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LIGHTNING CREEK.

As I promised I will try and give you a description of Lightning creek and its tributaries and to begin with we will go to the head and come down and we will start at what was known in early days as the Niggers. The left hand bank is steep but the right hand has a long slope of clay, gravel and slum with points and bars evidently formed from wash and for five miles it retains the same appearance, and though there has been considerable prospecting done there was nothing to pay found. Mr. R. Johns sunk a shaft and drove across but did not find enough gold to pay and there was no pay found above Eagle Creek. There are some banks of clay and gravel but no pay has ever been found. At the mouth of Eagle creek commences the first canon and it was worked all through in the first mining that was done on Lightning, and I am informed that it paid fairly well considering the expense attached to mining in those days. At the mouth of the canon is where the Ayrshire Lass commenced their tunnel and I understand it is over 2,000 feet in length with some gold all the way. Heavy lead gold, ¼, ½, and up to 1½ ounce pieces were taken out, but too thinly scattered to pay, although they stuck to it manfully, and here I see Anderson in his Cariboo Rhymes spent both time and money trying to win the lassies golden smile, but she jilted them all. Here the drifting diggings commence and were worked down the creek something like a half mile when it got too wet for wooden pumps and the creek laid over until '68, when the Lightning Company, located above the mouth of Amador, commenced operations and sent to Victoria for a 12 inch iron pump and in '70 they drove into the channel and found splendid paying ground and all went home three years afterwards with their home stake.

Opposite Amador creek, on the left hand side and some hundred feet above the present bed of the creek, lays Butcher Bench, on which there was big pay, one piece over five hundred dollars. The pay only went back a short distance when it gave out and lower down the creek there was a narrow strip on the same level which extended down in the direction of Van Winkle creek, which joins Lightning from the left, and had some pay up a short distance.

On the right hand side below Amador creek and opposite the lower end of Butcher Bench, is the first fill of the deep channel. There the creek was filled up some two hundred feet above the present bed and driven over to the left hand side where it cut a channel through the rock which paid big, and here I will say that the Lightning company and the South Wales company worked over 2,000 feet of the deep channel above the fill and had the biggest kind of pay, while the Spence company, which worked just below and under the fill had pay, but not nearly so good as the claims above, which would lead a person to believe that the filling in of the deep channel had something to do with the distribution of the gold.

Now we are at the old town of Van Winkle and right here there is a short piece of the deep channel filled as above, but only a short piece, when the creek widens out to a breadth of three to five hundred feet, and for some seven thousand feet paid handsomely. There were the Van Winkle, Victoria, Vancouver, Vulcan and Costello companies. Here we have Chisholm creek from the right and Last Chance from the left, of these and others I will write at another time. In the town of Stanley and right below, the deep channel is again filled up and the creek forced into a channel in the bedrock on the left hand side, and here again there was some pay on the high rock on the left hand side and in the present channel, but not very big. The Costello company worked down under the fill from their shaft but found the pay small and very much scattered, and the Gladstone, further down, worked under also from their shaft but did not meet with the success that they so richly deserved. This, we may say, is the last work done in the deep channel of Lightning creek.

Below the Gladstone camp is Davis creek on the right and Anderson creek on the left, and at the mouth of Anderson creek the Eleven of England company worked some splendid paying ground, but the deep channel of Lightning is under the right hand side and was never driven into, and if the same rule that governed the pay at the first fill would work here, and I do not see why it should not, namely, small pay under the fill, then it should stand that there is good pay below. Here we have a creek bed varying from three to seven hundred feet in width and fifteen miles long, that has not been touched. Jawbone, Timmons, Burne's Pass, Pine Grove and California creeks all come in from the right and all have more or less gold, and Donovan, Peter's, Lovett, Donald and several other creeks, I do not know the name of all, come in on the left. There is a tunnel being driven on Lovett creek at the present time, and all containing gold.

Below the Eleven of England the present creek bed is grassy, boggy and covered with old Beaver dams until you pass the mouth of Peter's creek, and from there down it has no more grass and a prospect can be obtained any place along the creek in the gravel, which is from one to ten feet deep on the clay. At the Wing Dam in early days and on bars along to and below the Bonanza company, pay was taken out. Here again for the third time the creeks were filled from the right hand side and the creek forced to cut a channel through the bed-rock. Here also, the upper end of the fill, as at the other two, there was high pay taken from the high rock and in the rock channel. Anthony Yeats took big pay off the left hand high rock, and a company of which there are only one or two left, took big pay of heavy gold on the right hand side of the old ditch and workings are to be seen there yet, and lots of ground on the shallow ground was worked by Chinese and of the pay we know not, but the ground is worked.

