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### OGILVIE'S NEW BOOK.

"The Klondike Official Guide," by William Ogilvie, dominion land surveyor and explorer, noted authority on Alaska and the Klondike, and the first person to give official reports of the strikes on the Klondike, have been published. Of the overland route to the Yukon Mr. Ogilvie says:

"A route is being proposed from some point on the Canadian Pacific railway in the interior of British Columbia, through what it called the Cariboo or Cassiar district. Time will no doubt develop the necessity for such a route as this, and the country all along it will be found generally good from the mineralogists' point of view, and in the future will no doubt be part of a continuous railway system from the boundary line north to the Yukon.

From some point on the Canadian Pacific railway, about midway across British Columbia, to the Stickine river at or near Telegraph creek, is about 500 miles in an air line, and presumably this does not offer any more serious obstacles to the construction of a road than a like distance in any other part of the province.

Writing of the route from Teslin lake to Dawson, Mr. Ogilvie says: "Down this lake about 65 miles, and down the river of the same name, or, as it is known by the miners, the Hootalinqua about 135 miles to the Lewis river. A track survey of this lake and river was recently made by Arthur St. Cyr, D. L. S., for the Canadian government, and the distances given are his. He says the lake and river are easily navigable for ordinary river boats. He went down in October, when the water was 10 to 12 feet lower than high water mark, from which we may safely assume that it is navigable all the way. He got into shallow water two or three times, but only where there was more than one channel, and he took the wrong one. Trial found the other channel deep enough for ordinary river boats.

From the mouth of the Hootalinqua to Dawson is about 330 miles, with only one hindrance to continuous easy navigation, that is, the Five Fingers. These are not long, consisting of simply a dip which is caused by barriers of rock standing in the channel, backing the water up so that the water above the rocks is a foot or two higher than that immediately below. Almost everyone runs these. Many, however, in descending, ship water, but I fancy this is due to the fact that they hurry their boat through, making her cut into the swell below instead of rising on it as she would do if allowed to drift through.

In 1895, on my may down, I ran down the left side of the river at this point and found good, smooth water all the through. The channel was somewhat crooked, but not enough so to cause any difficulty or anxiety in keeping the boat in the right place. The channel generally runs on the right hand side, and here there is quite a dip and a large swell at the foot. It may be found, however, that at another stage of the water the channel on the left side would be impassable. When I went there in 1895 the river was some five feet higher than the average at the same date, and this may account for the easy passage on that side.

From there to Dawson there is nothing in the way, except we wish to run over a ripple some six miles below the Five Fingers, called Rink rapids. At this point a rocky barrier extends about half way across the stream, and on the left hand side is perfectly smooth, and affords a channel of six feet in depth almost anywhere.

The overland trip to Teslin lake is over a hilly, undulating country, which offers no serious obstacles to the construction of a railway; in fact, it might be said a railway could be constructed over it almost as quickly as a wagon road. It is expected that next summer there will be easy means of ingress by this route. It is reported that a company is now putting horses and sleghs on it, forming a continuous through line from the mouth of the Stickine to Teslin lake."

### Got Off Light.

One of the condidates for the provincial parliament, David Diamond, is out of the field, and in fact is working for the government; one bright diamond is hidden from sight. David of that ilk is now working on the chain gang. He was brought before the magistrate for vagrancy. His defence was that he was carrying on the business of a politician. Evidence went to show that he had approached a well known citizen with a view to obtaining pecuniary assistance in order to carry on his campaign. He acknowledged that he was a novice at politics, but supposed politicians lived on something, and was told the gentleman was one of his supporters. He was given 24 hours to get out of town, but did not consider, in a free country, that it was anybody's business so long as he broke no laws, and he preferred to remain. He will now remain 60 days.—Standard.

### Beautiful Words of Sympathy.

It is a noteworthy fact that in all the English speaking churches in Paris reference was made to the Maine disaster in the Sunday service, says the Herald's Paris correspondent.

It was to be expected that the preachers at the American churches would dwell on the catastrophe, but the unanimity with which the chaplains of English churches expressed sympathy merits remarks. In the English church where Sir Edmund and Lady Monson and the embassy staff, the Rev. Dr. Noyes said:

"I take this opportunity to express what I am sure is in all your minds, namely—our intense feeling of sorrowful regard to the calamity which has befallen the American navy. We are more than allied with Americans—we are relations—and any pain felt by her causes a sympathetic throb in the hearts of the English nation."

Similarly sympathetic references were made at St. Georges, the Victoria Jubilee church, and the English Wesleyan church. At the latter "The Dead March" in Saul was played, the congregation standing.

At the St. Joseph's church, for English speaking Catholics, mass was said especially for the seamen of the Maine.

### CHILCOTEN.

The winter so far has been very mild excepting the last few days which has been very cold. The thermometer registered 22° below zero, and snow lays 28 inches deep.

Quite a few of the ranchers are short of hay for their stock and there will probably be quite a few dead cattle lying on the range about the first of May.

The wagon road across the Chilcoten plains is being drifted full every day and teamsters are having some hard times.

Provincial Constable Pyper has arrived in Chilcoten, and will make his home at Alexis creek.

Skipper Armstrong leaves for the coast to take the steamer for Klondike. Several more people from this section will leave in the spring for the northern gold fields via the overland route.

The Dog Creek sprinters are beginning to think they can't run. C. C. Eagleson of Chilcon, will challenge any man of the Dogites for the run and long jump for a purse of $25 or $50, and he will give them lots of time raise their shekels.

T. Young of Chilcoten leaves for England shortly.

The stages are behind time nearly every trip on account of the roads being blocked with snow.

### Lower Nicola.

Mrs. J. H. Brigham is suffering with a severe attack of lagrippe. We are glad to learn that she is on the mend.

The Indian mentioned in our last communication as having a load of logs tipped over on him is likely to recover. I believe that beyond having one or two ribs and one arm broken and being badly bruised, no internal injuries of a dangerous nature was inflicted.

We noticed Judge Tunstall passing through on the stage, bound for Granite creek and looking as hearty as ever.

Travel over this line has not been as brisk as former winters. I understand that there will be several hydraulic companies at work as soon as spring opens.

Our winter so far has been a delightful one scarcely a bad stormy day since November, and very little cold weather. The lowest point reached by the mercury being about 16° below zero. Consequently stock of all kinds are looking well with the exception of a few pack horses, that were used late in the season and turned out to rustle for themselves. But now that the snow has nearly all disappeared from the lower ranges they will soon pick up and be ready for the Klondike.

### A New Strike.

Dawson City, N.W.T., Jan. 29.—News has reached here of a rich strike on American creek, 130 miles down the Yukon. Tonight 65 men left for the new diggings which are on American soil 25 miles across the boundary line.

### Fatal Stabbing Affray.

News reached here on Monday last of a serious stabbing affray which took place near Savonas. Dr. Wade and Constable Beattie, of Kamloops, hastened to the scene, where the injured man, who is an Indian named Hughie, was found in a bad plight, his intestines extruding. The doctor sewed up the wound, which operation proved useless, however, as the unfortunate man expired a short time later. His assailant was George Newlove, who is well known in this vicinity, there being few of the old timers for whom he has not worked. He came to this country in 1862 from Panama, where he had been employed on the railway. So far Newlove bears a good reputation, is a man of mild disposition and of small stature, being a little over five feet in height, and altogether does not look the sort of man either to entertain a wish or the power to injure anyone.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was not one of deliberate murder, but that deceased was stabbed by a knife at the hands of George Newlove, on the evening of Sunday, February 20th, at Indian Garden, near Savonas.

Constable Beattie placed Newlove under arrest and he is now confined in the Kamloops jail.

### ALEXANDER VINDICATED.

EDITOR MINING JOURNAL—Sir: How true is the saying that "one story is true until another is told," and in proof of this I wish to refer to several items which have appeared in your journal with reference to the Weatherly-Alexander idcident at Stuart's lake.

Evidently some one has been very careful to give you one side of the story and you have, of course in perfect good faith believed and published this, thereby speaking most harshly and unjustly of a man who, far from being the bloodthirsty ogre you paint him, is really of quiet and kindly disposition and moreover is in his own neighborhood esteemed and respected by both Indians and white men alike.

Now as I have interviewed no less than three reliable persons who were present at the affray, I am able to speak upon the subject with some authority.

