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BARKERVILLE.

The Flynn brothers' hydraulic claim on Mosquito creek has had a successful season. This mine is one of value but the water privilege is limited. Only about 28 or 30 days' water each season as a rule is obtained for hydraulicing. The usual output is from $5,000 to $8,000 and the expense of operating is of course small.

The mine owned and operated by Paulson and partners, the Black Jack, is making a great record this season, and the partners are known to be working very rich ground. They have been operating this mine with varying success for many years and have this year struck the best gravel ever found in the claim. They are reported as taking out as high as sixty ounces per day.

Work at Dragon creek on the mine owned by Gust Lange and partners has been pushed this season and a good output is assured. Last season from a small section of bedrock in the prospecting tunnel on the claim, Mr. Lange took out about $600 in coarse gold. With this property in operation with a good supply of water, most excellent results will be obtained.

H. Thompson, who is interested with English capitalists and others in the Slough creek, Willow river and other mines, arrived here this week direct from England. It is expected that operations on a large scale will be undertaken on these valuable holdings. Mr. Thompson is a mining man of wide reputation in Australian and other fields, and was for some years president of the board of mines in the Coolgardie district, Australia.

Work on Lightning creek on the drainage tunnel is progressing very favorably with a force of about 15 men. About 800 feet of the drain is now finished and well timbered throughout, the inner end of the drain being about 13 feet from the surface. Good prospects are already found in the gravel, as high as 60 colors to the pan being obtained. Work will be pushed throughout the fall and winter energetically, and it is the belief of those interested in the property that the successful issue of this work will open up a vast tract of the old channel of Lightning creek, from which so many millions were taken out in the seventies. Major H. W. Moore, of Baltimore, is the managing director, and the work is being done by Charles Ramos, a man thoroughly familiar with this class of work in Cariboo.

Mr. Bremner and associates have secured the Eleven of England group of mines on Lightning creek and also have located some claims above. They are now getting in heavy machinery to open up the ground. The company have large means and are going on in a businesslike way to develop and reopen the fabulously rich ground around Stanley. It is understood that a shaft will be started on the Eleven of England ground, and the heavy machinery installed immediately.

With two companies with apparently large capital behind them operating on Lightning creek we may look forward with confidence to a return of old time prosperity, as in mining in Lightning creek it is only necessary to so operate as to extract the gold economically. The fact of the gold being in the ground is not questioned by anyone familiar with Cariboo mines.

QUESNELLE.

Thomas Williamson, wife and three children, left this week for Ashcroft, where they will take train for Brooklyn, B.C., the residence of Mrs. Williamson's people. Mr. Williamson has been in the employ of S. Bohanon for the past two years in the Quesnelle meat market.

W. A. Johnson has been spending some time at Barkerville where he has valuable mining property. It is reported that a sale of a property owned by Fry and Johnson at that point is about to consummated.

Work on the Cottonwood mines, of which G. F. Betts is superintendent, is now being pushed along, about forty men being employed. It is now thought by Mr. Betts that a short run may be had on the property yet this season, although there yet remains a great deal of work to do, and much depends on the season. A large amount of money has been expended on this property, and a successful run yet this season will be very good news to all in this section as well as to the English holders of the stock.

Work is still going on at the tunnel across the Fraser from Quesnelle for the Golden Province Mines sold by C. F. Law. The contractor, Mr. Clark, has gone up to Hixon creek to do some work on the quartz mines owned by the Hixon Creek Company. The tunnel on the Law's property has to be run some distance yet before the old channel predicted to be there by Dr. Dawson, Dr. Arthur Selwyn and others will be tapped. When this is done if the predictions of the celebrated geologists are realized an immense section of mining ground will be opened up.

Good results have so far this season attended the efforts of Seymour Baker in hydraulic mining. About $80 is said to have been taken out of the boxes after a few hours' run on his mines across the river from the mouth of the Cottonwood, and it is further said that the indications are continuing very favorable.

The North Star mine is laid over for the season. The Nine-Mile claim is being worked by Chinamen on a lay, W. A. Johnson going down every two weeks to attend the washup in the interest of the stockholders.

The best mining news of this section is the continued favorable reports of the working of the Oleson dredge 13 miles up the Quesnelle river from this place. It is now said that the dredge has been a paying proposition from the time it raised the first bucketful of gravel, and that the outlook for the dredging business in this section is very bright. The Oleson Company have the machinery now at Poquets, 13 miles from Quesnelle, for a second dredge, to be built at once to begin work just below the present one. Lumber for a second dredge was brought down the Quesnelle by rafting. One raft of between 8,000 and 10,000 feet got away from the men engaged in bringing it down the rapid-running Quesnelle and did not fetch up until it landed on a gravel bar opposite Alexandria.

WILLOW RIVER.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Laird arrived in Ashcroft on Tuesday night from eastern Canada, where they have been spending some months, and left for Barkerville on Wednesday. During a pleasant call at the JOURNAL office Mr. Laird informed us that he had a large quantity of freight, about 60,000 pounds, soon to be in for shipment to his mines on Willow river. Among the rest of the machinery is a new pump that, when in operation, will raise 3,000 gallons of water per minute 100 feet or more. With his new machinery in place rapid work will be done in the long 600 foot drift that now extends out under the bed of the Willow river from the bottom of the shaft sunk in bedrock near the bank of the stream. Mr. Laird has broken through the rim of the old channel in three distinct places and while not enough work has been done to show as yet to a certainty the absolute value of the gravel, he now knows that there is not less than eight or ten feet of the old blue gold-bearing gravel above bedrock and lying under the stratae of clay above. He has tried enough of the gravel to know that it is rich in gold. He has no hesitation in saying that he will be able to handle the water without further difficulty, and in the near future the Willow river mines will become regular producers. Mr. Laird has labored long and faithfully to bring about this result, and while he knew comparatively nothing of deep mining when he first visited Cariboo four years ago, he is now among those best posted in that class of mining. In all of these four years' work it is only fair to say that if Mr. Laird has had trouble of any kind with his laboring men it has not become known. On the contrary, he is invariably spoken of as as a man who pays his employees and treats them well. He has had a long and trying experience and his many friends, as well as the country in general, who have watched his work in Cariboo, will rejoice if, as now seems the case, his property is soon put on a paying basis. Those who contemplate working the deep mines of Cariboo can learn much from the experience of Mr. Laird. During the entire time that Mr. Laird has been on Willow river, Mrs. Laird has also resided there, and while to most people it would at first seem very lonely, Mrs. Laird states that she does not find it at all the case, but on the contrary enjoys a life in Cariboo.

NATION RIVER.

We learn that Mr. S. W. Marshall, one of the members of the Robinson creek syndicate that went into the Nation River country under the guidance of Mr. Tierney, is now at Quesnelle, having come out to make some arrangements about getting in supplies for a portion of the party who will winter at Nation river. We are informed that Mr. Marshall states they have found the ground on Robinson is showing up well and that the party have a ditch about a mile in length completed, 300 feet of fluming built of lumber whipsawed by the party and that they were shoveling in at the time Mr. Marshall left. They expect to wash-up about the 18th of August, and then the most of the party will come out for the season, leaving about four men on the ground.

The company has also located nine claims on Canyon creek, which empties into Nation river 12 miles above the mouth of Robinson creek.

Reports are not obtainable as to the results of the different parties that have gone into the Findley river country, but good reports are hoped for from that section. The Los Angelos party, consisting of 23 men, that went in together last spring have divided up into small parties and several of them have come out.

Undoubtedly with the building of roads throughout the northern country good mining ground will be opened up. The crying needs of the country are roads from Quesnelle north, a wagon road immediately, and to be followed by a railroad in the near future.

INQUIRING ABOUT A RAILROAD.

W. H. Lynch, a member of the Ogilvie party, came on to Ashcroft the fore part of the week and stayed off for a day gathering what information he could regarding the wants of this section relative to railroad transportation north to the Teslin lake section. Mr. Lynch goes with the Ogilvie party to gather information on various subjects for the department, and it is fair to suppose that his reports will receive consideration. Mr. Lynch seems to take a very rational view of the transportation question, viz., that no all Canadian route can be established except it be an all land route and from some point on the C. P. R., and that point apparently Ashcroft, to connect with the headwaters of the Yukon, and his idea also is that in time a road should be built across country from Edmonton and eastern points west to Port Simpson or some other coast point. This latter part of the proposition he thinks should be kept in view but is not imperative, as is the building of a section of road north from Ashcroft. Of Mr. Lynch and his work the following is taken from the Montreal Daily Star of July 23rd:

Mr. William Henry Lynch, who has made a close study of mining matters in the Kootenay country, will accompany Mr. William Ogilvie, the administrator of the Yukon, to Dawson City. Mr. Lynch goes in the capacity of an expert on mining matters, particulary with regard to the new regulations which will be established in the Klondike. There are necessarily some matters in this connection which are not working smoothly in the northern El Dorado, and Mr. Lynch's particular care will be to see that justice is done both the government and the miners; that new regulations be drawn up to fit special conditions, and that the miners shall be made to feel that their interests and those of the government are identical in the working of claims, and in all connected therewith.