Here the Bonanza company sunk a shaft at the lower end of the fill one hundred and ten feet and drove into the channel. They have some very good pay, some of it going five ounces to a four foot set, but owing to adversities and what miners term bad luck they have been unable to make it pay, but they have the right kind of stuff in them, they stay with her.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have tried in my own way to lay the creek before you. There are 15 miles of as fine a creek as the sun ever shone upon with a wagon road the full length of it, in the Cariboo district inside the gold belt, unprospected. What I have stated can all be verified and when we take into consideration the immense glacier or other power that filled in the creek in those three places, distributing gold on the high rock at the upper end in each case, and likewise gold in the rock channel and carried away the gravel, clay, and scum down to the present bed, through a thousand feet of rock cut past the Bonanza, I say is it not reasonable to suppose that it must have carried gold more or less along with it into the deep channel past the Bonanza and although the Bonanza has not paid, situated as it is like the Gladstone, Costello and Spence, there is still lots of room for it to have deposited lots of gold along those 15 miles of its course, and though the small creeks en route have not been prospected enough to know whether they contain gold in paying quantities, I cannot see that it lessens the chance of the deep channel of Lightning, any, although it is not like the famous Rand of South Africa, but I will defy even the great Rand to pay any better for the amount of capital expended than the drifting claims of Cariboo and Lightning creek for what is worked of it, and I don't pretend to see into the bottom of Lightning creek, but I contend that the indications pointing to pay are as good on this part of Lightning and better than any creek in Cariboo or any other country today and I think that capital going around looking for hydraulic claims in Cariboo have overlooked their hand for with an expenditure of say $20,000, which would amply cover the cost of sinking a shaft and driving across the channel, whereas a hydraulic will cost five times that amount to fit up, and will it pay any better? It certainly will pay better than those dredges that cost four times the amount, and I would further say that the part of the creek worked was all done by over shot water wheels and pumps and the Bonanza at the lower end has had no trouble with the water, their 12 inch pump and 16 foot wheel being ample for the work, and there is ample water in the creek for power. And now, hoping I have not taken up too much space in your valuable paper I will subside until some future time, when I will write on some of the many creeks that are unprospected in Cariboo.

GUSTAVE WHERENIQUE,
F. C. M. C.

Cayoosh Creek.

Mr. D. Todd Lees, of Vancouver, representative of the "Western World," passed through Ashcroft on Saturday from Lillooet, where he has been examining some mining properties for a Vancouver syndicate. Mr. Lees was very greatly impressed with the Cayoosh creek section and predicts a bright future for that part of the country next spring. He reports that at the present time there is no very great drawback from snow and that prospectors are getting out on the hills every day. During his short stay in Lillooet several new finds were made and a number of claims recorded. At Wady-vale gulch, about four miles up Cayoosh creek, where some rich float ore was found early in the year, several very promising claims have just been recorded and there is every prospect that some of the claims when worked will show immense results. The wagon road to the Golden Cache property has suffered considerably from the recent snowslides, but it is tolerably easy to get over the whole on foot. The rock gang is still busy blasting out some of the rocky bluffs on the road, and in several cases have exposed some splendid gold bearing ledges. In one claim, which Mr. Lees was examining and through which the road had been cut a ledge about seven feet wide was exposed and the rock rich in free gold. A great deal of assessment work will have to be done on Cayoosh creek in the early spring, and it is to be hoped that the season may be more favorable than present indications. Some mill and building sites are liable to be at a premium, as the mountains on both sides of the creek are very steep. According to Mr. Lees it is expected that the Blackwater country, which is at present tributary to Lillooet, will have something to show for itself in the spring. The ore bodies, so far as found are very large, and the ore carries gold, silver, and copper. Several prospecting parties are preparing to go to Blackwater and are in hopes of doing some development work during the winter, and there is little doubt but that their labors will be amply rewarded. Bridge river is likely to show some astonishing results in quartz claims by next year and it is sure to receive its quota of daring prospectors after the winter is past.