By each account it appears that Colonel Weatherly was the first to commence the quarrel and struck Alexander twice, when Alexander who was very drunk at the time, and quite unable to defend himself by ordinary means clinched Weatherly and threw him to the ground falling with him; then in his blind rage and smarting under the effect of Weatherly's blows he bit the latter in the neck, but by no means in the manner you describe viz: "bit pieces out of his neck and back in a furious attempt to kill!"

Persons who saw Weatherly's neck immediately afterwards state that the marks of the teeth were indeed visible, but it was by no means a serious bite.

On the following day when Alexander was sober and was told of what he had done, he expressed much regret and came up to the Fort to apologise to Colonel Weatherly, but the latter had left for Quesnelle, on his way to the coast. Another error you make in your last item upon the subject is that "Alexander the half-breed man eater has at last been captured." Now as a matter of fact, although at the instigation of Colonel Weatherly an expedition was sent from here to Stuart's lake in the depth of winter to bring Alexander down, which has cost the province more than $500 and which was unsuccessful. Alexander came down from Stuart's lake with Mr. Gresham's party entirely of his own accord and gave himself up.

He was kept in jail for a day or so and was fined $50 for being drunk and disorderly, and returned to Stuart's lake almost immediately afterwards.

Now sir, I am not writing to defend drunkeness, in districts such as this on the borders of civilization that vice is disgracefully common and when brawls and fighting take place the Queensberry rules are not followed you may be sure. It is seldom a fight occurs when unless the combatants are quickly parted either one or both gets bitten, and sometimes much more severely than in the case under notice. How if white men who have come from the outside world, follow this practice and fight as I have frequently seen them like wild beasts, biting and tearing each other upon the ground, is it to be wondered at when one who was born in the backwoods, and who has had little or no restraint or training, should recourse to these methods in his drunken fury and while smarting under blows which he was helpless to avert? I am, sir, FAIR PLAY.

Quesnelle, B. C., February 18, 1898.

### Crowds at Juneau.

William Brabazon was, until a short time since, proprietor of a hotel in the mining camp of Pardee, Mont., just over the line from Idaho, in the Coeur d'Alene country. He has frequently visited Spokane, and is well known here. He was in the city about two months since on his way to Juneau, Alaska, to embark in the hotel business, having disposed of his Montana interests.

Writing under recent date to a friend he gives some interesting facts regarding the Klondike rush, as viewed from a Juneau standpoint. His letter is in part as follows:

"I do not see what will become of half of the people who are coming up to this part of the north. There were three steamers that landed here last week with over 2,000 people aboard. I am sure there will be untold suffering here before six months, as half of them are poorly provided for such a trip, and knowing nothing about what a man needs for this country, much less the cost of living one year. There is not much show for a man to earn anything here by working. I think a great many will fare very poorly, as they have neither money nor grub to last a month. At the rate at which they are coming there will be over 100,000 landed here before October 1st, 1898. Of course Juneau is not getting a very large percentage of these people, but we are getting enough to keep the hotels and lodging houses full all the time, and a great many are sleeping on the floor in my hotel and others. My transient business for the last three days has been over $100 per day. I am having a lodging house and restaurant built at Dyea, and am going up there soon to start the business. The crowd is so great that I expect to do a big business. There will be a blockade on the Dyea trail. If it was one mile wide, all the people could not get over who will try it this year. Just think of it, there have been sold in Juneau alone so far over 5,000 Yukon sleighs Each sleigh is eight feet long, and the entire 5,000 stretched out one behind the other would make a procession over eight miles long. Four small boats are now running between here and Dyea and Skaguay, with a carrying capacity of about 100 passengers each.—Spokesman-Review.

### START A RUSH.

Spokane Chronicle: "News is received that the Canadian Pacific railway is widely advertising the overland route to the Klondike throughout Great Britain. It is not, however, wasting any time or ink on Spokane, but is booming Ashcroft, B. C., as the starting point and the place to outfit. Tickets can be purchased in any part part of the large English cities direct from Liverpool to Ashcroft, and the traveler can go either by Portland, Me., Boston or New York.

A prominent gentleman who is well informed in railroad affairs, states to a Chronicle reporter that the Canadian Pacific people had sent out a party some time ago to investigate the route and determine its feasibility. The report was favorable and since then the railroad people have been getting ready to turn the tide of travel over that route. He further states that they had invested heavily at Ashcroft and also have stores at the towns along the route at which the Klondikers would be liable to replenish their outfits.

He said he had it upon good authority that 5,000 through tickets to Ashcroft had already been sold in England and the demand is constantly on the increase. In concluding the gentleman said that it would not surprise him if the end of May the great part of the travel would be over the overland route."

More than forty Klondikers are now in ashcroft, and the most of them are but advance guards of large parties that will meet in Ashcroft within a few weeks. The above article is taken from the Spokane Chronicle. It is not given as facts because it is not as an article true. For instance, no investments have been made by the C.P.R.; no stores established by them, and we have no proof that 5,000 tickets have been sold in England alone for Ashcroft. Nevertheless, a month more will see hundreds of men coming into Ashcroft to make their arrangements for a trip to the gold fields. Of horses we have thousands where they can be readily reached and our stores are well supplied and more goods will arrive by every train. Ashcroft merchants, hotel men and all others will join heartily in giving the best possible care to the traveling community. The road is broad and there is room for all. We have no condemned steamboats with leaky boilers to give out, and men will not be piled up helplessly on a wild beach as they were at Skaguay. If any get sick of the trip all they need to do is turn their cayuses around and travel back, and there are no return tickets to buy to Ashcroft. The Overland Route is all right.

### Change of Business.

L. M. Lapointe, the popular cattle dealer, has transferred the good will and his entire business to Messrs. Braden & Co., of this city. Mr. Lapointe, as everybody knows, has conducted a business as wholesale meat dealer at Central Park for the past five years, and the large and extensive patronage which he has received, not only from the citizens of Vancouver and New Westminster, but from merchants all over the province, bears testimony to his obliging and business-like manner. Messrs. Braden & Co. will conduct the business in future and Mr. Lapointe will remain in the city for a short time before he launches into some other local enterprise of which due announcement will be made. Mr. Lapointe in his extensive cattle operations has become almost as familiar a figure on the ranges in the upper country as in Vancouver, and everywhere his attention to business has made the name of his firm almost a household word in British Columbia. —News-Advertiser.

### Malcolm Thompson Dead.

Malcolm Thompson, so long and favorably known in this vicinity, having been a pionneer of pioneers, died at his home, near Ashcroft, on Wednesday of this week, after a brief illness, of pneumonia. Mr. Thompson was about 70 years of age but has been regarded as a hale and healthy man for one of his years. A week previous to his death he was in Ashcroft making preparations for his next season's work. Malcolm Thompson was of Scottish parentage. In his long and busy life in this vicinity he has met and dealt with many people. It is safe and certain to say that he had not an enemy in the world. The funeral services were held at the town hall on Friday, the 25th, Rev. M. D. McKee, of the Presbyterian church, officiating. He was closely and carefully attended during his last sickness by the members of the Pioneer Society of Yale-Lillooet, of which he was a charter member.

### LILLOOET.

No one who has not paid this flourishing little town a visit lately can imagine the bustle and excitement that is prevalent here now that spring is approaching.

By every mail enquiries come from moneyed men for information about the Bridge river district, and every day parties of miners are entering the town, whilst numbers of men are leaving with their supplies for the Bridge river mines. No one here talks of Klondike—we have the richest gold bearing quartz ever discovered in British Columbia., and a climate that makes outdoor work possible and enjoyable the whole year round.

Mr. W. F. Gibson returned from the Ida May mineral group on Bridge river last week and brought down with him 500 pounds of quartz for a mill test, and also some splendid specimens of gold bearing quartz. Work has been continuously run all the winter on these claims, ten men being at work the whole winter. The main tunnel is now in one hundred feet and altogether there is about three hundred feet of tunneling run. The samples of rock brought down were taken from one hundred feet inside the tunnel, and the richness of the quartz equals anything previously struck on the outside croppings. The ledge has been stripped over two hundred feet and free gold was found all along the surface.

Mr. Arthur Noel is making preparations to take in a large number of men to work on the Bend'or group, from reports received by him from the foreman who has superintended the work all winter, these claims are fully keeping up the richness of the first find. Two small quartz mills have already been ordered by the owners and will be packed in at the earliest moment possible.

Mr. Smith the mining engineer from Vancouver has taken in a large number of men and provisions to the Forty Thieves group of mines, situated on the south fork of Bridge river. The difficulties of the winter journey heavily handicapped him at the start, but his indomitable pluck and energy have overcome all difficulties.