William Henry Lynch was born at Danville, Que., July 25th, 1847. In his youth he worked as a telegraph operator, and was afterwards manager of the old Danville slate quarry. When the quarry appeared to be worked out and was closed Mr. Lynch turned his attention to the dairy question, and was part inventor of a number of improved appliances for butter making. Mr. Lynch began an agitation throughout the country for a reform in the methods then in vogue. From 1881 to 1889 he spent most of his time and money in efforts to arouse the attention of the farmers to the great opportunities before them in the manufacture of butter and cheese for export. His work attracted the attention of the late Professor Arnold, of Rochester, who invited him to that city to carry on experiments in the treatment of milk, and the manufacture of butter, and who returned the obligation by coming to Canada to testify to Mr. Lynch's work in the interest of the Canadian farmer. During this time Mr. Lynch became the author of a book on "Scientific Butter-making," which the government bought for general distribution among the Ontario farmers. Among the direct results of this work was the establishment of a government creamery and the incorporation of dairy work as a special department of the Agricultural College at Guelph. "Scientific Butter making" was followed by "Butter and Cheese," of which 70,000 copies were issued in English and French. The edition was exhausted within a year, and this led to a larger work entitled "Scientific Dairy Practice," of which 100,000 copies were printed.

During these years Mr. Lynch delivered hundred of public lectures to farmers' and dairymen's associations, besides addresses to various Boards of Trade throughout Canada. These were delivered in most cases without compensation for his traveling expenses.

To see what was being accomplished by other countries Mr. Lynch made a tour through Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Holland and Germany, and gave the results of his knowledge to the public in a series of interesting letters, to the leading Canadian papers. He had all along urged federal action by the Canadian government to promote the exports of the dairy products and closed his letters by a call to Canadian dairymen to meet in a convention in Ottawa. The immediate outcome of this convention was the appointment of a Dominion dairy commissioner and the organization of the federal governmental machinery under which our exports of dairy products have since increased with such remarable strides.

For some years past Mr. Lynch has devoted much attention to mining, and made some suggestions for the improvements of the B. C. mining laws. Mr. Lynch has now been intrusted by the Minister of the Interior with a commission to examine into the working of the mining regulations of the Yukon, and to report upon the same with a view to their improvement.

New Westminster Exhibition.

In order to swell the influx of visitors to this Provincial Fall Fair, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have generously agreed to convey all exhibits from Calgary west absolutely free of freight charges, provided the ownership of the exhibits is not changed, and that they are returned immediately after the show to the points from which they were originally shipped. Live stock will be carried at one fare. The company have also agreed to greatly reduce rates of fare for visitors to the exhibition, as the following scale will show. The sale of tickets will commence on Tuesday, Oct 4, and selling up to and including the 9th, good to return up to and including the 15th:

Spence's Bridge	$ 7.55
Ashcroft	8.30
Savonas	9.00
Kamloops	9.75
Shuswap	10.70
Salmon Arm	11.70
Sicamous Junction	12.25
Clan William	13.30
Revelstoke	13.55
Illicillewaet	14.10

This exhibition will undoubtedly be the biggest thing of the year, and the management are sparing no efforts to make it so. Mr. Keary, the commissioner, says there will be no lack of attractions apart from the exhibits, as outside amusements of all sorts will be provided. There will be an eight days' celebration, so that everybody will have a chance to spend a day. Each evening there will be some special attraction, four of which will be in the form of a magnificent firework display, and the others will be music or as the management may think most taking.

Ottawa Mine.

Captain W. A. Jamison, general manager of the Ottawa mine at North Bend, B. C., speaking to an Ottawa reporter said: "Our season's work was getting along splendidly until our sawmill burned down, and we had to cease operations. The sawmill is indispensable, so I came east to make arrangements to have another built. The property is a hydraulic mine, and in three clean-ups this season we gathered $4,500 in gold."

Death of a Former Resident.

The following letter was received this week at this office. The deceased, Charles Merriman, it will be recalled was for some years in the employ of the B.C. Express Company as stableman at the 61-Mile House. Mr. Merriman also resided in Loomis and Davenport, Wash., for a number of years.

Deming, New Mexico, July 30, 1898.

Dear Sir—Charles Merriman died at my home, in Deming, May 19th, 1898. Mr. Merriman was born in Pickering, Ont., April 23rd, 1833.

MRS. HARRIS MERRIMAN.

Washington Marine Band Coming.

The following notices are being post-around town:

"The Washington Marine Band, under the auspices of the Salvation Army, consisting of a high order of talent, is coming and will render an efficient program by brass band, orchestra, vocal selections, duets, etc., at the town hall on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21st and 22nd at 8 o'clock. Tickets 25 cents."

The occasion should give considerable pleasure to lovers of music. There are 11 members of the band under the leadership of Captain Frank Atkinson. The company's headquarters are at Spokane, Washington.

Good Opinion of Cariboo.

A. R. Tufts, wholesale grocer, of Vancouver, and F. P. Wilson, representing the well-known firm of McLennan, McFeeley & Co., Vancouver, returned yesterday from a month's trip through Cariboo. To the JOURNAL Mr. Tufts stated that the general outlook for Cariboo was good. Crops were never better and large mining operations being rapidly pushed along. Mr. Tufts mentioned that he saw two bands of cattle that were driven into Barkerville, and one band of 60 head from Empire Valley. Mr. Thomas McEwens delivered about the same number to Mr. Kelley for Mr. S. A. Rogers that were the finest lot of fat cattle he ever saw in any country, and cattle any stock man would be proud of.

An Evening's Pleasure.

The Hamilton Spectator says: "Miss Lillie Kleiser, soprano, of Toronto, made her first appearance in Hamilton at last evening's concert. She sang four songs and sang them in such a way as to delight the audience. Miss Kleiser has a voice of delicious quality, rich, sympathetic and vibrant, which, coupled with unusually good intonations, makes her a most effective vocalist."

The Ottawa Citizen says: "Miss White is an elocutionist of the highest class. Her expression, modulation of voice, phonetic laughter, and impersonation are splendid. Her imposition of the "hoe-down" fiddler calling off the dance was so realistic that the house was in one continuous roar of laughter throughout."

The ladies above mentioned so enthusiastically will appear before an Ashcroft audience at the town hall on Friday, August 26th. The entertainment will begin at nine o'clock sharp.

F. W. Foster has a special sale of straw hats and summer dress goods for this week. See adv.

WANT SEMLIN FOR LEADER.

C. A. Semlin, M.P.P., the leader of the opposition party, went down to Victoria on political business the fore part of the week.

Mr. Semlin's old friends and supporters without, so far as we have heard, a dissenting voice, say emphatically that he has for years headed the fight against the government, that it is under his leadership the past government met defeat, and that Mr. Semlin is entitled to be recognized as the leader of the party and should have been called upon to form a government. Any other course, especially such a course as has been taken by the lieutenant-governor, meets with the emphatic disapproval of the people of this section, and if the wishes of Mr. Semlin's friends and supporters count with him he will accept nothing less than he is by right entitled to, viz: the premiership of the province.

This article is written simply to voice the sentiment of the community where Mr. Semlin has so long resided, and those whom he has so long represented in parliament, and as above stated so far as we have heard an opinion expressed by anyone in Mr. Semlin's district, the sentiment is unanimous that no new man and no defeated candidate must take precedence over him.

We believe the article by the pen of F. J. Deane, the lately elected member for North Yale, expresses the general feelings of the voters of the land. The article is as follows:

"The reason given in one of our despatches that the lieutenant-governor had called upon Mr. Beaven because the opposition had not decided upon their leader, is absurd. Charles A. Semlin is the acknowledged leader and it was to him that the lieutenant-governor should have turned under the circumstances.

