems ridiculous to confess, but a thrill of horror ran through me like a galvanic shock. A hallucination of any kind is an appalling thing, it makes no difference how grotesque or homely the subject. It carries such frightful suggestion of breakdown in one's mental engine room.

"Well, I finally summoned up enough nerve to stoop down and examine the stump, and what do you think it was? Why, a tinfoil capsule from the top of an ordinary quart bottle of mucilage. In stripping it off it had assumed the circular twist of a cigar and, the foil being brown, was just the right color. The red seal at the top formed the coal, and a yard or so away the illusion was perfect. I drew a deep breath of relief, but it was actually several days before my nerves resumed their normal tension."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Sample of His Nerve.

Buck Taylor, the showman, was a great friend of Captain William O'Neill, the rough rider who was killed at Las Guasimas, Cuba, in the Spanish-American war. O'Neill was sheriff of Tucson, A. T., when Taylor became acquainted with him, and on more than one occasion the cowboy rendered the easterner a service.

"Did O'Neill deserve the reputation he held for nerve?" Taylor was asked.

"Well," he said, and then hesitated as if careful to choose the right words, "I don't think there was anything that Bucky O'Neill was afraid of. Once he went into a den where ten of the pals of a murderer and train robber he was after were gathered, laid his hand on the man's shoulder and walked him out. He had not a friend or ally within sight or hearing. Was that nerve?"

A Polished Rascal.

Mrs Hansom—I understand, sir, that you have secretly been making love to my daughter, and I must forbid an acquaintance begun in that way You should have seen me first

Shrewd Suitor—Madam, had I seen you first I should have forgotten your daughter and fallen in love with you

Mrs Hansom—Um! The informality of the proceeding was all I objected to Come with me, and I will introduce you to my husband —Chums

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W. F. GORE.
Big Bar, 10th April, 1899. 50t4

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JOHN McRAE.
Quesnelle Forks, March 23rd, 1899. 48t9

No. 124.

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF AN EXTRA PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"Companies' Act, 1897."

GOLD POINT HYDRAULIC MINING COMPANY.

Filed the 21st day of March, A.D. 1899.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered the "Gold Point Hydraulic Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate in the City of New York, U.S.A.

The amount of the capital of the Company is $500,000, divided into 100,000 shares of $5 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Quesnelle Forks, and William Polleys, Miner, whose address is Quesnelle Forks aforesaid, is attorney for the Company.

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

The objects for which the Company has been established are:

To do all manner of mining and for that purpose to buy and sell all kinds of mining property and mineral lands; to construct smelting works, power plants and stamping mills; to trade and deal in all kinds of personal property relating to mines or mining; to buy, own and sell timber lands; to erect, own and operate saw mills, and to engage in, construct, carry on, and do all things pertaining to mining or in any way connected with or necessary for mining purposes.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this twenty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

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4895 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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Notice is hereby that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company to construct and operate a railway from a point at or near Ashcroft or Kamloops or some point between same, thence in a northerly direction to Barkerville, in the District of Cariboo, and thence by the most feasible route to Glenora, on the Stickine river, with such other powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the working or for the purposes of the undertaking.

Dated at Ottawa this 22nd February, 1899.
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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, Thursday, 22nd June, 1899.
Richfield, Monday, 26th June, 1899.

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

By Order.
JAMES McKEN,
Registrar, County Court of Cariboo.
Barkerville, B.C., 7th April, 1899. 50t11

TAKE NOTICE

That the firm of Eagle & Paxton, carrying on business at Onward Ranch, Cariboo District as farmers, stock-raisers and general traders was dissolved on April 1st, 1898, by mutual consent, Charles William Eagle retiring. The business will be carried on by Thomas Paxton and John William Eagle under the style and firm name of Eagle & Paxton. All debts are to be paid to the continuing partners, who will liquidate all liabilities.

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THE BIRDS' BARGAIN.

"Oh, spare my cherries in the net!"
Brother Benignus prayed, "and I
Summer and winter, shine and wet,
Will pile the blackbirds' table high."