The necessity for the immediate construction of a road to the south forks of Bridge river, has been most seriously impressed upon our M. P. P., after considerable pressure, permission was given by him to construct bridges over Tyauchton and Gun creeks, and it is hoped that the contractors will get their work speedily accomplished. The road however is of paramount importance, that it will cost money is undoubted, but the richness of the camp will justify the outlay as well as the revenue that is derived from this section of the Lillooet district.

A small steamer that has just arrived from the coast will run between the Lillooet end of Seaton Lake and the Mission. This will be a great convenience to the miners.

Our energetic townsman Mr. Dunlop has a store in course of construction on Tyauchton creek, a good hotel and boarding house is badly needed, and undoubtedly more stores will be needed in the neighborhood of Cadwallader creek.

A telephone or telegraph line from this camp to Lillooet will be energetically agitated for this summer.

J. J. Palmer of Toronto is in town. He is interested in a valuable group of claims on Seaton lake. A contract for a forty foot tunnel has just been completed on these claims, and the quality of the rock and the way in which the work was performed by Mr. Sparrow (the contractor) have given Mr. Palmer great satisfaction. Further development work will be done on these claims in the spring. Mr. Palmer leaves here en route for Toronto tomorrow. He is highly delighted with the prospects of the camp and it is his intention to make an early return here.

The weather is beautifully mild and the snow is fast disappearing.

A large amount of development work has been done on claims on Cayoosh creek and neighborhood this fall and winter. Confidence in the future of the creek is unabated. Superintendent Rives reports everything as satisfactory at the Golden Cache mines.

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### Has Gone to Purchase Horses.

The party of Kalamazoo men under the leadership of Willard & Gray, who are bound for Stewart river over the Spokane route, spent yesterday inspecting the stocks of goods of the various morchants who cater to the Klondike trade. They expressed themselves as well pleased with the quality and prices of supplies in Spokane, and anticipate no difficulty in getting together promptly all the requisite goods for the journey.

Fred D. Willard has gone to Wilbur to purchase the horses for the party. Most of them will be unbroken cayuses, and they will probably be taken to Spokane to be properly trained. W. T. Wren, the guide, who was showing the party the city sights yesterday, has announced that he will ride the wildest pony in the lot as soon as they arrive. Mr. Wren enjoys a reputation as a thorough horseman, and he proposes to give a touch of wild west life to some Spokane street by taming a bucking broncho. It will be a free show.

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### Mineral Act Tinkering.

More tinkering with the provincial mineral act is promised at the present sitting of the local legislature. For some time past feelers have been put out in the Slocan to ascertain public sentiment on certain new innovations. By W. A. Carlyle's recommendation, before his resignation as provincial *mineralogist, it is believed* a change will be made affecting the life of a recorded claim; and, in this respect, he *has been endorsed by a number of* Kaslo's leading men. Carlyle proposes that all claims shall be existent only from January 1 to December 31 *in each* year, provided, of course, the usual assessment be performed. This work must be done within 90 days from date of location, and will hold only until December 31 of same year. In this way it is hoped to conserve to the country the advantage of having a mineral belt developed, rather than allow the rambling wild cat prospector the privilege of staking and holding innumerable claims without much expense or work. While there is support for this measure in the Slocan, yet the general opinion is strongly averse to having the present law governing the point in question altered. As is well known, there are certain sections at the heads of various creeks that are seldom free of snow for a period longer than six *weeks or two months, and it would* keep a man hustling to get a claim staked and work commenced within the proposed time, *let alone finishing* it, were he fortunate in findins a ledge the first day he was out and the snow were to keep off. Were a claim staked in November or December it would not permit of sufficient time for the assessment to be done ere it would lapse. While the workings of the present act may be cumbersome to a certain extent, it permits of more freedom to the prospector than the proposed change would allow. Better leave well enough alone.—Nelson Tribune.

### The Cut in Rates.

The C.P.R. exploded a bomb among its American competitors by announcing a wholesale reduction of rates, says a Chicago despatch of last night. The rates from all New England points to Minneapolis and St. Paul are slaughtered. The transcontinental rates have been almost cut in two. The present rates from the Atlantic seaboard to the North Pacific coast are $79.25 first class, and $67.40 second class. Rates to St. Paul will be cut from $29.50 first class and $28.50 second class, to $20 first class and $19 second class. On learning the intention of the C.P.R., the Grand Trunk road at *once invited the Chicago roads to join* in meeting these rates via Chicago. If they agree to the Grand Trunk's proposition, it will mean the immediate reduction of the rates from Chicago to the northern Pacific coast from $67.50 first class and $51.50 second class, to $40 first class and $30 second class.

A meeting of the interested lines has been called to decide on some definite course of action, but it may have to be adjourned to the beginning of the week, on account of the absence of many of the general passenger agents in the east. Should the C.P.R. rates not be met the result may be the loss of nearly all the English trade by the American lines.

These rates take effect not only from eastern points to the Pacific coast, as might be gathered from the despatch, but also from the west to the east.

### Miner's License.

The Province regards the issue of a British Columbia miner's license as a guarantee of respectability and good conduct, and, as such, capable of withdrawal by the government. It were well, perhaps, if the continued holding of such a license were dependent on good conduct, but as things are, there seems to be no doubt that the miner's license is merely an easy source of provincial revenue production. Hence our contemporary's suggested partial plea in support of the continuance of such a levy on the ordinary working miner of gold or silver bearing ore is, under the circumstances, invalid.


### KLONDIKE SUPPLIES.

For heavy supplies to be guaranteed delivered to you at Hazleton and Glenora when you call for them on the overland route write the undersigned. We can give you the Hudson's Bay Company's guarantee that the goods ordered through us shall be packed and awaiting your arrival and at the same rates that the company sell them for. Write for particulars.

REYNOLDS & ROBERTS.
Ashcroft, B. C.


A Kansas man who was married recently, has relatives in St. Louis, named Damm. At the wedding, among the congratulatory missives read, was a telegram from St. Louis, saying: "Accept the congratulations of the whole Damm family."

### Conditions at Wrangel.

Extracts from a letter of A. Burke, Fort Wrangel, dated Feb. 4th:

I will answer your questions, and you can rest assured that everything will be found exactly as I tell you.

Wrangel has about 200 whites and 300 Indians. At present the hotel accommodation is very poor, there being *room for only about fifty people.* We have five eating houses. In six weeks a hotel will be finished which will ac*commodate about 150 people.*

At present the only way to get to the river is by scow or canoe, which costs $3.50 for one man and outfit. The Alaskan made one trip last week, and on her return, just before anchoring she ran on a rock. She will probably make daily trips next week. The river is seven miles from Wrangel wharf.

For the last two weeks parties have left here every day for the river, from four to twenty in a party. They all take in from one to two years' supplies. One man can easily draw 300 pounds on a sled; a dog about the same.

There is considerable snow on the river, but a party came out from Teslin lake last week and made a good trail. This has been kept hot ever since, and it is getting better every day. One *party with 150 and another with 20* horses (now here) will start up the river next week, to be followed by *several other parties with horses,* which will make the travel first class. The snow has made the trail comparatively level.

United States customs officers require parties to give bond or pay an officer to go to the boundary. The cost is about $40. Any number can club together and pay one officer. The boundary line is about 30 miles from Wrangel. There is a bonded warehouse in Wrangel, owned by Sylvester & Reed. There is first-class travel between Telegraph creek and Teslin.

There is absolutely no feed for horses or cattle between here and Dawson now on account of the snow; but in the spring there is no finer or more abundant grazing on earth than between Telegraph creek and Lake Teslin. Parties bringing horses, dogs or other animals must bring food for the entire trip, as they cannot get it here.

### Raising the Liquor Tax.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—An order-in-Council has been passed providing that permits to sell intoxicating liquors and intoxicants in the Yukon shall be increased from the rate of 25 cents per gallon to the rate of $2 per gallon, under proof.

An order has also been passed providing that, to prospect for coal on Dominion lands, a fee of $10 will have to be paid.