"Our despatches state that Mr. Beaven has undertaken the responsibility of forming a government. We think he has undertaken something that he will be unable to accomplish. Mr. Semlin and Joseph Martin have been invited by Mr. Beaven to meet him in Victoria, presumably for the purpose of organizing a government. Neither Mr. Semlin nor Mr. Joe Martin are at all likely to acknowledge Mr. Beaven as a leader. We fancy the outcome of the situation will be that Mr. Beaven will have to notify His Honor of his inability to form a government and His Honor will then be compelled to do what he should have done in the first place, call upon Mr. Semlin.

"In calling upon Mr. Beaven His Honor is doubtless acting within his prerogative, but he has taken a decidedly peculiar course and one which can only complicate matters unnecessarily. His Honor is not supposed to take cognizance of newspaper reports. He knew that Mr. Semlin was the acknowledged leader of the opposition. * * * * * It seems to us that some influence not in accord with the public weal must have actuated His Honor in the course he has taken."

Our Attractions.

A porcupine entered the Montreal Hotel on Thursday night last and remained in one of the rooms until the next morning, when it was captured.—Standard.

We don't have any porcupines to show our guests in our hotels but we have a sand storm once in a while and we raise some of the biggest squashes and pumpkins that grow anywhere. If you question it come down to our agricultural meeting on the 4th and 5th of October and be convinced.

School begins in Ashcroft on Monday, the 15th.

The eletric lights will be turned on tonight or not later than Monday night.

McArthur & Harper advertise another consignment of silverware to be given away free.

Miss Katie Newland leaves tonight for Ducks, where she will teach for the ensuing year.

Remember the Agricultural exhibition that will be held at Ashcroft Oct. 4th and 5th. Bring something to exhibit.

Mr. S. Tingley started on a trip up the road last Thursday. He was accompanied by his family as far as Clinton, where they will remain until his return.

See the new ads. this week of the Vancouver Hardware Co., Clarke and Stewart, Robinson Bros., Trorey, the jeweler, W. Pellew-Harvey, Westminster exhibition, legal notices, etc.

Mr. G. E. Warden, of Richmond Va., is staying at the Ashcroft for a few days and will soon leave for Nation river to examine some mining properties in that section. Mr. Warden is much pleased with what he has seen of British Columbia.

Jack Hawthorne caught a 9 pound trout this morning at Savonas and Walter Shaw caught one a quarter of a pound heavier the same morning. This fish item is a little ahead of time as the campers have not yet all arrived there but is only given as a sample of what we may expect when their fish stories begin to come in.

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TOBACCO.

Tobacco growing is being experimented with in British Columbia and with some degree of success, some of the leaf being particularly delicate in flavor. We have seen cigars made from tobacco grown in British Columbia that were decidedly superior to many of the brands of cigars made from imported tobacco now sold here and all over Canada. Tobacco growing in the province should be very profitable.

In the year 1895 no more than four million pounds of tobacco were grown in Canada and over 90 per cent of this was produced in Quebec. This year, if no accident overtakes the crop, no less than ten million pounds will be grown and about four fifths of this will come from Kent and Essex alone. The total manufacture of tobacco in Canada, exclusive of cigars and cigarettes, consumes about fourteen pounds of raw leaf. The mild climate of southwestern Ontario has proved particularly well adapted to the cultivation of the crop. White Burley does best in Ontario and the Seed Leaf in Quebec. The Empire and Joliette tobacco companies buy nearly all the Canadian product and these firms are now making brands of tobacco which are claimed to be equal to the famed Kentucky Burley. Until the fourteen million pound mark is reached there is little fear of a glutted market, but we are very near the fourteen million mark now. Experts say that it is better to cut the tobacco a little green than to allow it to be frosted, as frosted tobacco is of no value whatever. While the production of tobacco is increasing so rapidly here it is decreasing in some of the states. In Virginia it has fallen from one hundred and twenty-two to fifty million pounds in forty years.

A bulletin just issued by the Washington department of agriculture gives some interesting information about the cultivation of tobacco. An ounce of tobacco seed, it is said, contains 300,000 or 400,000 seeds, but a large per centage will not sprout. Allowing, however, for imperfections in the seed and too deep or shallow planting, 35,000 plants should be obtained from an ounce of fresh seed. Before sowing it is best, says the bulletin, to test the germinating power of the seed. To do this, take 100 carefully counted out; place them between two wet blotters and put the blotters between two china plates and keep to a temperature of 70 to 80 degrees. The papers must be kept moist but not wet. After ten days open the blotting papers, count the number of trees that have sprouted and then you can estimate the germinating power of the seed you have. Southern exposure for a bed is the best and southeastern next. It is best to make a bed where possible on new land and it should be kept damp by frequent sprinkling. The soil to the depth of two inches should be thoroughly pulverized. In two weeks the plants should be up, and in four weeks they should begin to grow rapidly, especially if watered weekly with liquid manure. In six weeks to two months they should be ready for transplanting. When transplanting the general rule is to have 3 to 3½ feet apart each way. A tobacco field should be kept clean and well cultivated, not only to promote growth, but also to remove weeds which might be a harbor for insects. The land intended for tobacco should be plowed in the fall and the manure which takes time for rotting applied then. In the spring the land should be plowed again and fertilized.

The Province reproduces this matter in the hope that it will be of some assistance to those of our people who are turning their thoughts in the direction of tobacco growing. The climate that prevails in parts of the interior near Kamloops and Ashcroft, for instance—should be particularly well adapted to the growth of a fine quality of leaf.

Mark Your Envelopes.

We draw attention to the circular recently issued by the Postmaster-General with reference to the desirableness of sending letters having their names and address written or printed on the "upper left hand corner" of the envelope or wrapper, so that as the authorities say "in case there may be any deficiency in the postage or address the article may be returned or the sender communicated with by the local postmaster and further trouble and delay thus avoided." The advantage of following this course is at once obvious and it will not only cause a saving of time, but also, owing to the letter being returned direct to the sender save the charge of three cents which would otherwise have to be paid to the dead letter office.

To Endure Hot Weather.

When early hours are warning of a day of great heat, the most sensible thing to do is to plan forthwith some really absorbing occupation to fill the hours of trial, says the Woman's Home Companion.

While in the main it is well to regard summertime as the proper season for pleasant idling, when temperature condition becomes intolerable, the surest refuge is congenial and absorbing occupation. The antidote that stands next is a deeply absorbing book. Who has not forgotten entirely the without when immersed in pages which for a time make us a part of scenes and a life not our own? When we would escape ourselves a book is indeed an ally.

Good company is another beguiler of dragging hours and adverse conditions, and the hottest day of the season may leave in its train the pleasantest memories of of a summer if spent with congenial friend or friends. Do not, because the weather is "unbearably hot," hesitate to invite a friend for the day, or to give a luncheon to a number of friends. It is just the time for agreeable diversion; and if your luncheon menu is appropriate, the toilets suitable, and your own spirits good, your guests will leave you grateful for a day of pleasure and surprised that temperature and discomfort have been largely forgotten. Be it remarked in passing that it is not in conventional entertaining that the greatest social succes is achieved or the true social faculty is displayed.

It is never wise to dispute right of way with forces absolutely superior to ourselves. When we find ourselves in mental collision with such forces, the only sensible thing to do is to face about and try to go in the same direction with them with what graciousness we can command. If, instead of grumbling about the heat and frequently consulting thermometers with a view to justifying our groanings, etc., we keep in mind the fact that on such heat our health, happiness and material well-being depended—as it does—we must be unreasonable indeed if we fail to be reconciled to the passing discomfort it entails.

Rheumatism Prevalent.

Private Wm. Ayling, of No 1 company R.R.C.I., was a passenger on the Tees last week, being the first man of the Yukon military expedition to be sent back on sick leave. Ayling was one of Wolseley Barrack party, from London, who were drafted for service in the Yukon, but contracted a severe attack of rheumatism and was sent back by Col. Evans. He states that he left the Hudson's Bay post on the 24th of July to return to the coast, and that some time before, Col. Evans, with 100 men of the force, had gone down from Teslin on the Canadian Development Co.'s steamer. The fare asked for each member of the command was $140, but this Col. Evans refused to pay, and it is likely a lower rate was taken. Almost continual rain had induced rheumatism among many of the men, but otherwise their health was good. There are about 125 men working on the Teslin trail.—Times.

In Dawson.