"Oh, spare my youngling peas!" he prayed,
"That for the abbot's table be,
And every blackbird shall be fed—
Yea, they shall have their fill," said he.

His prayer, his vow, the blackbirds heard
And spared his shining garden plot;
In abstinence went every bird,
All the old thieving ways forgot.

He kept his promise to his friends
And daily set them finest fare
Of corn and meal and manchet ends,
With marrowy bones for winter bare.

Brother Benignus died in grace;
The brethren keep his trust and feed
The blackbirds in this pleasant place,
Purged, as dear heaven, from strife and greed.

The blackbirds sing the whole year long
Here where they keep their promise given,
And do the mellowing fruit no wrong.
Brother Benignus smiles in heaven.
—Pall Mall Magazine.

LOVE BY WIRE.

It is not at all certain who first discovered it, probably the housemaid at 3030—two rings. Whenever the bell rang, no matter what number of rings, and the housemaid was within hearing distance, it was her habit to get to the telephone as soon as possible and put the receiver to her ear, and she did it so deftly and noiselessly that the persons talking over the wire never know they had a listener. The girl at central knew it early also, as it was her duty to weld the wires over which Cupid shot his darts back and forth between 1662 and 3030—five rings. But if she knew it she paid no attention to it and only felt a slight annoyance at the frequency of the service demanded.

The discovery I refer to was the affair between the girl at 3030—five rings and the young man at 1662, and the only publicity it had was over the telephone wires. The conversation that must necessarily and frequently have taken place between the young persons in private has, of course, no place in this story. The wire that conveyed the conversation herein set down was a party line. That is to say, it connected jointly four telephones in a south side neighborhood. The number o the joint line was 3030, and each of four subscribers had a designated number of rings by which they might be called. I know none of the subscribers personally, and the story came to me from a person who learned it from another person to whom it was told by 3030—four rings, who was described to me as a widow of 40 or thereabout, who has strong leanings toward the romantic side of life and who dearly loves a love affair.

Next I learned it from the feminine cousin of 3030—three rings, who is described as a spinster of uncertain ago, who dotes on the Duchess' novels.

Thirdly, I learned it from Miss Warwick Bool Evard, whose maid had received full particulars from the housemaid at 3030—two rings.

That surely should be evidence sufficient to warrant its further publicity, if that indeed were necessary. In fact, it may be an old story already.

No telephone on the party line had more calls than five rings. Where the other telephones had one demand five rings had a dozen. This was enough to convince the other subscribers that there was an attractive young woman at the one end of the wire and a man at the other. Following is the first conversation between 1662 and 3030—five rings reported to me. It comes from the housemaid at 3030—two rings, so I infer that she was the first discoverer. Subsequent conversations came from all three sources and must therefore be approximately correct:

Time, 10:30 a. m. Four violent rings on four telephones.

1662—Hello! Hello! Is this 3030—five rings? Yes? Good morning. (Very softly and sweetly)—Do you know who this is?

Five rings—Yes, of course, I know who it is. Good morning, Mr. Hunter. (Violent agitation at the other end of the line.)

1662—It is not Mr. Hunter. (In an offended tone) Guess again.

Five rings—You old goose, I knew it was you. I just wanted to tease you. Good morning, Arthur—(pause, then coolingly)—dear.

1662—Ah, precious! Are you quite well this morning? I could not sleep last night thinking of your headache. Are you sure you are quite well again? You must take good care of yourself, dear, for my sake, you know.

Five rings (plaintively)—I am just a little better. Don't worry. I shall be well soon. What are you doing now, dear? You must not lose sleep because of me. I expect such great things of you. You must be president of the bank some day, just as I have planned it.

1662—Ah, Mabel, what couldn't a man do for you? Did you really mean what you said last night?

Five rings—What was that? (Teasingly) I said so many things, you know. You can't expect this little head of mine to remember everything. I say so many foolish things.