### The Gold Product

If the Klondike country equals expectations, and Siberia produces the gold believed to rest in her bosom, the total product of the yellow metal will be something startling. The South African boom, always regarded as pretty much of a fake, has after all demonstrated itself to be pretty much of a good thing. The official reports of the Transvaal country say that last *year the output reached the enormous* amount of 2,030,674 ounces. Each year since 1892 has shown a big increase of *yield, that of 1892 being 1,12,809 ounces,* whilst the return of 1893 came to 1,478,473 ounces, that of 1894 to 2,024,158 *ounces, that* of 1895 to 2,377,635 ounces, that of 1896 to 2,281,875 ounces and last year's yield, as above stated.

### A Grave Proposition.

C. K. Walker, representing a St. Louis iron manufactory, was in a happy *mood when met by a reporter one even*recently, says the Galveston News, and kindly offered the following little story for which he vouches and gives it as a moral lesson: "A turn will always turn up so that you will never get the worst of it," he began. "How do you suppose that one of the best fellows that ever lived became a rich man? It isn't a long story, but it shows to a finish that a square act never goes astray, even if it does take some time in finding its way around. Jere Gordan went out to Colorado in the early days without a cent, to save his life. He was in poor health, and as a last resort sought a higher altitude. He knocked around for a year and a half and lived from hand to mouth. I was then living in Colorado, at Como. We all liked Jere and had learned to admire many good traits in the poor fellow, knowing that it was not his fault that things did not turn his way, and you can bet that none of the boys would refuse him shelter when matters pinched hard on *the unfortunate lad. Well, one day* Jere struck out; he was disgusted with the world in general and Jere in par*ticular. While plodding along a lonely* trail a couple of days after that he came upon the dead body of a prospector, lying in the trail. 'Poor wretch,' thought Jere, 'I suppose that's how I will fetch up.' He started in to give the dead stranger the attention he'd like himself and was soon digging a grave for the man he had never seen before. He didn't dig far, though, hardly two feet. He had run across gold—gold! He buried the unknown remains in another hole and quit the first one a rich man. A good turn even to a stranger will never give you the worst of it," concluded the St. Louisan.

*A young lady of Deep creek received* the following affectionate letter from her cousin, living in Palouse country: DEAR KEZ: We is all well, and mother's got the his Terrix. Cruthen Tom is got the Hupin Koff and sister Ann has got a babee, and I hope these few lines will find you the same. Rite sure. Your apheetionate Kuzzen. OPHELIA.

### Sorrowing Mothers.

At the close of a dinner recently given in Cartersville, Ga., Sam Jones, the well-known evangelist, make an address especially designed for the young men of that section. He said, among other things:

*There is nothing I wish more than to* see each one of you happy and successful in life. You are bright young men, and can make for yourselves a future if you will but try. I will tell you my ideal of the greatest and best young man. He is one who never steps upon his mother's bleeding heart. He is one who loves and obeys her, and who would yield his life rather than cause her pain. I have asked you here today so that I might be with you and tell you these things. Boys, I want to tell you three things you should not do. You should not drink. Drink has dragged down the best of our land, and I grieve to say that so many of our young men are in the grasp of this terrible appetite. Twenty-five years ago I lived in a little cottage up on yonder hill, and nearly every night I would go home to my wife drunk. With tears in her eyes she would beg me not to do *so again, and I would promise, but that* very night I would go home drunker than before. But it wasn't my fault. *I was not a hypocrite. I meant it when* I promised, but I wasn't strong enough. But, thank God, boys, I won at last. I quit drink, and for nearly twenty-six years I have not tasted a drop. But I will not feel secure from a drunkard's grave until my wife has kissed my cheeks cold in death. I am afraid of it yet. You should all be afraid of it. Don't drink, boys. Every drop you take means misery for your mothers, and it is but one step nearer ruin.

J. Doyle, alias J. Sullivan, who fatally shot Dennis Connors at Kuskonook on the night of the 13th inst., was brought before Gold Commissioner Dennis at the court house at Nelson on Friday, the 18th, for preliminary trial. Messrs. MacDonald and Johnson appeared for the crown; the prisoner had no counsel. The trial was adjourned until this forenoon, to allow the court stenogra*pher to transcribe his notes, so that the* evidence might be read over to the prisoner. After the evidence was read, the prisoner was asked if he had anything to say, and was given the usual caution. Doyle stood up in the prisoners' box, and said that his name was Davis, and that he had lived in the west for 18 years. The shooting was done in self defence, as Connors had threatened previously to shoot him, and when he stepped up to him in the Alexandra Hotel, Connors had threatened got up and made a motion as if he were going to draw a revolver. He understood that Connors had a gun and shot first. The prisoner was committed to stand for trial at the Assizes in June.

Mary had a Billy goat, it's tail is sort of of bent, and everywhere that Mary goes the goat is sure to went. It followed her to school one day, which made her hot as fire, for Mary had ridden on her wheel, and Billy ate the tire.—Oil City Blizzard.

### RELIABLE KLONDIKE MAP.

A reliable map of the Overland route to the Klondike via Ashcroft, Quesnelle and Telegraph creek, showing river crossings, distances camping grounds, etc., etc., will be out shortly. All persons seeking information as to this route should see this map. Send 50 cents or $1 and get one by return mail. Address Fraser & Roberts, Ashcroft, B. C.

### "Overland to Klondike."

*The pamphlet recently gotten out by the Mining Journal has been mailed to all enquirers, and to our exchanges and the leading newspapers of Canada and the United States. Several hundred copies have already been furnished to the stores and business houses in Ashcroft, and by them sent out to enquirers. Arrangements were made in the east with different railroad companies that are interested, and that have already sent out several thousand copies, whereby they will from now on send them to all enquiring about the route. Arrangements are also being made to have a Baltimore house publish the pamphlet at that city in large numbers, so a large circulation is assured. From this time on the pamphlet, containing in all 70 pages, including ten full page views of points and objects of interest along the route, a good and accurate full page map showing the overland route, advertisements, etc., will be sent out by J. H. Clements, Druggist and Statiouer, postpaid on receipt of twenty-five cents. Any advertiser who has not received a copy or copies will be supplied with the same gratuitously on application. Address—J. H. Clements, Druggist and Stationer, Ashcroft, B.C.*


# Klondike Horses and Mules.

I am now prepared and will be till March 25th, to take contracts to furnish any number of horses and mules at Ashcroft, Vancouver or Victoria, to be delivered after April 10th, 1898, will require a deposit on all contracts.

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February 12th, 1898. 41-47

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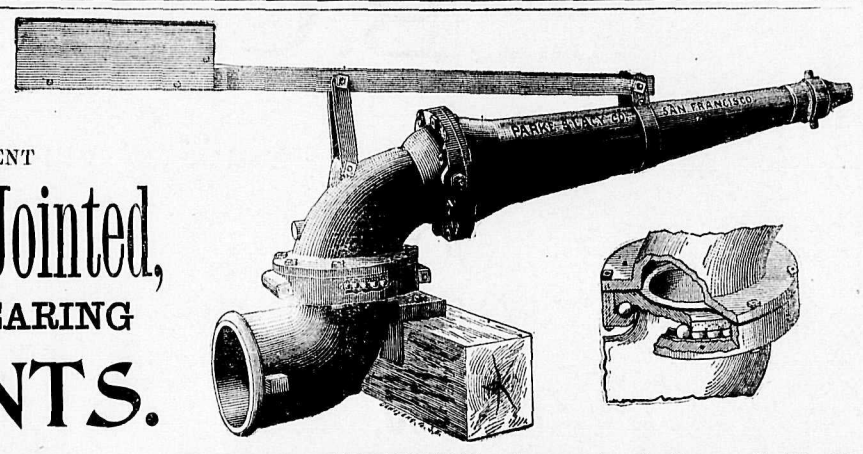


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## NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I will make application to the assistant commissioner of lands and works for Cariboo district to lease for a term of 5 years, eighty (80) acres of meadow and situate on the south branch of the Narcoslee river and about eight miles southwest of the old Hudson Bay Fort at Alexandria, commencing at a post marked A. J. S. Twan, south west corner post, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains and thence west 20 chains to initial post.

JOHN S. TWAN.
Alexandria, B. C., February 7th, 1898. 40-4

## NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the late Mathew Pinkerton, miner, of Barkerville, B.C., deceased, are requested to pay the amount of such indebtedness to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of May, 1898. And all persons having claims against the said deceased are requested to forward the same to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of May, 1898.

JAMES STONE,
JOHN STEVENSON,
Executors.
Barkerville, B.C., January 13th, 1898. 38-45

## NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that I have purchased the house and business of Song Lee, washing and ironing, and will continue the business.