Mr. Lees combined business with pleasure on this trip and has secured several options. He hopes to be one our regular visitors to this part of the country.

The Maud Sold.

We are in receipt of a line from one of the owners in the Maud hydraulic mine, saying, "the Maud is sold, $5000 down on signature of papers and $95,000 cash within six months." We trust there will be no further delay in the negotiations of this valuable property. It has been sold once before this season but the deal was afterwards declared off. It is expected, however this time that it will go through. It is considered one of the best properties in Cariboo.

City Water Supply

Ashcroft should take warning and renovate. Fortunately our water supply is pure but pig pens and stables should be kept in such shape that no trouble can arise from them. A thorough street cleaning would do no harm. The Sentinel says:

TO THE EDITOR:—It is current talk that there are numerous cases of typhoid and malarial fever in town, a death from the former having taken place at the hospital this week. This must be caused by gross negligence somewhere, as with the supply of fresh water right at our doors there should be no danger from these diseases, which are well known to be caused by bad drainage or foul water. Pumping the city water from a supply pipe only a few feet from the present low water mark seems very questionable, and that, too, at a point right on a mud flat, to which half the drainage of the town runs, including the hospital, jail, China wash houses and a dozen or more open drains from Water street.

The dryness of the climate may be, and probably is, a safeguard in summer, but how about this season of the year, when the ground is frozen solid and all dirty water runs over the surface of the ground to the river, there to run through ice holes directly into the city water. A walk along the river bank will show a decidedly unpleasent state of affairs, it being a general place of nuisance used by all the woodchoppers and others working along the bank.

The supply pipe of the city waterworks should surely be extended to at least the centre of the river. SANTUS.

The death took place at Victoria yesterday of Mrs. Wm. J. Deasy, after a short illness. Deceased was only 28 years of age and was a daughter of Thomas Seward of Park Farm, Lytton. She leaves a husband and three young children to mourn her loss. The interment will take place on Sunday.

QUESNELLE.

Last week appeared a stranger in the town. His advent caused great interest as he could speak neither English, French, German nor Volapuck. He spoke in an original tongue which he used at times with great energy. His demands were peremptory though not explicit. He never takes "no" for an answer. He never considers the comforts of those around him. He will make his mark. In other words, a beautiful bouncing boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hilbus, and all are doing well.

The weather is changeable, sometimes threatening a snow storm soon followed by a thaw. The roads are in good condition yet, freighters are making good use of the time and are sending good loads up the road. The price of feed is very high and this is a drawback for those who have many horses to feed.

Mr. McIntosh who brought up a portable sawmill to the Cotton wood reports that there is none too much snow on the ground. He has already cut a great quantity of lumber for the Baker claim for the flume and other purposes. There are two tunnels to be made one about sixteen hundred feet. Mr. Betts, C. E., is in charge during the absence of Mr. Baker in England. Mr. Deacon has the contract for road making. An immense amount of work is expected to be done by next May. The weather is favorable for all the work.

The Young dredge is safe out of the reach of high water or a run of ice. Everything is secured to open up in the spring. The dredger is near the canyon on the banks of the Fraser. Mr. W. A. Johnston left here by private conveyance to go to the coast in the interest of mining.

Mr. Coombs who had his hands severly frozen and Mr. Thompson who had his feet frozen at the same time are doing well and are able to be about.

Everybody is busy preparing for the approaching festivities. The rehearsals of Box and Cox are frequent and there is a promise of an excellent performance. Fancy dresses of all sorts are being made. The characters are well chosen and a fine time is expected. Good music will be given among other attractions.

In referring to the presentation of Mr. McKinnon a slight typographical error appeared in your last, Mr. J. A. McIsaac and Mr. Dan McCaskell were the generous donors.

EDITOR MINING JOURNAL, Sir: May I claim a small space in order to thank "Monte Carlo" for the manly stand made by him for freedom and liberty in Quesnelle.

At last we have a champion, indeed, who deserves our honor and esteem! Let it be plainly understood, once and for all, that we will stand no infringement of our rights, and the so-called reformers will melt away as the snow before the summer sun—"or any other man!"