1662 (anxiously)—Surely you haven't forgotten already?

Five rings—Oh, about that—why, I don't know whether I meant it or not. Did I say it as though I meant it?

1662—Well, you did last night, and when you put your—

Five rings—Hush! Somebody may be listening. What was that? (The housemaid had almost exploded with laughter.) *Perhaps some one is listening. I will see* you this afternoon. Four o'clock. I'll be at the table right near the soda fountain. Goodby.

1662 (tenderly)—Goodby.

Five rings (also tenderly)—Goodby.

1662 (still more tenderly)—Goodby.

Five rings (with decision)—Goodby.

(Five telephone receivers are hung up, three of them very noiselessly.)

Second conversation at 9 o'clock p. m. of the same day:

1662—Hello! Hello!

Five rings—I know your voice at once. Where are you now? Where? Where? Oh, Arthur, how could you? Only place open? Won't some one hear you? Oh, well, it's all right if the box is closed. Who is with you?

1662—Billy Tinker.

Five rings—That horrid little thing! I don't like you to go with him, Arthur. He smokes and drinks beer. No; he's not all right. If I am to be your guardian angel, you must do what I say. Have you smoked today, Arthur? You know what you promised me.

(Sound of a cigar being dropped on the floor.)

1662—No—well, yes, Mabel, just a whiff or two, just to taper off. Didn't we have a lovely time this afternoon? How mad Charley Bimms looked when he saw us!

Five rings—I think Charley behaved lovely. He was just as dignified as he could be.

1662 (crossly)—I think he's a chump. I can't imagine what you see in that fellow. He works in a store and has no right in our set anyway.

Five rings—Well, you needn't get angry about it. I'm sure Charley's always been lovely to me—just like a brother. Now, don't be cross, Arthur. Are you going right home now? Will you call me up in the morning?

1662—First thing. How is your headache tonight, pet? Better, I hope. Do you think four sodas were good for it?

Five rings—I feel splendid tonight. The sodas did me good. I just dote on pineapple soda ice cream, don't you, or do you like chocolate better?

1662—I like be—I mean chocolate. Well, precious, Billy's knocking on the door. Good night. You looked awfully swell this afternoon. Sweet dreams. I've got something important to tell you tomorrow night.

Five rings—Oh, no! Tell me now, Arthur.

1662—No; it'll keep. Good night.

Five rings—I won't say good night unless you tell me now. I'm just dying to know. Please, Arthur—dear.

1662—Well, I met Mame Goodly just after I left you, and she said— No; I'll tell you tomorrow night.

Five rings—I insist upon knowing what she said—horrid thing! I suppose it was something hateful.

1662 (with trepidation)—No; she said she heard we were engaged.

Five rings (after a pause)—Well, we ain't.

1662—No, we ain't—yet.

Five rings—You're horrid! I'm not going to talk to you any longer. Good night, bad boy!

1662—Good night, sweetheart!

(A sigh, probably from 3030—three rings, startles five persons, three of whom are eavesdroppers.)

Five rings and 1662 (simultaneously)—What did you sigh for?

Five rings—I didn't sigh.

1662—Neither did I.

Five rings—Oh, I wonder if some one is listening! Good night, please, please. Good night.

1662—It was nothing. Don't be afraid. Good night. I'll call you up in the morning.

In the morning:

1662—Is that you, Mabel? Good morning.

Five rings—Oh, Arthur, I don't think we ought to talk over the phone any more. I'm afraid some one will hear us.

1662—What if they do? They don't know who we are.

Five rings—Yes, they do. That woman across the street who has a telephone looked at me so strangely this morning.

(3030—four rings trembles and almost drops the receiver from her ear. Housemaid at 3030—*two rings snickers.*)

1662—Oh, well, what if they do? What they hear won't do them any good. Say, Mabel, I had a dream about you last night.

Five rings (curiously)—Tell me what it was. Was it nice?

1662—It was lovely.

Five rings—Tell me what it was at once. I am dying to know.