Among the passengers from the gold en north via the steamship Mananense, were Mr. James Dawson and his son, of St. Catherines, Ont. Mr. Dawson has been in the Klondike district for over twelve months. He is not over in love with the climate and country, but has acquired claims on both Barlow creek and Indian river. Speaking of the rigorous climate, Mr. Dawson said that two winters' work in Dawson would age a man ten years. The Indian boys who have lived long in the district even show this and a lad of 15 often looks like a man of 30. Mr. Dawson stated that he was 42 and his son 54 pounds lighter than when they went in. Every man in the country loses from 10 to 50 pounds every winter and unless provided with the very best grub, scurvy can hardly be kept away. Speaking of food, Mr. Dawson stated that prices have dropped very much lately and when he left Dawson a good meal could be had for $1.25.—News Advertiser.

Liquor Plebiscite.

The form of the question submitted to the electors of the Dominion on Sept. 29 is:

Are you in favor of the passing of an act prohibiting the importation, manufacture or sale of spirits, wine, ale, beer, cider and all other alcoholic liquors for use as beverages? Yes. No.

The persons entitled to vote shall be those who have the right of the provincial franchises or those who under the Dominion franchise act passed last session would have the right to vote in a federal election. In general the proceedings will follow those which are prescribed in Dominion elections. Returning officers will appoint agents for "yeas" and "nays" to attest each poll. Such officers not to be entitled to remuneration. In the absence of such agents, one elector representing each interest shall be admitted to each booth to watch the counting of the vote.—Toronto Star.

A Cranbrook cow has developed a wonderful peculiarity, it being no less than giving sweet milk from one side and sour from the other. The owner accounts for it by the fact that the cow grazes mostly on a side hill, where the sun shines almost continuously on the side of the udder from which the sour milk is drawn. The Cranbrook Herald vouches for the truth of this wonderful story.

Pipe Major Duncan McDougall, Queen Victoria's bagpipe-maker, has just died at Aberfeldy, in Perthshire. He represented the third generation of bagpipe makers who have carried on that occupation at Perth. Fully ten years ago he was appointed pipe maker to Her Majesty, and made a beautiful set for use in the royal household. He also made bagpipes for the households of the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Coburg and the Duke of Fife. Indeed, as a maker of pipes, his name was known all over the world.

WESTMINSTER'S BIG FAIR.

Great preparation is being made to have this year's exhibition at New Westminster a success, and with the assistance of the interior of British Columbia this is assured. The annual exhibitions of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society, connected with the citizens' celebrations, have in the past been looked forward to with eagerness by the people of the interior, and this year gives promise of larger numbers of exhibits and a greater attendance than ever before. W. H. Keary, the commissioner, is now visiting this part of the country, and it is to be hoped that all the assistance possible will be given to him.

Improvements are being made in the exhibition buildings, and no expense seems to be considered by the enterprising people of New Westminster to have a grand holiday season from October 5th to 13th inclusive.

The additional space given to the main building at Queen's Park will be 10,000 square feet, which will give a total space of 22,500 square feet on the ground floor and 10,000 square feet on the ground stairs floor. The machine hall will be 50x100, and will cover 5,000 square feet to the east of the main building.

A mineral building is also being erected, which will be a great improvement on the past system. There is no doubt but that this exhibit will be the largest ever seen in the west.

The grand stand will be enlarged to accommodate 2,000 people, so the spectators of the numerous contests of science and skill may be under cover and resting during such events.

The C.P.R. are allowing a very reduced rate from all points on their lines, and they will provide for the accommodation of all who will attend this the grandest exhibition in the history of the province.

Election Protests.

Steps were taken Friday to protest the election of Messrs. Tisdall, Macpherson, Cotton and Martin, for Vancouver; Thomas Kidd, for Richmond; Thomas Forster, for Delta; Charles Munro, for Chilliwack; F. J. Deane, for North Yale; J. D. Prentice, for East Lillooet; and J. M. Kellie, for Revelstoke. A protest had already been lodged against the election of Fred J. Hume, for Nelson. It is reported that protests had been prepared and will be lodged with the Registrar-General protesting against the election of Charles A. Semlin, for West Yale; Hans Helgesen and Major-General Kinchant, for Cariboo; as well as all the island opposition members. This action will doubtless further complicate matters between the two rival parties, and it will be some time in the winter ere the cases can be disposed of. A Victoria despatch Saturday announces that protests were to be lodged against the election of Dr. McKechnie, for Nanaimo city; Ralph Smith, for South Nanaimo; and Mr. Neil, for Alberni.—World.

$15,000,000 Yet To Come.

J. J. Brown, of Dawson city, is a guest at the Stevens hotel, Seattle. Mr. Brown left Dawson July 12th, and was among the passengers on the steamer Dirigo. He has spent four years in the gold fields of Alaska and the Klondike. He sold out his claim on Hunker creek, No. 10 below discovery, a few weeks before he left Dawson, and says he has left the country forever. It is stated on good authority that his claim was one of the best on the creek and that he received $60,000 for it. Mr. Brown thinks Alaska a good place for young men who are strong and willing to work. He says that many of the men who went into the country last fall and worked in the mines for wages made all the way from $1,000 to $2,000. The most of these, he says, will remain there and prospect this year, and if fortunate will work their claims next winter.

When interviewed by a Seattle Times reporter he said:

When we left Dawson July 12th I heard it estimated that there were $15,000,000 yet to come out this year. All of the banks there have large amounts of gold on hand. A large portion of this will be shipped out this year in order to redeem the large drafts given on various banks in British Columbia and the States. The banks in Dawson allow miners $14 an ounce for gold deposited with them; they then allow the depositor a rebate after the gold has been assayed, not forgetting to charge a liberal rate of exchange for their troubie.

The Yukon was very low when we left Dawson, but the water rose considerably on our trip down stream, owing to a heavy rain. Dawson now has an estimated population of 25,000. Of the many thousands who arrived last spring the majority are greatly discouraged at the prospects. Many will sell their outfits and come out this fall, poor in puase but rich in experience.

Frank J. Callbreath, of Telegraph Creek, reports that business is going on in about the same old way up the river; that the management of five stores keeps him on the jump. About 150 men are at work on the trail, some in the employ of McKenzie, Mann & Co., and others working for the provincial government. McKenzie, Mann & Co., have fifty men working on the wagon road, who will complete it to the summit, twelve miles from Telegraph Creek. Nearly all the prospectors have left Glenora and Telegraph Creek going to various places. Quite a number will prospect on the streams near Telegraph Creek.—Stickine River Journal.

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The Dirigo Arrives.

The latest treasure ship from northern waters is the new steamer; Dirigo, Captain C. F. Hall, which, after being in the blockade at St. Michael for some time, loomed up through the smoke and the fog that hung in a heavy bank over Seattle on Friday morning, the 5th inst., and tied up at the Arlington dock.

At St. Michael she succeeded in getting rid of all but eleven of her passengers, who would not leave the ship. The others were disposed of by paying them back a portion of their passage money. She is the first of the vessels blockaded, through the loss or non-arrival of river steamers, to break away. She will be followed south by the Albion, Brixham and Tillamook.

The Dirigo was not without her complement of Klondikers, having nearly forty aboard. The treasure was principally in the hands of four old miners and is estimated by Purser W. C. Sammons to be about $200,000.

This is the twenty-second treasure ship to arrive since July 23rd, and brings the total exportation from the Klondike this season to $12,941,600.

A Nervy Deed.

It is due to the judgment and rare presence of mind of Captain Raab, of the McConnel, that two of the finest rivers steamers are not total wrecks on the bars of the treacherous Stickine.

On the last down trip of the McConnel, just this side of Little Canyon, her steering geer became unmanagable as she attemped to make a landing alongside the Hamlin, which was tied up to the bank with no steam up, she struck the Hamlin hard tearing her away from her moorings and together they drifted into the current and went whirling down the rapid stream. The collision stove a large hole in the port bow of the McConnel, but having water tight compartments she kept afloat.

After several miles of whirling and bumping together the McConnel got away from the Hamlin, and then it was that the captain showed his nerve and good judgment by taking a line in his teeth and swiming ashore. After a hard struggle he succeeded in making a line fast and soon the McConnel was landed. Here temporary repairs were hastily made, her steering geer fixed, and away she started after the Hamlin. After an exciting chase of several miles she was overtaken and towed back.—Stickine River Journal.

Mr. Justice Walkem, to whom during the session of the legislature a royal commission was issued to make thorough inquiry into certain charges of corruption in the provincial department of lands and works has completed his work, and has delivered his finding to the government. It is terse and practical—the statement merely that he finds the charges not sustained by the evidence—which is appended. The conclusion reached by the commissioner is what the public were quite prepared for upon the evidence as it developed during the course of the inquiry.—Colonist.