Why should not we be allowed to lose our money in gambling, or spend it on whisky, talk filth, keep ourselves in a chronic state of dead brokeness, and in short go to hell our own way? If other people who happen to be around the houses we frequent are troubled by our noise or shocked by our speech, let them go somewhere else. Is it likely the managers of these houses are going to hurt their business by offending us, for contemptable people who only believe in taking a paltry four drinks a day!" —"or any other man"!!

There is no doubt that the building of the church, as "Monte Carlo" infers, was the beginning of the evil. Let us then rally round him as our leader, ask him to use his great influence with the trustees of that building, to sell it to the promoters of the much talked of dance hall and get said trustees to refund us, upon application, the money we so generously subscribed towards its erection.

We are quite aware that "Monte Carlo" would justly claim the lions share, but neither we nor the saloon keepers would complain if he got it—"nor any other man"!!!

Then as "Monte Carlo" very correctly remarks "the local moral people has" to be reinforced by another constable, and their prayer was granted!"

In this matter we have two distinct grievances, first against the prayers of the prayer, and second against the granters. The first we will pass over as unworthy of our consideration, but the second, the granters of the prayer, this on the people who deserve our vengeance! Why could not they have sent along some half blind, deaf and groggy old "son of a gun" with a purple nose and a passion for "seven up" for the drinks, instead of a young Samson (Parson, I mean) with a strong arm, a strong head and a strong sense of duty. We shall again call "Monte Carlo" to our aid and get him to pull wires with his friends, the authorities to remove this person immediately. Ah! my friends how true is that old saying "Where the hen scratches dar you finds anoder bug, or any other man"!!!!

"WHISKY GLASSES."

Quesnelle, B. C., December 18 h, 1896.

Water Works.

A notice appears in this issue of the JOURNAL giving information that a special bill be asked for empowering a water company to take the water from the springs on the left bank of the Thompson across the river to the village of Ashcroft to supply the people with water. The supply will be good and it will be a source of gratification to the people to have a first class water supply for domestic purposes and fire protection.

BARKERVILLE.

In your issue of the 5th inst. there appears the mail contract, which is of great importance to the settlers of this part of the district. While we have no fault of any importance to find with the present carriers still we think that the government should call for tenders specifying forth what shall be required of the contractor, so that anyone may have a chance to tender for the ensueing term. The idea of giving a contract to a company just because they have had it before or that they are particular friends of the late government bodes ill for an efficient service. Surely the people of Barkerville and district are a patient, forbearing people for when the late government decreed that mail should be delivered at Quesnelle semi-weekly there was no dissatisfaction evinced amongst them. But seeing the present contract is drawing to a close now is the time for the people of this district to make known their wants to the Postmaster General. A petition should at once be put in circulation setting forth that who-so-ever receives the contract to carry mails shall make a semi-weekly trip to Barkerville during the term of such contract and if possible it be stipulated that passengers paying their fare will not only have the privilege of riding down hill but may ride all the way. It is evident to all having a knowledge of the business interests of this district that a once-a week mail does not meet the requirements of the people. Barkerville is now the most important camp in the Cariboo district and should not be neglected by the present administration, and it is to be hoped that the people will rise en masse and ask for what the revenue from this district demands, a more efficient mail service.

We notice that Barkerville is not the stirring place that it was in the summer. Its transients have followed the geese. Still a good business is being carried on there being more prospecting parties out this winter than there have been for years.

A company has been formed to prospect the Canyon Ravine on Canadian creek. Five men are at work and expect to develop a good claim before spring.

Jack Wintrip is running a tunnel on Stout's gulch, on the Newton claim. He has struck a good prospect. The grounds that he is in now is paying about one half an ounce a day per man.

Work on the Williams creek drain is being pushed ahead by foreman Woolcock. He predicts 200 feet for December. At that rate they will soon strike the bedrock, having only about 600 feet to go.

Work on Willow river is progressing rapidly under the management of Fred Laird and foreman Kirkpatrick. This company has sunk a bedrock shaft 200 feet deep and are driving a tunnel through bedrock. It is expected they will have to drive 600 feet to reach the channel, of which 150 feet is completed.