1662—I'd rather not. I'm afraid you would be angry.

Five rings (eagerly)—No, I won't. Honestly, I won't. But I will be if you don't tell me.

1662 (hesitatingly)—Well, I dreamed—Oh, pshaw, *I can't tell you over the phone*, Mabel. I'll tell you when I come out tonight.

Five rings—No; I must know now.

1662—Well, I dreamed we were engaged, and your father—

Five rings (gruff voice)—Mabel, don't you think you've talked long enough to that young fellow? I want to call up the office.

Five rings (Mabel's voice, formally)—Goodby. I'll see you this evening.

The next morning at 9:30 o'clock:

1662—Good morning, darling. I am so very, very happy.

Five rings—Oh, Arthur, it's lovely! I've looked at it ever since I got up, and I daren't wear it, except when I'm alone in my room. Oh, I'm so happy, Arthur, aren't you? Papa asked me at breakfast what time you went home, and I told him I didn't look at the clock. Did you have to walk all the way in? Poor dear, you must be dreadfully tired this morning!

1662—I was so happy it didn't seem long at all. And so my dream came true, didn't it, sweet?

Five rings—It's the prettiest ring I've seen yet, Arthur. It's a genuine diamond, isn't it? It must have cost a lot of money. It's almost twice as big as Mame Goodly's. Have you told anybody yet? I'm going over to see Mame after awhile and show her my ring. Don't tell that Billy Tinker; he's such a sneerer.

1662—I'd just like to tell the whole world. I'm so happy! I'm going to make old Hunks raise my salary now. Then I'll have to begin saving. I'm going to give up smoking, sure, and I'm not going to buy so many neckties. Oh, I'm to happy! Ain't you happy, Mabel? I am.

Five rings—Oh, I'm dreadfully happy! I can't get over looking at my ring. I wish I could wear it to the party tonight, but I suppose I mustn't.

1662—I get all the waltzes and two steps tonight, don't I?

Five rings—Why, of course, dear! Do you suppose I would dance them with any one else? It just sparkles like everything. It's just the loveliest thing! You don't know how surprised I was. You were so manly last night, I just couldn't help but love you. I didn't dream of your wanting me to be your little wife. Oh, Arthur—

1662—Oh, pet! I wish I could see you right now, this very minute. I'd just—

Five rings—Oh, Arthur, some one will hear you! I was awfully surprised when you kissed me. It was so sudden.

1662—I'm so happy! Ain't you happy, Mabel?

Five rings—I'm very, very happy.

Coarse and impatient voice breaking in at 1662—Well, Simpson, when you're through I'd like to use that phone.

1662 (Arthur's voice, much disturbed)—It's old Hunks. Goodby, Mabel. I'll call for you at 8 o'clock. I'm so happy!

Five rings—So am I. Goodby!

1662—Goodby, precious!

Five rings—Goodby, dearest boy!

1662—Goodby, darling!

Five rings—Goodby!

1662 —Goodby!

Five rings (lingeringly)—Goodby!

A widow, fat and 40; a slender spinster and a housemaid silently hang their receivers up and turn away with sighs.—Kansas City Star.

Expensive Change.

Incautiously he had monkeyed with a buzzsaw, and his arms had been amputated about half way between wrist and elbow.

Skillful manufacturers of artificial limbs had made good the shortage, however, and provided him with the best imitations of hands they could turn out.

"This concern," he observed cheerfully as they strapped them on him, "has changed hands."

Whereupon they added two more bones to the bill.

Seeking Knowledge.

Little Harry—Papa, is it true that Delilah knocked Samson out by cuttin off his hair?

Papa—Yes, I believe so.

Little Harry—What was Samson, a football player or a fiddler?—Chicago News.

No Guide Needed.

Blobbs—What nonsense it is for newspapers in their accounts of weddings to describe the brides being led to the altar!

Slobbs—How so?

Blobbs—Why, most of the girls could find their way in the dark!—Tit-Bits.

Perverse Beast.