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CHAS. A. LEE.
Alkali Lake, July 11th, 1898. 1317

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SACK OF PORT AU PRINCE.

How Morgan's Buccaneers Fought Their Way Into the Haitian City.

In St. Nicholas Mr. Frank R. Stockton writes of "The Buccaneers of Our Coast." Mr. Stockton thus describes the capture of the Haitian city Port au Prince by Morgan and his buccaneers:

When the fleet arrived at the nearest harbor, Morgan landed his men and marched toward the town, but he did not succeed in making a secret attack, as he had hoped. A Spanish prisoner had let himself drop overboard and, swimming ashore, had warned the governor of the attack. Thus prepared, this able commander marched a body of soldiers along the road by which the pirates must come, and when he found a suitable spot he built a formidable barricade. Behind this his soldiers were posted with their muskets and their cannon.

But when Morgan came within sight of this barricade he considered that it would be entirely unnecessary to attempt to disturb this admirable defense, so he marched his men into the woods, led them entirely around the barricade and came out upon a wide plain before the town.

Here he found that he would have to fight his way into the city, and, probably much to his surprise, his men were presently charged by a body of cavalry.

The pirates routed the horsemen and after a fight of about four hours took possession of the town. Here they captured a great many prisoners, whom they shut up in the churches, and then sent detachments out into the country to look for those who had run away. When these utterly debased and cruel men took their usual course after capturing a town, they pillaged, feasted and rioted. Even when the poor citizens seemed to have given up everything they owned they were told that if they did not pay two heavy ransoms they would be carried away into slavery and that their town would be burned.

For two weeks the pirates waited for the unfortunate people to go out into the country and find some of their fellow citizens who had escaped with a portion of their treasure. In those days people did not keep their wealth in banks, as they do now, but every man was the custodian of most of his own possessions, and when they fled from the visitation of an enemy they took with them everything of value that they could carry. Before the citizens returned Morgan made a discovery. A negro was taken who was carrying letters from the governor of Santiago, a neighboring city, to some of the citizens of Port au Prince, telling them not to be in too great a hurry to pay the ransom because he was coming with a strong force to their assistance. When Morgan read these letters, he changed his mind and thought it would be a wise thing not to stay in that region any longer than could be helped. So he decided not to wait for the unfortunate citizens to collect the heavy ransom he demanded, but told them that if they would furnish him with 500 head of cattle and also supply salt and help prepare the meat for shipment he would make no further demands upon them. This, of course, the citizens were glad enough to do, and the buccaneers sailed away.

Lady Byron.

A good woman Lady Byron may have been, but she never could have loved her husband with that affection which smooths down the asperities of married life. Following out that idiotic fallacy that "opposites agree," Lord and Lady Byron ought to have been the happiest of wedded pairs. But probably the very coldness and methodical tranquillity of her sufficed to drive the high strung, nervous poet into an irritable reaction. Men have smashed the furniture and beaten their wives for less.

You recollect how he once wrote of her:

There was Miss Millpond, smooth as summer's sea—
That usual paragon, an only daughter,
Who seemed the cream of equanimity
Till skimmed, and then there was some milk and water.

In a fortnight after his marriage he was finding the honeymoon a bore and lusting after abstraction and self study. In a month he was frankly tired and wrote of "the sameness and stagnation" of the "dull games of cards" and "walking in the garden to admire the gooseberry bushes."

Apart from his pose with Lady Byron we must recollect the temper of the time. As an engaging and self confessed wretch, filled with melancholy and contrition, he became the public idol. He knew his constituency and played to it. For an amateur he was a good actor, and his part became him. Public applause was the one thing which he wanted and seemed able to reach. He chose the means that were handiest and most efficacious.—Chicago Times-Herald.

The Last Great Auk.

Dr. Kenneth Campbell, Oban, has been telling the story of the last living great auk. It seems about 50 years ago a strange bird was seen one day on St. Kilda. It was agreed to try to catch it, as, though it had an enormous beak, it seemed to have very small wings. Several of the natives who were adepts at bird stalking managed to get so near the strange monster that they threw themselves on the bird and, after a severe struggle, were successful in capturing it alive. When the huge bird was taken to the township, "the island parliament" was assembled to deliberate on the strange visitor, and it was agreed to tie its legs securely with strong cords and to tether it for the night to a stout pin fixed in the ground near the houses and to decide its fate the next day.

On the morrow the parliament was called very early, as the bird had made such hideous noises during the night that hardly anybody could sleep. The bird was undoubtedly considered an evil emissary. After serious consideration the verdict was given to have the vile bird stoned to death, and the sentence was at once carried out. Months after this, when communications were again opened with St. Kilda and the natives minutely detailed the points of this awesome bird to a visitor, they were informed that if they had kept even the carcass it would have brought them £300 or £400. Then their chagrin was beyond expression, and some of them began to search for some of the bones of the innocent and valuable victim.—Westminster Gazette.

Found Wanting.

A clergyman preached rather a long sermon from the text, "Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting."

After the congregation had listened about an hour some began to get weary and went out; others soon followed, greatly to the annoyance of the minister. Another person started, whereupon the parson stopped his sermon and said:

"That is right, gentlemen. As fast as you are weighed pass out!"

He continued his sermon some time after that, but no one disturbed him by leaving.—London Tit-Bits.

A YOUNG WOMAN'S RUSE.

Led to an Innocent Display of Her Father's Artillery.

Colonel I. N. Walker is the authority for a story which, as he says, is a very proper one for the parlor and one which contains several suggestions of value to young ladies who may occasionally find themselves in a position requiring the use of diplomacy and tact. This story avers that in a certain place not very far away and at a time not very long ago there was a young man who came from a distant city on a visit to one of his friends, another young man who stood high in the esteem of the community. The visiting youth was seriously afflicted with the ambition of meeting some nice young lady of culture and refinement who might be matrimonially inclined, and when his accommodating friend told him of a very handsome maiden of his acquaintance his soul fired with ardor and he resolved to pursue his suit with energy. This laudable purpose was strengthened perceptibly by an incidental recital on the part of his friend of the old gentleman's worldly possessions, and the young man was on tenter hooks until he obtained an introduction. The introduction obtained, he lost no time, but called the next evening. The events of that memorable evening abide with him to the present day.

It seems the pair were alone in the parlor for something like half an hour when the ardent youth threw discretion to the wind and essayed a feat of osculation that was indignantly resented. Whether he received a blow of the hand upon his features is a mere matter of speculation, but it was quite evident that there was some stamping of a dainty foot and a darting of fire from indignant eyes, for the young man was given thoroughly to understand that if he did it again the paternal parent would be informed. But the thrust fell on heedless ears, for no sooner was it made than the bold suitor once more attempted his trick. Then war ensued instanter. Out of the room swept the young lady, and the young man was left to cogitate, but only for a brief space.

In the next room was the paternal parent, a man who loved sporting above almost everything else, and when his daughter entered he was examining a double barreled shotgun in a fond and doting manner. Said his daughter to him: "Pa, there is a young man in the parlor who, like yourself, is much interested in hunting. I wish you would meet him. You might take your new gun in with you, for I know he would greatly admire the pattern."

Nothing could suit the old gentleman better than this; so he marched into the parlor, expecting to receive the enthusiastic praises of a true sport. But in this expectation he was doomed to sad disappointment. The young man saw him coming and saw the gun also. Exit by the door was impossible, and the window offered the only hope for escape; so out he jumped with all his might and down the street went flying as fast as his aroused fears for life could make him. The old gentleman gazed on this strange scene with bewilderment, but his daughter had obtained a point of vantage where she gloried recklessly in the success of her ingenious contriving.—Indianapolis Journal.

Bjornson's Personality.

Few, in truth, can escape the spell of Bjornson's presence, says William H. Schofield in The Atlantic. All feel drawn at once to the big, generous, whole souled man who, without losing dignity, can stoop to play with a little child or make merry with congenial friends. His personality is dominating. He was never intended to play second fiddle to another, and he never will. He is convinced of his superior powers of management, and no rebuff or failure jars his self confidence for more than a moment. He may suffer humiliation in one matter; he has soon forgotten this and is bubbling over with enthusiasm for some new proposal. He throws all his energies into some movement which arouses his interest for the time, and his advocacy is always brilliant and effective, but it is rarely constant. His friends open their mouths in astonishment at some of his vagaries and deplore his excesses; they still admire and love him. The conservative papers call him a traitor and a fool; they still revere and honor him. One moment he is termed "the uncrowned king of Norway," the next "a blundering meddler who is bringing disgrace and dishonor to his land."