The Discovery claim, on Valley creek which was located last spring by J. Wendle, et al. and which caused such widespread notice in all parts of Cariboo district and especially around Barkerville, is situated about 1½ miles from town and has been in operation ever since the company secured the ground. When the claim was located there was comparatively no water with which to test the ground, but by using, economically, what little water there was they were enabled to make about $20 a day per man. The manager Mr. Wendle, being satisfied that he had a claim, set about making preparations to start a hydraulic plant. The company has made several miles of ditch and also laid 600 feet of flume to convey the water to the diggings. The ditch is so constructed as to give them 100 feet pressure, which will be ample, the ground. The company is now running a tunnel through which they will conduct the tailings to the dump. This tunnel will be about 350 feet long, of which 200 feet has already been driven, so it will be seen that they will be ready for an early start in the spring. This company is composed of miners located here and they deserve great credit for the manner in which they have conducted their operations leading on to the development of the claim. Last summer they were offered somewhere in the neighborhood of $50,000 for the ground, which they refused. It is generally believed that they acted judiciously in the matter.

Telephones.

We are informed by Mr. Salisbury, president of the Burrard Inlet Telephone Co., that his company will begin in the early spring and build a line through from Ashcroft to Clinton, 150-Mile House, Soda Creek, Quesnelle, Stanley and Barkerville with a branch line to Quesnelle Forks. The line will be built of heavy copper wire and will be fully equipped with the best instruments for long distance service. An exchange will be put in at Ashcroft and such other places as may require it. No doubt short lines will be run from various places to connect at the offices. The company expect to do a fair amount of business from the first and thoroughly realize the fact that the business is one that soon grows in public favor and where it was a few years ago only an experiment is now regarded as an absolute business necessity. The company is a thoroughly reliable one and will not do any half way work.

Bingo—Bobby, did you eat that little pie your mother made for you yesterday?

Bobby—No. I gave it to my teacher.

Bingo—Did she eat it?

Bobby—I think so. There wasn't any

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Freighting on the Cariboo Road.

During the past year the freight moved from Ashcroft, the initial point to Cariboo and way and to Lillooet is enormous. Taking an average of the amount as published in the MINING JOURNAL, of the weekly output sent out by the forwarding firms and the amount received by those who have shipped direct, as is done in some cases, it will average about 200,000 pounds per week or 10,400,000 pounds, this only for the year 1896. It is a lot of freight, during the month of June last season the number of freight teams on the road was about 100, averaging six horses to the team and about 400 pack animals, a thousand animals in all. An average price, calling it 2½ cents per pound, would show that $260,000 has been paid out for freight, and all expended on the road, or practically all. The price of freight, owing to competition has been cut down so low that many teamsters have gone out of the business. It is entirely the fault of the teamsters that the price for freighting is below a living price. Merchants and consumers have always manifested a willingness to pay a fair price but the foolish policy that has prevailed among teamsters, of taking freight whenever it was scarce at any price, has kept the prices so low that none have made money. This is not as it should be, as it is hard work for man and team but despite this it has seemed to an onlooker that it was not money a teamster wanted, but freight, and bills were contracted along the road until those keeping road houses have of late insisted on cash or its equivalent and by so doing have had by all odds the best of the freighting business. Unless more grain is grown and more hay cut along the Cariboo road, so that it can be sold for a more reasonable price than has been charged at some points for the past year, those having freighting to do or those doing business in the upper country will welcome competition of traction engines or any other way of freight handling. One hundred and sixty dollars per ton for hay, as it is claimed has been charged for hay on the upper end of the road, brings a tired feeling over any one having to foot the bills.

Fort Steele has been made a Port of Entry, with Charles Clarke as collector Golden also has been dealt with similarly with Charles Parsons as Collector—Prospector.

And Ashcroft, with many times the value of business of either and no customs office established here. We have asked for, petitioned and been promised, that is all. May the spirit of reform speedily infuse itself into the hearts of those in authority and give Ashcroft what it badly needs, a Port of Entry.

What is An Ore Shoot.