All accounts owing Song Lee are to be paid to him and *all accounts against him* will be paid himself.

LUNG LING.
Ashcroft, B. C., February 3, 1898. 41-43

## NOTICE.

We hereby give notice that sixty days after date we will make application to the chief commissioner of crown lands, for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of pas*toral lane, situated on the opposite side of the* Fraser river from the town of Quesnelle Mouth and commencing at a stake placed on the bank of the Fraser river at the north-east corner of Wm. Boucher's pre-emption, thence west forty *chains, thence north forty chains, thence east* forty chains, thence south forty chains along the bank of the Fraser river to the point of commencement.

THE NORTH B. C. NAVIGATION CO, LTD.
Quesnelle, B. C., Feb. 3, 1898.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sittings of the county court of Cariboo will be held at the court house, Clinton, on Thursday 17th March and Thursday 28th April, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. By order

F. SQUES,
Registrar of the County Court of Cariboo at Clinton.

## NOTICE.

A SITTING OF THE COUNTY COURT of Cariboo will be held at Ashcroft, B.C., on Monday, the 14th day of March, A.D., 1898, at the hour of 10 a. m.

By Order,
JOSEPH WM. BURR,
Deputy Registrar
C. C. of Cariboo.
Ashcroft, B.C., Jan. 30, 1898. 40-5

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to lease eighty acres of meadow land adjoining Lot 220, Group 1 in the district of Lillooet, commencing at a stake marked "C. R. Doxat's south-west corner," situate half way between the north-west corner and north-east corners of the said lot, thence east 20 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 40 chains to the initial post.

C. R. DOXAT,
per H. C. Rayson.
Clinton, B. C., January 26, 1898. 40-43

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10-43 Soda Creek, B. C.

HOPE, YALE, LYTTON AND CACHE CREEK DIVISIONS OF YALE DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1898. All of the above named taxes collectible within the Hope, Yale, Lytton and Cache Creek divisions of the District of Yale are payable at my office, Yale.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:

If paid on or before 30th June, 1898.

Three-fifths of one per cent. on *real property.*

Two and one-half per cent. on assessed value of wild land.

One-half of one per cent. on personal property.

*On so much of the income of any person as* exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars, and not more than twenty thousand dollars one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

If paid on or after 1st July, 1898:

Four-fifths of one per cent. on real property

Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

Three-fourths of one per cent. on personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when *such excess is over twenty thousand dollars* one and three-quarters of one per cent.

Provincial Revenue Tax $3 for every male person over the age of 18 years.

WM. DODD,
39- Assessor and Collector.
Yale, January 20th, 1898.

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| 20-Mile House | 20 |
| 22-Mile House | 22 |
| CLINTON | 32 |
| 59-Mile House | 44 |
| 61-Mile House | 46 |
| 70-Mile House | 55 |
| 83-Mile House | 68 |
| 87-Mile House | 72 |
| 100-Mile House | 83 |
| 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 |
| 141-Mile House | 126 |
| 144-Mile House | 129 |
| 150-MILE HOUSE | 135 |
| Soda Creek | 165 |
| Alexandria | 188 |
| Moffat's | 189 |
| Australian Ranch | 198 |
| Bohanon's | 200 |
| Quesnelle | 220 |
| Cottonwood | 241 |
| Beaver Pass | 265 |
| Stanley | 270 |
| Barkerville | 280 |

*Places below, Roads branch from 150-mile House but the distances are from Ashcroft.*

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| Big Lake | 159 |
| Beaver Lake | 167 |
| Quesnelle Forks | 191 |

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## BLIND.

So far—so dim and far!
Gray wastes the sea.
A dread of things that are
Falls over me.

So far—so far and drear!
I cannot see.
Oh, dear, my ever dear,
Do thou lead me!
—Post Wheeler in New York Press.

## A CHRISTIAN.

**What He Should Be According to Ian Maclaren's Definition.**

"Christ did not come to cramp any one's manhood; he came to broaden it," writes the Rev. John Watson, D. D. (Ian Maclaren), on "A Young Man's Religious Life," in The Ladies' Home Journal. "He did not come to destroy our manhood; he came to fulfill it. A thoroughgoing Christian is a man with a stronger reason, kinder heart, firmer will and richer imagination than his fellows—one who has attained to his height in Christ. A bigot or a prig or a weakling is a half developed Christian, one not yet arrived at full age.

"What ought a Christian to read? Every book which feeds the intellect. Where ought he to go? Every place where the moral atmosphere is pure and bracing. What ought he to do? Everything that will make character. Religion is not negative, a giving up this or that, but positive, a getting and a possessing. If a man will be content with nothing but the best thought, best work, best friends, best environment, he need not trouble about avoiding the worst. The good drives out the bad. There are two ways of lighting a dark room—one is to attack the darkness with candles; the other is to open the shutters and let in the light. When light comes, darkness goes. There are two ways of forming character—one is to conquer our sins; the other is to cultivate the opposite virtues. The latter plan is best because it is surest—the virtue replaces the sin.

"Christianity is not a drill. It is life, full, free, radiant and rejoicing. What a young man should do is not to vex himself about his imperfections, but to fix his mind on the bright image of perfection; not to weary his soul with rules, but to live with Christ as one liveth with a friend. There is one way to complete manhood, and that is fellowship with Jesus Christ."

**Corsican Ways.**

An enemy in Corsica has a thousand ingenious little ways by which he can put a spoke in a neighbor's wheel. Why, a mere "accident" in felling a tree may close the road in front of your wagon for hours and make all your early vegetables late for the biweekly market boat, or a mysterious hole in your new fence may let a whole flock of sheep into your young clover, or the well may be suddenly "bewitched," with sickly consequences to man and beast! A resolute new proprietor might declare he would "stand no nonsense; such 'accidents' should not occur twice to him," and so forth. But surely prevention is a thousand times better than cure in matters less serious than feuds between country neighbors!

Seventeen years ago a foreign proprietor took up some of the Campo-di-loro—the best land near Ajaccio. He engaged a Swiss farmer to come with herds and a staff and supply him with milk and butter. Cows' milk is still rare in the island. But when everything was in train for the arrival of the Swiss farmer, his family, laborers and cattle, certain Corsican well wishers of the foreign reformer came to him and said, "Put it to yourself, would you feel happy if the man's hay barns were burned, if his house was pulled down about his ears, if he lost his life?" And the well wishers were able to convince the foreigner that there was real danger of such acts of violence. He countermanded all his arrangements, and in course of time was thankful to get pretty good milk from the farm of a local magnate whose property is now fairly well managed.—Gentleman's Magazine.

**Crabs.**

In summer men selling crabs in Fulton market handle them with a curious sort of wooden tongs, that work like sugar tongs, but they don't need them in winter, because then the crab, numb with cold, doesn't bite. In nature the crab buries itself in the mud or sand in the winter and stays there through the season, covered up all but its eyes, and possibly a very little of its body. It gets no food there except such as may come to it; its claws are almost, if not entirely, covered up in the mud, but it couldn't use them even if they were not. The crab in winter, however, is fatter than in summer. Though it may take little or no food, it does not wear itself away by exercise. The crab is in market the year round. It is raked up out of the mud in winter. Many then be handled freely in the colder part of winter, but dropped into a tub where it is protected from the wind, and with the sun shining on it, the crab will come back to life and its pincher claws will become endowed with power.—New York Sun.

**A Natural Query.**

First Deaf Mute (in department store, speaking by finger signs, admiringly)—Those two salesgirls over there are rather pretty.

Second Deaf Mute (speaking ditto, puzzled)—Yes. I wonder if they are talking with each other or merely chewing gum?—Brooklyn Eagle.

**When Women First Voted.**

It is not a generally known fact that the first place in this country where women were permitted to vote was at Newark, N. J. This occurred in 1807, and the Philadelphia Times thinks that, if the facts chronicled in Gordon's "History and Chronicles of New Jersey" be true, that experiment would not lead a pessimist to believe in woman's efficacy as an agent to purify the ballot. Here is what he says about that famous event: "An election in 1807, for determining the location of the courthouse, is still remembered by the inhabitants as the most exciting recorded in their annals. The contest was between Newark and Day's Hill. By a construction given to the state constitution, the women were then suffered to vote, and they seem to have been so delighted with this privilege of exercising their wills that they were unwilling to circumscribe it within the legal limit, many ladies voting, we are told, seven or eight times under various disguises."

**She Was Too Natural.**

At last the young woman who had been haunting the theatrical manager's office was to be given a chance.