Bjornson is certainly a bundle of contrasts. He has led an impulsive, inconsequent life, and yet no one perhaps in his generation has exerted in Norway a more powerful dominion. Especially in the country districts is his sway supreme.

The Mending Habit.

"Let a man once fall into the habit of pottering, of tinkering at his house, his body, his character, and always there is danger that he will become a confirmed cobbler," writes Robert J. Burdette of "The Mending Basket," in The Ladies' Home Journal. "Where he should rip off a rotting roof from ridge to cornice, he will stick in a shingle, a piece of slate, a scrap of tin, amid ever increasing leaks, dry rot and general decay. He braces and bolsters and patches walls and fences until his farm looks as though it had a combination of St. Vitus' dance and delirium tremens. He tinkers at his poor, perishing frame with cure alls and lotions, pills and plasters. He braces up his decaying virtues with good resolutions and poultices his vices with good intentions. He fences his follies with certain—or, rather, uncertain—limitations. And after all he is the same old man. Decayed and decaying, weak here and warped there, out of plumb, disjointed and covered with patches that do not renew him nor mend him at all, but merely emphasize his degeneration."

"They Live In a House."

There are flats that rent for as much as houses do, some that rent for far more than many houses, but most flats rent for less than houses, and where this is true there is no doubt a certain degree of distinction in living in a house. The difference is perhaps taken note of more by children than by adults, but it may be that parents living in flats ask of their children about children of their acquaintance, "Do they live in a house or a flat?" and this though so many thousands of the city's population are now housed in flats.

"They live in a house" is a simple and yet curious modern phrase, with a simple enough and yet interesting significance.—New York Sun.

Successful.

"I hear Parker has written a novel."

"Yes."

"Successful?"

"Very. Whole edition sold in two hours."

"Indeed! That's fine."

"Oh, no! His father-in-law bought it in for his daughter's sake."—Pearson's Weekly.

The Godly Scot.

Edward Duncan, a Scotch van driver, arrested for running into a truck, expressed much the same sentiments to the magistrate at the Guildhall, London, respecting Goodliman street, in the city.

"You call it Goodliman street, do you? But it's enough to make a godly Scotchman swear. I'm a cautious Scotchman myself, by birth and training, and if it would do that to me what must the consequences be to benighted people who have not that preevilege?"—New York Tribune.

Made a Century.

"I never heard that Plymouth Rock make such a racket before," said the Buff Cochin. "Does she think she is the only layer in the cake?"

"It is a jubilee ode she is singing," explained the Irish Bantam. "She has just laid her hundredth egg."—Washington Star.

A New Excuse.

Wife (at 7 a. m.)—Now, deny your condition last evening! Here you are with your hat and shoes on. Don't tell me you didn't come home the worse for drink!

Husband—Not a bit, dear. You know I have taken to walking in my sleep, and I thought I'd go to bed prepared.—Strand Magazine.

THE SPRITE OF THE HILLTOP.

When noons are hot and very still,
It's no for the sprite that lives on the hill
Stealing along from nook to nook,
Over the stones in the mountain brook,
Along the path where the cattle go,
On shyest ways that the hill folk know,
Through sunny open and leafy alley,
Down he hies him into the valley.
Then the thistle wheel round and round
Goes rolling and rolling without a sound,
And a silver shimmer runs over the pond,
And he runs after, and on beyond
Swings the wild cherries asleep by the wall,
Ruffs the fur of a squirrel, and that is all.
A whiff of sweet from the wood or the meadow!
He is here again on the back of a shadow,
And it's crinkle on crinkle along the track
His quick feet make on the shadow's back.
Off he jumps and, whisking up,
Spills sunshine out of a buttercup,
And yellow bugs, all shiny and lazy,
Tumbles headlong off the daisy.
He tickles the rib of a fat old toad,
He smothers the mullein with smoke of the road.
The fun's just beginning—still, all still!
The sprite has gone home to the top of the hill.
—John Vance Cheney in St. Nicholas.

OMAHA CLAY.

Said to Be the Best In the Country For Making Brick.

"Omaha clay is the best in the country," says an old brickmaker, "either for machine or hand made bricks. This is because it is quicksand clay and has very little sandstone in it. There is only a small amount of joint clay anywhere around. The latter will crack either in drying or burning and is found directly under the soil, running from one to six feet deep. But underneath it is the quicksand clay. A brickmaker who knows his business would strip off the soil and the joint clay before beginning to use any of it. But the good yellow quicksand clay is not always found under the joint clay. In many places around Omaha it crops out at the surface or is found immediately beneath the soil.

"This quicksand clay burns red, as it has a great deal of iron in it. To make good bricks in this country the bricks should be set quite green, or they will break in burning. This good clay runs from 10 to 20 feet deep around Omaha, and good clay can be found in all the hills. It is free from limestone, which, as every brickmaker knows, is a great advantage. If there were little pebbles of limestone, even if no larger than a pea, they would be burned in the bricks without being known. Then, when the brick became moist, the limestone would slack and the brick burst to pieces.

"This is splendid clay for machine work because it is free both from these pebbles and also from tree roots, which clog and break machines. It will stand any amount of rain, can be made by hand and laid out, and the rains will not wash it away.

"It dries very fast and will make the hardest of vitrified pavement bricks. It is splendid in dry clay pressure work.

"But it is not an easy clay to burn. Ten days is the quickest time. One cannot fire fast at first, but after the water smoke is off it can be burned rapidly.

"Bricks made from Omaha clay will not mildew in the walls or turn white as will some kinds, caused by alkali in the clay.

"Green bricks of this clay weigh about six pounds when green and five pounds when burned. When burned very hard, they are as heavy as when green."—Omaha World-Herald.

Antics of Electricity.

The mention of electricity of a frisky behavior will suggest to most people some of its actions on the trolley or about the street cars or in connection with electric light wires when it breaks loose which are all of too dangerous a character to be amusing; noting not at all its pranks on their own desks, though no "live" wire be within a mile of them. It does not always occur to our minds that electricity is playing a little trick when we take a sheet of writing paper from a pile and find it does not come alone, but drags along another sheet or more, "sticking closer than a brother."

Similar action of the immense sheets of book paper on a printing press in certain states of the atmosphere—when one is slid on the form of type and has one or more others partially adhering to it for a moment, then taking flight away from the press to some dingy resting place—frequently keeps the pressmen in an uncomfortable state of fidgets.

Such action results from the attraction and repulsion of frictional electricity—the same kind that is produced by the chafing of the silk flaps against the rotating glass disk in the so called "electrical machine."

An experiment with the same kind of electricity which can easily be tried is to apply gentle friction to a thin piece of cloth or paper, when, on bringing it near the wall of the apartment, it will be attracted thereby and adhere to the surface—be it wood, plaster or paper—for a brief time.—George J. Varney in Lippincott's.

Booth and Kean.

So far as we know, nobody ever commented on the practice of the elder Booth in "Richard III," who, when the time came for him to fight Richmond, walked to a side scene and received a sword from an invisible attendant. This frank conventionality is not unpleasing. Richard was there to fight, and he did fight, and how he got his sword was an inconsiderable trifle no man need note in that moment of supreme effort.

Junius Brutus Booth's simplicity here is far preferable to Charles Kean's conduct in calling to the actor who played the porter and who was crossing the stage at a rehearsal of "Macbeth" to answer the dread knocking at the gate. "Don't hide that key in your hand," cried Kean, "as if it were an ordinary key! Let everybody see it. It's a key of the period!"—"The Conventions of the Drama," by Brander Matthews, in Scribner's.

His Mistake.

"What do you consider the greatest mistake of your life?" asked the chairman of the committee of women that was looking into the conditions existing in the penitentiary.

"Giving up good cash to a poor lawyer, bitterly replied the convict who had just been "sent down."—Chicago Post.

Discouraging.

Adorer (feeling his way)—I—or—suppose your sister does not like my coming so often, does she?

Little Brother (confidently)—Oh, you needn't worry about sister! She can endure 'most anybody.—Philadelphian.

The Turks, Arabs, Persians and Egyptians drink coffee to excess, consuming on some occasions not less than 80 cups a day. The cups are small, and they sip it as hot as it can be borne.

It has been demonstrated that the voices of women prompters are more distinct on the stage and are less audible in the auditorium than those of men.

A Mystery of Sneezing.