The explanation of the mode of the occurrence of the ore in the Trail Creek district is given for the enlightment of a correspondent, who has asked; What is an ore shoot? In Trail Creek, as in some other gold districts, the gold is not uniformly distributed throughout the fissures in which the veins occur, but is concentrated in certain parts of the fissures into bodies of ore varying in size, shape and continuity, which are known as ore shoots. In its more restricted sense the term when used in connection with fissure deposits, applies especially to a part of a vein richer in certain metalliferous constituents than the other parts, though the latter may contain certain amounts of these metalliferous constituents and just as much of the other secondary vein minerals as the shoot. The term is, however, often applied to bodies of ore fissures which outside of the limits of these bodies contain little or no vein matter at all. Such deposits are better known as ore chimneys, but in many cases they are looked upon by the miners as shoots and there are no good reasons why they should be classed as such. They differ from more commonly recognized shoots in being isolated bodies of vein matter instead of simply rich spots in otherwise well developed veins. In Trail Creek the veins are of varying richness and shapes and trend in various directions to the fissures. In some places they outcrop at or near the surface, while in others they come to an end at a comparatively shallow depth, though occasionally these shallow shoots are [illegible] depth. The causes of ore shoots in these fissure deposits have not yet been fully determined. The scientists are quarrelling about them, so we'll leave them to fight it out, and only remark in concluding that practical miners say that the position of rich ore bodies is determined by the rocks in which they occur and in passing from one rock to another a fissure may be alternately poor and rich in ore or it may carry an abundance of certain metals in one rock and abundance of others in another, thus causing local accumulations or shoots of different materials. The word "rock" is used herein in its scientific sense.

Of Alaskas Placers

Harrison creek, in the Yukon country, has not yielded any gold this season, but considerable development work has been done.

In the Yukon miners' wages are $10 a day, but on Eagle creek, owing to the added expense of packing provisions over another mountain divide, laborers are paid $12 per day.

The famous Excelsior hydraulic claim near Coal bay, Cook inlet, did not get under way in time this season to prove much about the value of the gravel deposits, though considerable money was taken out of the beach sand along the gravel bluff.

Nearly all the miners at Cook inlet are in the neighborhood of Turnagain arm, and the principal mining of the district was done this summer at Resurrection and Sixmile creeks. On the ninety one claims of Turnagain arm the number of men at work was 625.—Search light.

Granite Creek Mining Company.

The annual meeting of the Granite Creek mining company was held at their offices in Montreal, Tuesday, December 16th. A large number attended and the annual report of the directors, besides reviewing the work of the past year, which was most satisfactory, referred to the charges made by Mr. H. B. Cameron and Mr. H. Brunnel, regarding the management of the company's affairs, and to the alleged improper construction of the works, and after having received the report of Messrs. W. Dale Harris, C. E., and Alexander Fleck, whom the directors had sent to thoroughly investigate the charges, the directors reported as follows: "Your directors have much pleasure in stating that Messrs Harris & Fleck in their report assure the shareholders that the affairs of the company, barring legal delays, which at the date of the report (September 30, 1896) were at an end, were going on quite satisfactorily, that the charges against Messrs. Stevenson and Hogg were without foundation, and that there appeared to be every prospect of a profitable future for the company."

Messrs. Harris and Fleck's report, which was a very lengthy and elaborate one, was also read, and Mr. Harris stated that he was ready to answer any further questions None, however, were asked, and the report was adopted.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the directors for their services, and especially to Messrs. Stevenson and Hogg for the completion of the work of construction, so successfully carried on by them under great difficulties.

The old Board of Directors was re-elected as follows: Robert Stevenson, W. Barclay Stephens, W. L. Hogg, J. N. Greenshields, Q. C., Dr. C. R. Gilbard, A. W. Fleck and W. Dale Harris.

Kamloops Illustrated.

Messrs. Baillie and Bennet, of this city, are engaged in the preparation of a book, which is to be illustrated with half tone engravings, descriptive of Kamloops and the great district of which it is the center. The work should be of great value to this section of the province for Kamloops district only requires to be known to attract the practical attention of investors in all parts of the world.

In the hands of Mr. Baillie, an experienced newspaperman, and Mr. Bennet, who knows the district probably better than any other man in it, we feel confident that "Kamloops Illustrated" will come up to expectations. Citizens of Kamloops and settlers throughout the district should bear in mind that a book such as Messrs. Baillie and Bennet propose issuing, costs a lot money and so should be prepared to aid them liberally with advertising and subscriptions. If "Kamloops Illustrated" does what is expected of it, citizens and settlers will be amply repaid for such investments as they may now make to ensure its production.—Sentinel.

The Golden Ears Mining Co., Ltd., which has its head office at New Westminster, intends erecting a mining plant on its claim on Pitt Lake, in the course of the coming year. Its capital is $40,000, in $1 shares, which are on the market at par. The promoters of this company are Dr. Hall and Messrs. H. A. Eastman and Richard Lonsdale.