Cobwigger—How was it that dog of yours wouldn't do any of his tricks today?

Brown—I guess it was because I was showing him to a man who wanted to buy a dog.—Harlem Life.

"Fiasco" originally meant a bottle or a flask. When the Italian glassblowers detected flaws in the vases they were blowing, they made an ordinary bottle of the failure, and hence the name.

MEN OF MARK.

Secretary of the Navy Long is in favor of female suffrage.

John E Gilman of Boston has been elected department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Massachusetts.

Adolph Zorn, a Swedish artist, is in Princeton painting a portrait of ex-President Cleveland for Daniel S Lamont of New York.

Henry D Lloyd of Chicago is lecturing in Australia, and he is thinking of writing a book on the socialistic tendencies of that country.

Colonel Hiram M. Bledsoe, who has just died in Kansas City, was the commander of the famous Bledsoe battery in the civil war.

Hon Elmer J Burkett of Nebraska, who will represent William J. Bryan's old district in the next house, is said to be so brilliantly intellectual that he will startle his congressional associates.

M Anatole Deibler, late assistant to his father, has been appointed chief executioner of France. His first appearance as chief at the guillotining of a murderer at Troyes made a favorable impression.

Dr William R Brooks, the astronomer, has just received the medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific for the discovery of his twenty-first comet. This is the sixth medal awarded to Dr. Brooks for his astronomical discoveries.

General Otis, the commander of our forces in the Philippines, is said to be a man of laconic speech who rarely utters more than one short sentence at a time, but who manages to make that sentence epigrammatic and full of meaning.

John S. Rockwell, an old time New Yorker, who was known best for two things—his remarkable physical resemblance to General U S. Grant and his wonderfully large acquaintance among prominent men—died a few days ago.

Years ago, when Mayor William W. Pearce of Waukegan, Ills., was president of the Waukegan Bachelors' club, he offered a $50 gold medal to the first member of the club to become the father of twins. And the medal has been awarded to him!

General Annenkow, the builder of the Transcaspian railway, who died recently, had been disgraced and deprived of all his offices four years ago for peculations which were said to amount to 11,000,000 rubles. In the war against Turkey in 1878 he was in charge of the transportation.

General Sir Arthur Cotton is one of the oldest soldiers of Great Britain, being in his ninety-sixth year. On four different occasions his medical advisers told him he had not a week to live, and 64 years ago, when serving in Persia, his grave was dug in readiness for his occupation.

Professor Virchow is the fifth scientist on whom the physico mathematical class of the Royal academy of Berlin has conferred the gold Helmholtz medal. Its weight is 620 grams, and it was struck in memory of Helmholtz's seventieth birthday in 1892. Herr Virchow's predecessors were Helmholtz himself, Du Bois-Raymond, Weierstrass and Lord Kelvin.

BEE BUZZES.

Contract the size of the hive to suit the colony.

Stimulative feeding often reduces swarming.

Rye meal is a good material to give bees from which to make pollen.

Improper care during the honey season will bring all swarms and no honey.

The fumes of burning sulphur will destroy the eggs of moths in the combs.

With good frame hives it is comparatively easy to put the bees into good shape.

While clipping of queens may not impair their usefulness, it can hardly be claimed to be beneficial.

Colonies destitute of honey should be fed *liberally* and *regularly* until they can gather honey from flowers.

There is nothing else that will help to enlarge the honey crop so rapidly as a good supply of empty combs.

Never open the hive to excite the bees when it is too cold for them to fly. The best time to remove surplus or arrange good brood frames is after two or three days of good honey weather.

If for any reason the bees get short of honey at this season, feeding candy made of granulated sugar is the best mode of treatment. Put it in the hives where the bees can have access to it.—St Louis Republic.

WRITERS AND PAINTERS.

The first American painter was John Watson, who painted portraits in Philadelphia in 1715.

Gilbert Parker, the novelist, gives to his early years of newspaper work the credit for the best part of his education for literary work.