"Did you ever notice," inquired an elderly man, "how much more sneeze there is in you as you grow older? I used to put my handkerchief to my lips and half suppress a very modest noise, but now when I feel the spasm coming on I want to seek the wilderness. I sneeze from my toes to my crown and in every direction, quite over the horizon. The queer part of it is I think so much of my sneeze, too, and coax and enjoy it. I wonder why a man in his twenties can do with a repressed and delicate 'hitch' like a girl, and then between 40 and 50 can't satisfy himself unless he terchoos over a whole county?"—Chicago Post.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres of land commencing at the northeast corner of the application to purchase by Thomas McEwen, thence north 80 chains, west eighty chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to initial point.

JOHN McEWEN.

Empire Valley, June 6th, 1898. 6t10

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I shall at the expiration of 60 days make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 280 acres of land in Lillooet district, commencing at the southwest corner of Lot 374, thence east 320 chains, south to corner of Lot 275, 20 chains, east 80 chains, south 60 chains, west 40 chains, north 80 chains to point of commencement.

M. R. EAGLESON.

Clinton, June 15th, 1898. 7t10

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres of land, commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 156, thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to initial point.

THOMAS McEWEN.

Empire Valley, 6th June, 1898. 6t10

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres of land commencing at the northeast corner of the application to purchase by John McEwen, thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to initial point.

ALEXANDER McEWEN.

Empire Valley, June 6th, 1898. 6t10

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 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 40.00 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

TABLE.

Showing the Dates and Places of Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery for the Year 1898.

FALL ASSIZES.

Clinton	Thursday, 22nd September.
Richfield	Monday, 26th September.
Kamloops	Monday, 3rd October.
Lytton	Friday, 14th October.
Vernon	Monday, 10th October.
New Westminster	Tuesday, 1st November.
Vancouver	Monday, 14th November.
Victoria	Tuesday, 15th November.
Nanaimo	Tuesday, 22nd November.

NOTICE.

To Creditors of Samuel Berlin Estate.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of His Honor Judge Cornwall, Judge of the County Court of Cariboo, all creditors of Samuel Berlin are required to send their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned, on or before the sixth day of September next.

JOS. WM. BURR,

Registrar County Court of Cariboo.

Ashcroft Station, B.C., August 5, 1898. 1415

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a sitting of the county court of Cariboo will be held at Clinton, on Thursday, 27th Oct., 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. By order

F. SOUES

Registrar of the County Court of Cariboo at Clinton. 12t14

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

—OF AN—

Extra-Provincial Company.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

The Consolidated Mining and Trading Company.

Registered the 4th day of July, A.D. 1898

I hereby certify that I have this day registered "The Consolidated Mining and Trading Company" as an Extra-Provincial Company, under the Companies Act, 1897, to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the Legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends:

The Head Office of the Company is situate at Baltimore City, State of Maryland, U.S.A.

The amount of the Capital of the Company is one hundred thousand dollars, divided into one hundred thousand shares of one dollar each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Ashcroft, and Harrison W. Moore, Mining Engineer, whose address is Ashcroft aforesaid, is the Attorney for the Company.

The time of the existence of the Company is 50 years.

The objects for which the Company has been established are:

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

And for the purpose of doing any and all such other business as may be necessary, useful or incidental to the successful management and prosecution of the purposes and business aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

S. Y. WOOTTON,

1514 Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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LAND NOTICE!

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S. T. CREELMAN.

Clinton, 21st June, 1898.

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NOTICE.

A SITTING OF THE COUNTY COURT of Cariboo will be held at Ashcroft Station, B.C., on Monday, the 12th day of September, A.D., 1898, at the hour of 11 a.m.

By Order,
JOSEPH WM. BURR,
Deputy Registrar
C. C. of Cariboo.

Ashcroft Station, B.C., August 2, 1898. 1410

NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden as follows:

Richfield.....Monday, 3rd October, 1898
Quesnelle.....Thursday, 6th October, 1898
Soda Creek.....Tuesday, 11th October, 1898
150-Mile House.Thursday, 13th October, 1898

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

By Order,
JAMES McKEN,
Registrar County Court of Cariboo.
Barkerville, B.C., 20th July, 1898. 1410

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Hat Creek	17
20-Mile House	20
22-Mile House	22
Clinton	32
59-Mile House	41
61-Mile House	46
70-Mile House	55
83-Mile House	68
87-Mile House	72
100-Mile House	85
105-Mile House	90
108-Mile House	93
111-Mile House	96
115-Mile House	100
117-Mile House	102
122-Mile House	107
127-Mile House	112
134-Mile House	119
137-Mile House	122
141-Mile House	126
144-Mile House	129
150-Mile House	135
Soda Creek	165
Alexandria	183
Moffatt's	189
Australian's	198
Bohanon's	260
Quesnelle	220
Cottonwood	241
Beaver Pass	265
Stanley	270
Barkerville	280
Big Lake*	159
Beaver Lake*	167
Quesnelle Forks*	191
Berry's†	92
Finny's†	85
Martley's†	10
Pavilion†	11
Garigan's†	11
O'Halloran's†	41½
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THE B. C. MINING JOURNAL.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1898.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

Read the adv. of "Jews and Gentiles."

C. B. Deans has gone to the coast for a week's vacation.

F. W. Foster's store is having a large patronage this season.

C. A. Semlin is expected back tonight to assist in lighting up the town.

Trim & Haddock's stables are doing a good and satisfactory business.

Senator James Campbell and daughter will be in Ashcroft within a few days.

James Russell, who has been in Glenora for some weeks, is again home in Kamloops.

Geo. Ward is back from his holiday trip below and is again at work at F. W. Foster's.

Dr. Williams has purchased a lot on Railway avenue and will erect a building on it this season.

Mrs. Robb will keep house for Mrs. James Newland during the latter's absence at the coast with Mr. Newland.

100,000 pounds of pipe for hydrauliding in Cariboo will soon be in Ashcroft. It will be placed yet this season.

"Sandy" Shields is now superintending the waterworks construction in town, he having finished all the work at the dam.

Walter Shaw and family and John Hawthorne and family will rusticate at Savonas for a couple of weeks. Mr. Shaw's people left on Thursday's train.

Some good copper ledges, assaying from $12 to $18 per ton in copper have been recently located on Hat creek by Messrs. Cargile, Barnes, Veasey and Trim.

We are inclined to agree with our old neighbor Barnes, who says that he could come nearer forming a government than the Hon. Robert Beaven could.

If anyone says it has not been extremely uncomfortable from heat in Ashcroft for the past two weeks, he is a prevaricator and does not intend to tell the truth.

The town's magpie, "Jack," has now become so handy that he will carry off a plug of tobacco and leave it with his particular friend Arthur Booth, of the Ashcroft stables.

Reports from Bridge river continue good. We were last week informed by Messrs. Robinson and McKinnon that arrangements for a mill on the Ben d'Orr properties would be made very soon.

James Newland, who has been seriously ill for the past few weeks, was taken to the coast last night, where it is hoped that the cooler weather will improve his condition. He was accompanied by Mrs. Newland.

C. H. Unverzagt, Judge Flouroy and another gentleman, from Baltimore, who are members of the company interested in the drainage tunnel on Lightning creek, expect to visit the property the latter part of this month.

James Cohen desires us to say to his patrons that owing to poor health he is taking a few weeks' vacation at the coast. His place is in the meantime supplied at his barber shop by a good workman, a Mr. Bushell of Vancouver. Mr. Cohen hopes to be back at work before many weeks.

The one-cent stamped envelopes shortly to be issued by the postoffice department has many features to commend it to the public. The price in excess of the face value is 10 cents per hundred less than that of the old stamped envelopes, so that 100 of the new one-cent stamped envelopes may be obtained at any postoffice for $1.20.

Kamloops is having so much trouble with their water and lights it seems to us it would be a good idea if they would give up their corporate rights, farm out their townsite and move in with us and live in a good town, the one where the Premier of the province resides, the future junction of the Cariboo, Cassiar and Klondike railroad with the C. P. R., and the point where the Spokane overland road will join. Watch us put on metropolitan airs from now on.

People passing along through on the trains after tonight need not think this is Chicago. It will be only Ashcroft lighted up with the best system of electric lights in the province. The water pipe is being rapidly laid and the work at the dam is finished, so water will soon be sent through the pipes. We shall hear nothing about wet wood and poor coal, and as long as the waters of the Bonaparte continue to run down hill, we shall have an unfailing power to supply the pleasant little village, soon to be the city, of Ashcroft. "All things come to he who waits." We have waited. Lights are here and water soon will be. The successful completion of this extensive work means that Ashcroft is now in shape to compete with any town in the interior in the trial of growth and permanent prosperity.