The Cariboo Mining, Milling & Smelting Company has declared another dividend of two cents a share, payable on December 7th. The dividend is represented in the sum of $16,000, and is the thirteenth since February, 1895. Up to the present the sum of $125,301.34 has been paid in dividends by the Cariboo Company.

Tenders for the construction of the second section of the Columbia & Western Railroad have been opened and the contracts let at Trail last week. It is now certain that the road from Trail to Rossland will cost in the neighborhood of $600,000. There is no doubt but that this section of about 20 miles of road up the Columbia is the beginning of the road to Boundary. The most feasible route which the engineers have been able to discover seems to be up one of the creeks a few miles north of Robson, which all head in a comparatively low divide, from whence runs south Big Sheep creek, and all the streams draining into Lake Christina. By this route the Boundary country can be tapped by a line passing over only one summit, while a road built directly west from Rossland, without running south from the international boundary, would have two high ranges to cross. In this connection it may be said that the twenty miles of the Columbia & Western system now to be built up the Columbia river from Trail will take the line to a point a little above Robson, and, therefore, in the neighborhood of the C. P. R's line from Robson to Nelson It is not improbable that close running connection will be made between the Columbia & Western and the C. P. R. at Robson. Should this be done a radical shortening of of time between Robson and Nelson and all Kootenay lake points would follow.

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Clinton, Oct. 25th, 1896. 27-54

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INFORMATION.

Post Office at Ashcroft—mails exchanged daily with train mail clerks east and west. These mails close week days at 7.45 p. m. Money order and registration branches close at 7.30 p. m.

Cariboo and intermediate points—Registration closes at 7.30 Saturdays. Other matter for these points may be mailed at the office up to 2 a. m. [illegible]

Clinton and Intermediate—Registration closes Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 7.30 p. m. Other matter mailed up to 5 a. m. Wednesdays and Fridays and 2 a. m on Mondays will go forward.

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St. Alban's—Church of England. Rev A. Anstey Dorrell, vicar. Morning service on Sundays 11 a. m., evening service at 7 p. m. Holy Communion, 11 a. m., 1st Sunday in the month, other Sundays at 8 a. m. Sunday school 2.30 p. m. Evening service with address on Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m.

Zion Presbyterian Church—Services at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. Sunday school (union) at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. M. McKee Presbyterian, and Rev. James Turner Methodist clergymen, preach on alternate Sundays. All are cordially invited to attend.

A Question of Locality.

"Up at a point up the coast where we do go shooting occasionally," said a local nimrod, "I went into the only store to see if I could get some whisky."

The proprietor looked me over rather critically, as he slowly said: "You don't live in these parts, do you?"

"No," I replied, "I don't; but what has that to do with it? Is it against the law to sell the stuff?"

"Oh, no; there's no law prohibiting the sale of whisky here, at least. we never hear of it," he said as he screwed a cork into the bottle and passed it over. "But if you need any more while you are staying here I'll advise you to say before hand that you are a tourist."

"Would you object to telling me why?" I inquired.

"Well, you see, it is this way," he remarked confidentially; "we have a good many calls for whisky from the natives around here, Indians and halfbreeds. Of course it would be down right shame to waste good liquor on such people; who wouldn't appreciate it anyway, and so on," he added, as he pulled out a buckskin sack and gave me the change, "we don't do it." "I see," I remarked; "you handle two brands, and sell the cheaper one to the natives."

"Exactly—it is cheaper and they like it better, too. Good whisky isn't bad enough to suit them. I take a gallon of ordinary whisky and add to it five gallons of creek water. Then I mix in a pound of red pepper to make it bite, and two quarts strong tobacco juice to make it intoxicating. It suits them all right, but if a man who isn't used to it takes a drink of it he will think he has swallowed a torchlight procession. A week of it will give him enough snakes to fit out a menagerie."

I stayed there several days afterward, but whenever I felt thirsty I used to go right down to the creek and drink snow water.

A Mad Man.