John W Alexander was awarded the Walter Lippincott prize of $300 for his painting, "A Ray of Sunshine," by the Philadelphia academy.

Edmund Clarence Stedman is a literary man only by night. While attending to his banking business he rigidly excludes all other matters, and will not even talk of anything else.

Sidney Colvin says that Robert Louis Stevenson never learned "to spell quite in a grown up manner. "Catarrh" he always wrote with two t's, transposed his i and e in "neighborhood," and literature was always given as "litterature."

THE COOKBOOK.

Fish with white flesh are more easily digested than fish with reddish flesh.

Save the vinegar left from bottles of pickled walnuts or onions. It will be found excellent to flavor stews and hashes.

Eggs are most easily digested when the whites and yolks are thoroughly mixed before cooking, as in custards, scrambled eggs and omelets.

The best way to keep boiled mush from being lumpy is to stir up the meal with enough cold water to merely wet it and then stir it into the kettle of boiling water.

Cabbage with onions is made much *more delicate and delicious* by being cooked in equal parts of sweet milk and water. Skimmilk, if sweet, will answer. It will not distress the most delicate stomach if cooked in this way. So they say.

TRUST THRUSTS.

The lamp trust and the oil trust will make it rather difficult for our future presidents to acquire an education in the log cabin from now on.—Chicago News.

New York is now locking horns with a Dairy trust. Any one who has the price of a cow and pays his water license should be able to compete with a milk and water monopoly like that.—St. Louis Republic.

GOOD EARNERS.

Melba, when she works full time, earns $150,000 a year.

Sarah Bernhardt, who, by the way, grows younger every season, earns on an average $60,000 a year.

Rosa Bonheur makes a great deal of money. This famous artist has sold one year's paintings for $200,000.

Patti has made as much as $350,000 in a single year, though at the present time, it is said, she does not trouble to make more than $50,000.

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LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

Don't forget to WATER the TREES.

Very few pack horses are being sold as yet this season.

The spring is late in this vicinity and the air is still cold.

The Cariboo road is improving rapidly but is not yet good.

Mr. Oppenheimer, representing the firm of Oppenheimer Brothers, was in town yesterday.

Some of the boys are showing up well in baseball practice. The club will soon be able to put up a good game.

A young child of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Barnes died the fore part of the week. Several parties from Ashcroft attended the funeral services.

Miss Blanche Hall, who has been spending a few weeks in Ashcroft visiting friends, will return home to the 150-mile House next week.

There is at present plenty of work for laboring men in Cariboo. Wages are said to be from $2.50 to $3.50 per day, $1.00 per day being deducted for board.

I. B. Hammond, of Portland, Ore., who is a practical dredging man, is expected to visit Cariboo within a few weeks with a view of securing ground for dredging purposes.

The fire brigade have been out several times of late and each time have made a good record. We do not look for fires, but if they must come we are now in shape to take care of them.

With the building of a sawmill in Ashcroft many dollars now sent out of the country for lumber will be retained and many more dollars sent in from outside for lumber and sawmill material of some kind.

Workingmen are in demand in Cariboo at present and there does not now seem any chance of there being a surplus of them. Many mines are working on a larger scale than heretofore and considerable new work is being undertaken.

Miss Roberts has resigned her position as teacher and will leave for England soon. She leaves unexpectedly on account of the recent death of her father. Ashcroft's young people regret Miss Roberts' departure as she has many friends here. Her sister, now at Victoria, will accompany her across the water.

Another local concern that is doing a rushing business these days is the Imperial Brewery. Big orders from the Kootenay and Boundary districts have necessitated the running of the brewery night and day, with a considerably increased staff. Pending the arrival of the happy moment when Kamloops will take first rank as a copper producing camp, it is establishing an enviable provincial record for the excellence of its beer and cigars.—Sentinel.