"I want you to play the part of a divorcee," explained the manager.

"Oh!" she exclaimed, and there was so much disappointment in her tone that he noticed it.

"What's your objection to it?" he asked.

"Why, to tell you the truth," she answered, "I was in hopes you would give me a part that would require some acting. What's the use of going on the stage just to be natural?"

As might have been surmised from her ambition, she was one of them.—Chicago Post.

**Evils of the Establishment.**

During a general election an old laborer on a village green denounced the evils of an established church. "I tell you," he said, "how it is with one of these ere state parsons. If you take away his book, he can't preach, and if you take away his gown, he mustn't preach, and if you take away his screw, he'll be d——d if he'll preach."—London Figaro.

## SHE WAS A GRATEFUL WOMAN.

**A Sailor Spins a Yarn of Love and Romance Ending Happily.**

A lot of sailors, who go down to the sea in ships of the kind in which the oystermen navigate the raging Potomac, were sitting on the dock of the Mary Jane at the foot of Seventh street two or three days ago, talking between jobs and smoking a pipe apiece. The subject of the conversation was love and romance, and each man was taking his turn telling where he had first met his wife and how, or, if he had not met her, then telling how he would like to. At last they came to the homeliest man in the lot, and it seemed hardly necessary to ask him for a story, because by common acceptance only the beautiful move in the charmed circle of romance. However, he did not wait to be asked.

"I guess I was the bashfulest man on the earth's surface," he said, with a slight hitch in his speech, "and not much prettier than I was nervy, and a man like that has got up hill goin all the way when he tackles anything in petticoats. Well, there was a girl in Baltimore that I set a lot by, but somehow I got worse every time I saw her, more particular if I tried to talk business to her. One day I pearted up and told her she ought to git married. It was the truth, too, for she was gittin older every minute and was already past 30, and I was two years older. She wasn't pretty enough, neither, to fade a carpet, but she had good health and good sense, and I'd 'a' been glad enough to have her if I'd had the nerve to ask her. Well, when I told her she ought to git married she told me she would if I would find a man for her. Wantin to let her see I had her best interests at heart, I got to work, and in a month I had a right nice widower with three children settin up to her for all he was worth. Then he asked her, and she come right to me with the news, and she was the gratefulest woman I ever see; said she couldn't tell me how grateful she was; said if it hadn't been for me she never would have found a man to marry; said there wasn't words enough; said she was so grateful that she would be willin to marry me instead of the widower; said—but she didn't say any more. It was my turn then, and somehow the idea that somebody else was goin to git her give me the sand I needed in my craw, and I just reached out and took her in. That was ten years ago, and all I'm sorry for now is that I lost so much time foolin around before I got her."—Washington Star.

**A Reformer.**

They were talking about reformers when the traveling man told them about the most practical worker in this field that he had ever encountered.

"I met him one night in St. Louis. We were in the annex of one of the big theaters when one of the boys caught me on an old gag that a moment's thought would have warned me against. 'That's on me,' I admitted, with a forced laugh, 'but I wish somebody would kick me around a block or two.'

"It was no sooner out than the kicks began to come, and come good and plenty. I was propelled clear out of the place and was going along the sidewalk in enforced jumps when my friends rescued me. The kicker was a rawboned 200 pounder, who began at once to tell me that he didn't believe in people making rash wishes unless they meant them, and he was doing what he could to stop them. It was such a refreshing change and the fellow was so much in earnest that we quit the theater and began running in such of the boys as we could find as victims. Half a dozen of them went out on the foot of that human catapult, for 'I'll be kicked' was the rage then.

"Just to vary the programme, when one of the boys told a particularly improbable story, I brought out my watch and chain, unscrewed my diamond stud, and offered them to him as the prince of liars. The reformer promptly seized them and started for the rear of the place.

"'Ho'll be back,' said a well dressed man who had been enjoying all the fun.

"What did the cuank have to say when he came in again?"

"I've never seen him since."—Detroit Free Press.

**All a Mystery to Her.**

"Well, for my part, I don't see how in the wide world some women find time to gad around the way they do," said Mrs. Wagtung to her husband at the dinner table the other evening, according to a veracious chronicler in the New York World. "I never go down town without running across Mrs. Smythe. I met her this afternoon, and Monday I met her at the Art club exhibition. And then there is Mrs. Jaynes. How that woman finds time to go so much is a mystery to me. I met her Tuesday at Professor Smart's lecture, and again Wednesday at a bargain sale of Ketchum & Cheatems. And when it comes to Mrs. Bright, why I don't believe that that woman makes any pretense of ever staying at home. I met her Thursday at Mrs. Brigham's when I was out calling, and she was the first person I saw that I knew at the flower show Friday afternoon, and I daresay that I'll see her at the matinee Saturday afternoon.

"You can thank your lucky stars, George Wagtung, that you have a wife who isn't given to gadding eternally, or I don't know what would become of your domestic affairs. How some women can be on the go as they are is a mystery to me, isn't it to you?"

And George said that it was, but he thought some things that he was too wise to say.

**A Lost Letter.**

Telegrams not unfrequently get somewhat mixed before delivery and sometimes give rise to queer complications. A fascinating but frisky young lady had a valuable collie dog, named Shep, given her by her brother, who lived some 20 miles off. Soon after she went on a visit and gave stringent directions that her new pet should be well looked after. The day following her departure, however, the dog disappeared, and the following telegram was sent to her brother, thinking the collie had bolted back to its old home: "Shep has bolted. Make instant inquiries and wire news." The form in which it arrived was, "She has bolted," etc., and the panic created by the omission of that one letter was great.—Exchange.

**Badly Put.**

First Minister—It is sure to happen when I have prepared a particularly good sermon that my congregation is small and large when I have a poor one.

Second Minister (intending to be complimentary)—I have been told that the house is always full when you preach.—Pearson's Weekly.

**Light on the Problem.**

"What is the problem of the far east?"

"How many oriental rugs Americans will buy."—Chicago Record.

**A Considerate Boy.**

Employer—You were late this morning, Henry.

Office Boy—Yes, sir.

Employer—Did you forget to mention it to me?

Office Boy—No, sir. But I didn't want to deprive you of the pleasure of being the first to speak of it.—Boston Transcript.

Avarice says, "I will oppress the weak and devour the fruits of his labors, and I will say that it is fate that has so ordained."—Volney.

Lots of men with rich fathers-in-law are always tired.—Washington Democrat.

## SMOKERS WHO NEED CHANGE.

**Few Men Able to Use the Same Brand of Tobacco Continuously.**

A nervous man dashed into a large tobacco store down town in Broadway and said to the proprietor:

"Look here, Billy, I've been buying smoking tobacco from you for a long time, and no sooner do I find a brand that suits me than you begin to adulterate it, and it doesn't taste as it did. This blank brand which I have been smoking for four months now has gone all to pieces. I want something new."

"Why not try the tobacco that you liked so well before you took up this brand?" asked the proprietor. "It has been improved, and I think that you will enjoy it."

The nervous man accepted it and went out.

"He will come in in about three days for another box of that tobacco and tell me that it is just what he has been looking for," remarked the proprietor to another customer. "He will smoke it for three or four months and then he will complain bitterly that the manufacturers are adulterating it with cheap tobacco, and he will make a change. Does the tobacco change? Why, yes, a very little bit, but not enough for him to detect the difference. It has happened that when he complains the loudest about it the tobacco is the best. The explanation is simple—he gets tired of a brand in about three months, and then it doesn't taste right to him. That is true of many smokers. To enjoy their tobacco they need a change occasionally."

"General Grant was the only hard smoker I have ever known who didn't require a change. He wanted good cigars, and he wanted them strong. He was not cranky about their shape or make so long as they smoked easily. I have one customer—he is now nearly 70 years old—who bought cigars from me when I first began selling them, and he buys nearly the same brand. His taste in tobacco has not changed, but he is an exception. It is a fact, though few smokers realize it, that a man needs change in his tobacco just as much as in his food. No man would enjoy the same dinner day after day. Few men can smoke the same brand of cigars or smoking tobacco month after month without having it pall on their taste at times. This man who was in here a moment ago thinks that the tobacco itself changes. He considers himself a judge of tobacco, and I humor him by seeming to agree with him and give him another brand when he complains."—New York Sun.