Among the passengers for Quesnelle on Friday's stage were the Misses McPherson, relatives of Mr. McIsaacs of the Hotel Cariboo.

Tom Allice, the well known agent for Turner, Beeton & Co., went through east on Wednesday night's train. Tom will be back soon after some of our 8-pound trout.

Mr. Wm. Potter was married at Vancouver this week, to Miss Moore, of Hope. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Tucker and Mr. Clarence Marpole acted as best man.

Miss Duncan, teacher at the Lac La Hache school left by stage for that point on Friday, and by the same stage Miss Lucas, who is to teach at McCarthy's for the next season, also left Ashcroft.

Mr. Wm. Fortune's sawmill at Tranquille was totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon of this week. Mr. Fortune estimates his loss at $8,000 with a total insurance of $3,000. This is the second mill Mr. Fortune has lost by fire at Tranquille and his fourth fire since he has been in the country.

G. E. Johnson has bought the Cariboo Exchange and is now in possession of the same. The price paid by Mr. Johnson is said by report to have been $1,000. It is regarded as a very cheap piece of property. Allison Woods is now conducting the dining rooms and they may be depended on as being well cared for. A good meal and a clean bed will be furnished by Mr. Woods to any that will favor him with their patronage.

Harry Woldrun returned this week from Cariboo in very poor health. He will return to his old home in Minnesota to try and regain his old time vigor and if he succeeds he will again return to Cariboo. He says that he never saw as favorable an outlook for the mines of the upper country as at present. New properties are being opened up and old ones worked more extensively. Mr. Woldrun's many friends will hope to learn of his rapid improvement in health.

Some very fine specimens of placer gold were taken out of the ground on Lightning creek just above the wing dam last week by a chinaman who was there working a rocker. One piece was nearly three inches long and a slender piece with quartz along the middle, worth about $18. The other is a seal shaped piece worth about $20. They are fine specimens and go to prove conclusively that the heavy gold may be expected anywhere along the channel of the creek between Eagle creek and the junction of Lightning with Swift river.

We learn from unquestioned authority that the recent strike in the Black Jack mine on Williams creek is all that has been reported. The owners have been taking out an average of 60 ounces of gold per day, or nearly $1,000, working only in a small way. The rich streak of gravel heads back into deep ground and the Black Jack people have apparently a large territory underlaid by the rich strata of gravel. There is much excitement around Barkerville over the recent strike and ground is located for a long distance in the course that the rich auriferous gravel is supposed to extend.

On Monday evening a farewell supper was given by the Kamloops Polo Club to its father and ex-secretary, Mr. C. W. Ward, in view of his departure for England. The supper, which was well arranged, was served by the Crystal Restaurant, and was a most enjoyable one. The city band paid Mr. Ward the compliment of a serenade, and the music planted ideas into the heads of the members of the club that lasted them until an early hour on Wednesday morning. A few complimentary toasts were honored and the club got home in time for breakfast after as good a game as they hope to play. Everyone had scored a goal.—Standard.

Messrs. G. Condon, O. Pickard and T. Dancer, three mining men, left Ashcroft for Hat creek yesterday, where they will stay over for Monday's stage and will then leave for Quesnelle Forks and other sections of Cariboo. This is the first trip of this party, who are English mining men of means. They go up to visit Cariboo with a view of taking up some mining propositions if they find anything that in their judgment give promise of good results. They are a well informed and pleasant lot of gentlemen and of a class that will do the country good. They state that in their judgment northern British Columbia will come to the front in a mining way very rapidly from now on as the tide of enquiry seems to be turned this way.

The postal note system will be inaugurated in a few days. The notes will consist of sixteen denominations, ranging from 20c. to $5, and the government's commission will range from 1 cent to 10c., being at the rate of 2c. on notes up to $2.50, and 3c. on the $5 notes. Only three denominations will be issued just now because the equipment of the American Bank Note Co., does not appear to be equal to furnishing the whole issue as soon as required by the government. These postal notes will be issued by postmasters throughout the country and will bear the date stamp of the office of issue. They must be cashed within three months of the date of their issue. After the 1st of October next the Post Office Department will not redeem any postage stamps as the cost is too great. Some postmasters made a commission of 40 per cent. One month recently the redemption amounted to $70,000.

Miss Wardell will resume dressmaking over McArthur & Harper's store about August 15th.

It is reported that Mr. Barlow, of Quesnelle, will soon engage in the mercantile business in his home town.

It is warm in Ashcroft but not cool in Vancouver by any means, the thermometer ranging from 85° to 95° at the coast cities for the past two weeks.

Twelve thousand dollars in gold was brought down by the Cariboo stage on Tuesday, the most of it coming from Barkerville, the balance from the Horsefly mines.

David Diamond was arrested Tuesday morning as a person of unsound mind. He was taken before Mayor Gordon and remanded for eight days. —Sentinel.

See the notice in another column of David Dalziel's new book "Jews and Gentiles." We have read the work and invite the judgment of any others reading the volume.

The Cargile dining room and sleeping rooms are now in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Elkins. Good accommodation and a good table will be their special inducement to the traveling public.

Good reports still continue to come down to Ashcroft relative to the operation of the Oleson dredge on the Quesnelle river. It is said to have paid from the first hour it was started to work.

Capt. J. R. Mitchell paid a visit to the Bonaparte mines this week, where he has a few men at work. It is his intention within a month to again visit the property and spend some time there and will increase the force of men in the mine.

The "True Knight," a monthly organ of the Knights of Pythias of British Columbia, has made its appearance, and contains information and reading matter of interest to knights. It is edited by Rev. G. R. Maxwell, M.P., and published by T. A. Spink. The secretary is J. E. Evans, Vancouver.

Matt Stewart is now doing development and assessment work on a group of claims that he is interested in about six miles up the river from Ashcroft. The ledges are iron capped and give very much encouragement to the owners, as they seem to increase in value with depth very much the same as do the mines in the Rossland district.

Work on the Langley mountain quartz mines is said to be showing up some strong and well mineralized ledges that run well in gold and copper. The last assay gave $26 in gold alone. If, as now seems probable, we are to have quartz mines working miners in various directions and but a few miles away from Ashcroft, it will help much to build up the town.

Andrew Mooney, an old resident of Ashcroft, who has been for some months in the Lillooet and Chilcoten sections, arrived in Ashcroft this week. Mr. Mooney says his greatest find while away was a dead chinaman whom he found in the Chilcoten section and reported the fact to the authorities. An investigation is now being held. It is not supposed that his death was caused by other than natural causes.

Scottie's creek has produced some very good coarse gold in the past. Quite a number of locations have been made there of late and it may be that persevering work will show up some valuable mines along the upper portion of the creek. This remains to be shown by work, sinking and otherwise. The gravel at the mouth of the creek, if a means of successfully working the same can be found, will well repay handling.

Pure gold is worth $20.67 per ounce. The placer gold of Cariboo and Lillooet, and the Fraser and Thompson rivers varies from $15 to $18.50 per ounce as a rule. Coarse gold is worth more than fine, and amalgam gold, or that saved by amalgamation with quicksilver, is not worth as much as that which is saved without amalgamating, as no matter how dry amalgam is squeezed and how well it is burned afterwards, some impurities will remain.

Mr. J. Mackay, late of the News-Advertiser staff, writing from Glenora on July 29th says: "I have just arrived from Teslin Lake after a very successful packing trip. Shall leave for the lake again in two days with an English party and one and a quarter tons of provisions, etc. We expect to make the trip in quick time as the trail is being put in good shape and bad places corduroyed. Mr. Thompson, the editor of the Glenora News, forms one of the party this trip, and will push right on through to Dawson.

Major H. W. Moore, who has been in Cariboo for the last few months in charge as financial manager of the Lightning Creek Company's affairs, is on a business visit to Ashcroft. The major reports things as looking well along Lightning creek and is much pleased with the outlook for his company's holdings. The long drainage tunnel is now in and completed over 800 feet and is pronounced by all as good work. Chas. Ramos is in charge of the work and is well qualified to oversee work of this class. Heavy 10-inch posts and caps are being used and the entire timber work is so far so strongly done that no trouble should be anticipated from caves or accidents.

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

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

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

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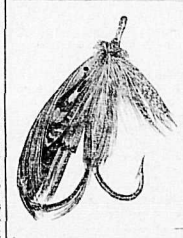

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