M. DeKeyser-Verbeist has made arrangements with the manager of the Gold Point Mining Company, of Quesnelle Forks, for putting in a large gold saving plant with a total capacity of some 2,000 yards daily. This arrangement was made only after a very thorough test, by Mr. Polleys, of the value of the machine as a gold saver. In the tests made by Mr. Polleys, with the fine gold of the Thompson river, there seemed to be scarcely any loss—in other words, the saving was very nearly 100 per cent. Mr. DeKeyser-Verbeist is naturally feeling much elated over the success of the trials, which certainly go very far towards confirming his claim that he has a remarkable gold saving machine; a combination of quicksilver, cyanide and electricity.

There is $25,000 in the estimates brought down by the Dominion government for improvement of the Fraser river channel. This sum, while not enough, will at least do some good. As it will not be available until after July 1st work cannot well be done until after high water, and it may not be undertaken until next winter. It is largely due to Mr. Bostock's efforts that this sum has been secured. We are informed by one in authority from Ottawa that there will be a strong effort made to get the telegraph line completed this season from Quesnelle to Dawson, but that owing to serious sickness of the Minister of Public Works the completion of the line may not be taken up until next year but it will be be built through from Quesnelle whether completed this year or not. There will be no public building for Ashcroft, badly as it is needed. Kamloops has an appropriation for a $3,000 building, which they also need and will appreciate. Their appropriation should however have been larger. Three thousand dollars is not enough to build such a building as should have been arranged for, or as is needed. Mr. Bostock is now at work trying to secure a settlement between the rival claimants for the mineral rights of reservations within the railway belt. Both the Dominion and Provincial governments claiming the same.

The Colonel Wright party will be in within a few days.

J. H. Clements is repairing and fixing up the rooms above his store for occupancy.

The James Reid saw mill, at Quesnelle, will start up in good shape in about ten days.

The B.C.X. grounds is being regularly irrigated, and the grass is showing up green and fresh.

The road gang are now encamped at Cache Creek, engaged in repairing roads and bridges.

E. Choate, superintendent of bridge construction for this division was in town the fore part of the week.

The shade trees seem to be starting all right. They should have water three times a week; at least for awhile.

Fishing with fair success seems to be the rule. A little early yet, however, as the river has scarcely begun to rise.

Mr. DeKeyser is the happy possessor of another daughter who came to his home last Monday. Both mother and child are doing well.

C. E. Perry, M. E., in the employ of the St. Anthony hydraulic company, of Omenica, will be in Ashcroft arranging for his trip north in about two weeks.

The 150 Mile and Lillooet post-offices have been made customs collection offices and the postmasters empowered to act as collectors for the government.

Ben Burr, of New Westminster, a cousin of J. W. Burr, of Ashcroft, has been appointed storekeeper at the B.C. penitentiary vice Adam Jackson, deceased.

We may look forward with confidence for some good washups in Cariboo this year, although in several cases there will be only a short run towards the close of the season.

Richard Stewart has gone to Arrowhead lake for a few weeks to try the efficacy of the hot baths in relieving him of his rheumatism. Dick has had a serious time.

Numerous dredging men will soon be on their way north. No country offers as good inducements for successful river dredging for gold as does British Columbia.

Messrs. S. M. Seeley and Captain Laird will begin work shortly on Cornish creek, and will undertake bottoming it. If successful it will amply repay a large expenditure.

The sentence so quickly given, of death by hanging on the 2nd of June of Casimir, the Kamloops murderer, is good law, and when completed there will be another good Indian.

Cataline expects to start on the road north with his pack train next Wednesday. He will pack this year as usual for the 43rd Company, the Omineca Mining and Milling Company.

An editor who could always say just the right thing and give all the news, yet never say anything at which some one will take offense, will always secure a place, but such editors are scarce.

Heavy machinery for sinking on Lightning creek above the drainage tunnel is being sent forward from San Francisco by the manager of the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company.

Mr. John Shields is expected in Ashcroft next week. He is now in Toronto. Work on the sawmill is expected to begin immediately after his arrival and that they will be in operation within a few months.