## COLORADO'S WONDER.

**The State Possesses the Most Tremendous Canyon In the World.**

It is abruptly countersunk in the forest plateau, says John Muir in The Atlantic, so that you see nothing of it until you are suddenly stopped on its brink with its immeasurable wealth of divinely colored and sculptured buildings before you and beneath you. No matter how far you may have wandered hitherto or how many famous gorges and valleys you have seen, this one, the Grand canyon of the Colorado, will seem as novel to you, as unearthly in the color and grandeur and quantity of its architecture, as if you had found it after death on some other star; so incomparably lovely and grand and supreme is it above all the other delightful canyons in our fire molded, earthquake shaken, rain washed, wave washed, river and glacier sculptured world. It is about 6,000 feet deep where you first see it, and from rim to rim 10 to 15 miles wide. And instead of being dependent for interest on waterfalls, depth, wall sculpture and beauty of parklike floor, like most other great canyons, no waterfalls are in sight and no appreciable floor space.

The big river has just room enough to flow and roar obscurely, here and there groping its way as best it can like a weary, murmuring, overtaxed traveler trying to escape from the tremendous bewildering labyrinthic abyss, while its roar serves only to mellow and deepen the silence. Instead of being filled only with air the vast space between the walls is crowded with nature's grandest buildings—a sublime city of them painted in every color of the rainbow and adorned with richly fretted cornice and battlement spire and tower in endless variety of style and architecture. Every architectural invention of man has been anticipated and far more in this grandest of God's terrestrial cities.

**Turgeneff In 1878.**

Being in attendance at the convention of the Association Litteraire Internationale, and wishing more to see Turgeneff than to behold all living Frenchmen, says Colonel T. W. Higginson in The Atlantic, I begged the ever kind secretary, M. Zaccone, to introduce me to him after the adjournment. He led me to a man of magnificent bearing, who towered above all the Frenchmen, and was, on the whole, the noblest and most attractive literary man whom I have ever encountered. I can think of no better way to describe him than by saying that he united the fine benignant head of Longfellow with the figure of Thackeray; not that Turgeneff was as tall as the English novelist, but he had as distinctly the effect of height, and afterward, when he, Charles Godfrey Leland, and I stood together, we were undoubtedly the tallest men in the room. But the especial characteristic of Turgeneff was a winning sweetness of manner, which surpassed even Longfellow's, and impressed one as being "kind nature's," to adopt Tennyson's distinction, and not merely those "next to best" manners which he attributes to the great.

**A Redheaded Match.**

While in a tobacconist's shop a gentleman asked a girl behind the counter, who happened to have red hair, if she would oblige him with a match.

"With pleasure, if you will have a redheaded one," she promptly replied, with such a suggestive, demure smile that she aroused his interest.

Further conversation proved her to be a person worthy of regard, and eventually the redheaded match was handed over.—London Fun.

**Off an Hour Disappointment.**

Every one who has ever been a child will recall that sense of injury entailed by being sent to bed early—that conviction that you are being deprived of the most interesting part of the whole day. There is really no knowing what the elders are up to when once they get the youngsters tucked up safe in bed, but it stands to reason it must be very interesting, or why would they be in such a hurry to get the youngsters out of the way? With some children this amounts to more than mere feeling. It was a little girl of this latter sort who begged so hard to sit up just for once that her mother one evening not long ago said that she might. How the little girl's eyes danced at the prospect of all the wonderful things she would see for herself upon this her first occasion of "sitting up!" How commiseratingly she regarded the other children, who were as usual packed off to bed at an early hour! She seated herself in her small chair and eagerly awaited developments.

But imagine her surprise when her parents, as was their custom, seated themselves at the library table, and unscrupulously, but hygienically, turning their backs to the light, began to read. For some time the small girl rocked away in her small chair in silence. Then came a sleepy, plaintive voice, "Is this all you do?"—Philadelphia Times.

## ELIAS HOWE.

**The Part He Played In the Army During the Civil War.**

When the civil war broke out, an immense meeting was held in Bridgeport, Conn., and many men volunteered for the army. To the general surprise one of the richest men in the state, Elias Howe, the inventor of the sewing machine, arose and made this brief speech:

"Every man is called upon to do what he can for his country. I don't know what I can do unless it is to enlist and serve as a private in the Union army. I want no position. I am willing to learn and do what I can with a musket."

But it soon proved that the chronic lameness from which Howe suffered incapacitated him from marching with a musket, even to the extent of standing sentry. Determined to be of use, however, he volunteered to serve the regiment as its postmaster, messenger and expressman.

Sending home for a suitable horse and wagon, he drove into Baltimore twice a day and brought to the camp its letters and parcels. It was said that he would run over half the state to deliver a letter to some lonely mother anxious for her soldier boy or bring back to him a pair of boots which he needed during the rainy winter.

For four months after the Seventeenth Connecticut entered the field the government was so pressed for money that no payment to the troops could be made, and there was consequently great suffering among the families of the soldiers and painful anxiety endured by the men themselves.

One day a private soldier came quietly into the paymaster's office in Washington and took his seat in the corner to await his turn for an interview. Presently the officer said:

"Well, my man, what can I do for you?"

"I have called to see about the payment of the Seventeenth Connecticut," answered the soldier.

The paymaster, somewhat irritated by what he supposed a needless and impertinent interruption, told him sharply that he could do nothing without money, and that until the government furnished some it was useless for soldiers to come bothering him about pay.

"I know that the government is in straits," returned the soldier. "I have called to find out how much money it will take to give my regiment two months' pay. I am ready to furnish the amount."

The amazed officer asked the name of his visitor, who modestly replied, "Elias Howe." He then wrote a draft for the required sum—$31,000. Two or three days later the regiment was paid. When Mr. Howe's name was called, he went up to the paymaster's desk and signed the receipt for $28.60 of his own money!

The officers of a neighboring regiment sent over to the Seventeenth Connecticut to see if they could not "borrow their private."—Youth's Companion.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

In a few weeks more people will begin to move up the road in great shape

T. H. Leeming, of the Inland Sentinel, Kamloops, spent a day in town this week on his way to the coast.

D. Gamble of the Okanagan country a brother-in-law of A. H. Walters spent a few days in town this week on a visit.

See the new add of John G. Collins of "Horses for the Klondike." Mr. Collins has a large number of horses for the spring trade and offers them at fair prices.

A month from now will see Klondikers galore in Ashcroft. So far they are a quiet, well behaved lot of people. The "Soapy" Smiths evidently went the other way as so far we have no gamblers.

James O'Neil, an ex-C.P.R. employee was arrested on Monday, he being considered of unsound mind but it is thought his condition will not warrant his being sent to New Westminster.—Standard.

D. W. Rowlands of Kamloops arrived in town last Sunday morning and has secured the position of local agent of the British Columbia Express company here, in place of Stanley Creelman, who resigned.

A course of sermons on "Different Aspects of the Christian Life" will be preached on the Sunday evenings during Lent, at St. Alban's Church, by the vicar, the first being given on the 27th instant. These discourses have been specially prepared for general interest.

Clark and Rogers of Quesnelle will as may be seen by their add in another colum furnish boats for those desiring them for trips up the Fraser or other points. It should prove a great convenience to many that desire to go north into the Peace river country by water and across Giscomb portage.

The New Westminster board of trade are considering the chartering of steamers to run between that port and Alaskan points. The fresh water terminus is well adapted for such a proposition, and if the steamboats are procurable, it would relieve some of the strain on the other coast ports.

Robert Borland and wife (formerly Miss Glassey, of Victoria) spent a day in Ashcroft this week on their way to the coast for a week's visit. Mr. Borland and Miss Glassey were married at Clinton on Wednesday by Rev. G. H. Osborne. They will make the 150 Mile House their home. Their many friends wish Mr. and Mrs. Borland a pleasant matrimonial voyage.

Dr. Mathewman and party, who lost their outfits in the wreck of the steamer Corona, have instituted proceeding against the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, through Mr. Henderson, an Ashcroft lawyer, to recover damages on account of their loss. It is said that a number of capitalists on the sound and at Skaguay are buying up the claims of those who lost their outfits in the wreck at 50 per cent.—Victoria Times.

An entertainment and social will be given by the Presbyterian church in the town hall, on Tuesday, March 1st. A program consisting of vocal and instrumental music, reading and recitations will be rendered by the best local talent that can be secured. One feature of the entertainment will be an art gallery where some beautiful pictures will be on exhibition and for sale. Refreshments, ice cream and cake at a nominal charge. Doors open at 8 p.m. Admission fee 10 cents. Proceeds to go towards the church debts.