Mr. A. W. Vowell, superintendent of Indian agecies, from Victoria, spent a day in town this week and is now on his way to the 150 Mile House on business connected with his department. Mr. Vowell has been in Kamloops of late.

A lady teacher once remarked to her pupils, "I want the room so quiet that a pin can be heard to drop." All hands tried, but the strain was so severe on one little chap that he yelled out, "let 'er drop." The same with trade in Ashcroft. We are all ready to do business, let the people come. As the quiet weeks go by the blessings on the Alien Exclusion Act grow louder.

No public building for Ashcroft, and Kamloops does not seem to be happy, although they have an appropriation for a $3,000 building. It is not enough for such a building as Kamloops needs but it is enough for a starter and that is what is usually done with public buildings, the building begun on what is first voted and subsequent appropriations looked for to complete it. How about our new school house?

Messrs. Owen and Wm. Lyne will leave in the course of a few days for the Skeena river taking in the Lyne saw-mill plant, with which they intend to saw out the lumber and get ready for opening up Lorne creek for hydraulicing. This property, which is highly spoken of, is owned by a syndicate composed in part of Ashcroft men, Messrs. Lyne, Henderson, Barnes and Collins, and Messrs. Webb and Sims, of North Bend.

There will be a baseball practice on the grounds this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Glencross is now in charge of the dining room at the Cariboo Exchange.

A late letter from Frank Calhoun states that he is working in the 700 stamp mill on Douglass Island.

Capt. Frank Odin come up from the coast last night and will have charge of the steamer Charlotte this year.

A meeting of the Ashcroft Gold Mining Co. was held in their office and business of the Company transacted last night.

A large number of dredging men are shortly expected to arrive on the field of action. "There is room enough to welcome all."

It is reported that some of the Lillooet Indians who have been prospecting on Lone Cabin Creek, took out $10 to four pans of dirt.

A dance was given at Cole McDonald's on the Bonaparte last night. No reports are yet in but it is safe to say that a pleasant time was had.

T. A. Thorburn, representing the British Columbia Permanent Loan & Saving Company, of Vancouver, left for Kamloops the first of the week.

It is evident from letters received by friends from passengers on board the City of Topeka, that the wrecking was a more serious matter than it was reported. A bad fright and a fine chance at first of some drowning. Fortunately the Manzanita arrived in time to prevent any fatalities.

The principal and pupils of the Ashcroft school presented Miss Roberts, on Friday afternoon, with a handsome toilet case and address. Among other things, the address contained the sentiment that Miss Roberts would be very much missed, both on account of her efficient work as a teacher and her courteous manner to one and all. Miss Roberts replied briefly.

A prospector, John Blackhall by name, brought in some fair specimens of copper ore from his locations on the railroad side of the river, about 2 1-2 miles west of Spatsum. Mr. Blackhall states that from the small amount of work done he finds that he has a very large lead, 15 or 20 feet or more in width. It seems only fair to expect that work in that section will prove that there are mines of value in the range near Spatsum and on through by Thompson's Siding and Lytton.

The English party that is to leave for the north within a few weeks for a two years' stay, is composed of the following members: Messrs. Vernell, Dowling, Fison, Warren, Orrett, Burgess and Potter. The first of the above mentioned is the leader of the expedition. He has been in British Columbia before. All of the members of the party, with one or two exceptions, are officers in Her Majesty's Royal Naval Reserve or in the Jamaica constabulary. They purpose taking taking 60 or 70 head of horses with packers, etc., with them.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

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TAKE NOTICE that a plaint has been entered and a summons issued against you in the above named County Court by W. B. Bailey & Co., of Ashcroft, B.C., for the sum of $181.11, for goods sold and delivered and for money advanced, and an order has been made that the publication of a notice of the entry of such plaint in the B.C. Mining Journal for three successive issues shall be deemed to be service of the summons upon you.

And further take notice that unless you enter a dispute note in this action at the office of the Registrar, Ashcroft Station, on or before Monday, the 16th day of May, judgment by default, pursuant to said order, will be entered against you herein.

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