Among the other arrivals this week at Ashcroft were C. F. Thompson and John Railsbeck from Plymouth, Ind. These gentlemen have carefully looked over the situation and Mr. Thompson is a miner of experience. They have decided to take the Ashcroft route and say there is no question of its superiority, for cheapness, safety and is more desirable to travel over, as it is through a mining country all of the way. Several parties from other sections are also now on the ground waiting preparations to go on. It is yet to early to travel, April 1st, is the earliest one can start to advantage and a few days later is still better. Mr. Thompson states that he has met several parties that have been to the coast and came to Ashcroft and who state that they cannot get transportation that way and this is in any case the preferable route.

Archie Knight and Stewart Adamson for some years connected with Vieth & Borland's well known establishment at the 150-Mile House, came down on last Tuesdays stage and spent a couple of days in Ashcroft en route to the coast. Mr. Knight will go in to the Telegraph creek country with John Harris and others, and they will drive in overland about 300 head of cattle. They will start their band in very early and the stock will arrive fat and in prime condition in ample time to slaugater at Teslin Lake and taken down the lake on rafts. John Harris, who has been in charge of Vieth and Borland's pack train for so many years packing from Quesnelle to Glenora, will have charge of the drive and knowing the country so well is a sufficient guarantee of the condition of the trail for packing or feed. Stewart Adamson while here met a brother of late from England. Both will go overland this season to Klondike.

See add of G. W. Louden of horses for sale.

See the call for tenders for the establishment of a ferry on the Nechaco river, in this issue.

Mr. Andrew Clawson is pushing rapidly along his building for a paint shop near 7th and Railway street.

We have brought out a new poet from Horsefly this week and he is evidently hard after the heathen Chinee.

Al. Focault met with an accident yesterday by being involved in a collision with a mule. Mr. Focault's arm was injured but not seriously.

The Duke of York has been engaged by Mr. John Shields to string his wire for the transmission of the electric current. The poles are only about 24 feet high and it is not much of a reach for the Duke.

A rumor was prevalent in Vancouver yesterday that the steamer Islander was lost. At a late hour last night the rumor was denied. It is probably only a scare. The Islander is one of the staunchest and best equipped steamers in the Alaskan trade.

The new store for McArthur & Harper is well under way and when completed a fine building will be the result. The firm will engage in general merchandise, with C. B. Deans as manager. Mr. Deans is well and favorably known, and a fair share of the trade is assured.

The map of the overland route issued by Fraser & Roberts is at hand and copies may be procured at J. H. Clements, druggist; cloth $1, paper 50 c nts. It is by all odds the most reliable of any map yet issued. It was drawn under instructions of Mr. John Harris, so long head packer for Vieth & Borland, who has been many times over the trail.

Chas. Pennie and Walter Fearn were appointed executors for the estate of Malcolm Thompson under the will left by Mr. Thompson, made nearly 20 years ago. By the terms of the will any property he possessed at the time of his death goes to his nearest blood relations in New Zealand. The amount of property is small, only personal and not of great value.

Mr. Pocock, who will go overland with a large party of Englishmen, is in town making his arrangements. He will take in about 50 head of horses. Mr. Pocock wintered one winter at Hazelton and is familiar with the route and says it is the route to the Yukon. Of the land around Hazelton he says great farms will be cleared up there and that the climate is all that could be desired.

A new version of the old drama "The Gold Brick Swindle" was worked on our old friend Jim Russell last week. Jim paid $15 express, etc., and ginned the boys up only to find that an old friend had not sent him a gold brick after all, but that the boys, young fellows like Wentworth Wood and others of his age were only having a little fun previously to Jim's departure for Glenora. Jim is likely to fool them all right back some of these days. He may have the real thing in the gold brick line and not ask the boys to irrigate at all, and serve them right.

The editor was dying, but when the doctor bent over him, he placed his ear to his breast and remarked: "Poor man, circulation almost gone!" The dying man arose and said: "You are a liar, we've got the largest circulation in the county."

Rev. Coverdale Watson, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, New Westminster, died at St. Mary's Hospital, that city, on Monday last. At the time of his death he was 51 years of age and had been a resident of this province for seventeen years.

## THE HEATHEN CHINEE.

Come all ye false gods that at Ottawa dwell,
'Tis British Columbia's voice,
We pray you give ear and attend to our cry,
Since now is your time to rejoice,
We are bound down with chains that are grevlous and sore,
We're a people that long to be free,
So we pray you take heed and attend to our cry
And drive out the heathen Chinee.

By hundreds and thousands they flock to our shore,
From the land of starvation and crime,
And when they get here they begin their vile deeds
That's a curse to a civilized clime.
They lie, cheat, and steal and keep opium dens,
Murder, gamble, and go on the spree,
And every vile and immoral low deed
Is practised by heathen Chinee.

We sent to parliament bound with a pledge,
From this western land they call free,
That they'd do what they could legislation to pass
To drive out the heathen Chinee.
We sent Andrew Haslam, Prior and Earle,
Corbould, Barnard and John Mara too,
But when they got there their pledges forgot,
To the old Tory band they stood true.

In June '90 a change then took place
Four new men were placed in power,
Who took a bold stand to rid us of this curse,
We thought then the victory was ours,
When little McInnes stood up in your midst,
In loud tones of thunder spoke he,
Give us all the vile wretches in Whitechapel dwell
In preference to the heathen Chinee.

Then Morrison, Bostock and Maxwell so bold
Stood up on the parliament floor,
And said if you knew of their customs and crimes
You'd want them expelled from our shore.
For all the vile deeds e'er committed by man,
In the cannibal isles or the sea,
Or the ravening Turk in his blood thirsty rage,
Can compare with the heathen Chinee.

Some say we're disloyal and true to the old Union Jack,
But disloyal to the heathen Chinee.
For In June '90 our ballots were cast
With Great Britain our trade to be free,
And a duty as high as Mount Everetts peaks
To be placed on the heathen Chinee.

And now you M. P's. in the Liberal ranks,
When this winter in parliament meet,
Just place on your books the law that we ask,
And no cabinet office we'll seek.
Peace and plenty will follow Columbia's wake.
Our people will shout bold and free
And bless the Dominion for ever and aye,
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The undersigned desires to give notice that about May 1st., he will be in Ashcroft with about 20 head of heavy draft horses, also a lot of saddle and driving horses.

These horses will be sold at fair prices and any one wishing this class of animals will do well to write me at once to Loomis, Wash.

GEO. W. LOUDEN.


## FERRY----NECHACO RIVER.

SEALED PROPOSALS, properly endorsed will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to noon of Thursday, 17th March next, for the right to maintain and operate a ferry across the Nechaco river at a point where it is crossed by the Telegraph Trail, and within a limit of five miles above and five miles below that place, for a term of five years from the date of the charter.

Proposals must give a description of the size and kind of boat intended to be used, the mode of propelling the same and the various rates of toll proposed to be collected, and give the names of two persons who are willing to execute a bond for $500.00 to secure the faithful carrying out of the contract.

The competition will be on the rate of tolls and the amount of bonus to be paid to the government annually for the exclusive privilege of operating a ferry. A certified cheque to cover the amount of the first year's bonus must accompany the proposal.

All officers of the Government, with their animals and freight, to pass free.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C.
22nd February, 1898. 43-45

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to lease eighty acres of meadow land adjoining Lot 228, Group 1, in the district of Lillooet, commencing at a stake at the north-east corner of the said lot and marked "C. R. Doxat's north-west corner, thence 10 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 10 chains west, thence 80 chains north to initial post.

40-43 C. R. DOXAT,
per H. C. Rayson.

Clinton, B. C., January 26, 1898.

## The "Water Clauses Consolidation Act 1897" NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition will be presented to a judge of the supreme court of British Columbia, at the law courts, Bastion Square, Victoria, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as the said petition can be heard on Wednesday the 9th day of April, 1898, praying for the granting of a certificate pursuant to section 55 of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act 1897" to the undersigned company to enable them to construct and operate a water works system for supplying water to the town of Ashcroft from the Thompson river by pumping, by means of an electric motor pump, 100 inches thereof through pipes to an elevation of about 200 feet to a reservoir and from thence distributing said water through pipes to the inhabitants of the said town of Ashcroft.

This notice was first published on the 20th day of February, 1898.

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Quesnelle, B. C., JAMES REID,
February 15th, 1898. Manager.

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