The maddest man in the states resides in a neighboring city, says an exchange. One evening last week he attended a social given at a private residence and during the evening the ladies inaugurated a hugging bee, the proceeds to go to the church. Prices were graded according to the person to be hugged. For instance for hugging a young inexperienced girl, you had to give up ten cents; married women brought fifteen cents and widows a quarter. Old maids came in a bunch for three cents. Well, our friend was blindfolded and giving up fifteen cents said he would take a married woman. After he had hugged fifteen cents worth the bandage was removed from his eyes and lo! and behold, he had been hugging his own wife! Then he wanted his fifteen cents back. His wife said that was the best hug since the honeymoon.

Mr. Bryan's activity and oratory have been among the most remarkable features of the Presidential campaign. According to the New York World's statistics, he made 529 speeches, in 477 cities and villages of 27 states, and traveled 18,831 miles. It is estimated that he traveled twice as many miles, and made three times as many speeches as all the Presidential candidates of all the parties since the beginning of the Government. He spoke to over 2,00,000 people.

President Cleveland will be sixty years old two weeks after his present term of office expires.

The indications are that American wheat will command a high price the rest of the year and during next year. The Mark Lane Express, the great English journal of trade, says that no wheat can be exported from India before April, 1898. It is there that the United States has found its most formidable competitor.

The Chicago Common Council has passed an ordinance providing for the sale of 4-cent-fares by the street railway companies. The companies threaten to abolish the transfer system if the ordinance is put in effect and it will then be in order for the city to pass another law requiring them to restore the system of transfers.

Courts of Revision and Appeal, Yale West Riding.

A court of Revision and Appeal under the Assessment Act 1888 and amending acts will be held at the court house, Ashcroft on Monday 28th December, at the court house Spences Bridge on Tuesday December 29th, at the court house Lytton on Wednesday December 30th and at Yale on Thursday December 31st, each day at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

32-31 JAMES WARDLE,
Judge of Court of Revision and Appeal
Yale, December 8th, 1896.

NOTICE

A sitting of the county court of Cariboo will be held at Ashcroft, B.C., on Monday the eleventh day of January, 1897, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon.

JOS. WM. BURR,
31- Deputy register.
Ashcroft, B. C., December 4th, 1896.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 640 acres of pastoral land situated in the Lillooet District, described as follows, commencing at the southwest corner of lot 166, thence south 20 chains, thence west 60 chains more or less to the Fraser river thence north 160 chains along the east bank of river thence east 60 chains more or less to the north west corner of lot 166, thence south 80 chains to the point of commencement.

G.W. MOORE.
Alkali Lake, Nov., 25, 1896. 31 37

Executor's Notice.

The undersigned executors of the estate of the late George Johnstone, sr., of the 150-Mile House, notify all who are indebted to the above estate, that all accounts must be paid forthwith to the executors only, and all who have accounts against the said estate to send in their accounts at once to the undersigned.

R. BORLAND, } Executors.
FRED'K ROSE, }
150-Mile House, Cariboo, December 5th, 1896. 33

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CARIBOO, HOLDEN AT ASHCROFT, B.C.

To the Smoky River Mining Company, of Soda Creek, B. C.

Take, notice, that a plaint has been entered and a summons issued against you in the above County Court by Harvey, Bailey & Co., merchants, of Ashcroft, B. C. for the sum of $126.72 (one hundred and twenty-six dollars and seventy-two cents) for goods sold and delivered, and an order has been made that the publication of a notice of the entry of such plaint in the Ashcroft MINING JOURNAL, shall be deemed to be service of the summons upon you.

The summons will be heard at Ashcroft, B. C., on the 11th day of January, 1897, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on which day you are required to appear, and if you do not appear either in person or by your solicitor at the time and place above mentioned, such order will be made and proceedings taken as the judge may think just and expedient

JOSEPH WM. BURR,
Deputy Registrar.
Dated this 12th day of December, A. D. 1896. 33-36

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to confirm the registration, incorporation and powers of the Cottonwood River (B. C.) Alluvial Gold Mining Company, Limited, foreign, confirming the said company in the property rights, privileges and easement already acquired applies for or held by them and extending the term of years under which the same are held or enjoyed, empowering the company to apply for and obtain mining leases of lands of any area in extent now or hereafter to be applied for and consolidating the several leaseholds or holdings held hereafter to be acquired and declaring that the water privileges and all other rights and privileges and easements now held or hereafter to be acquired by the company may be held and enjoyed as appurtenant to the whole or any part of the company's property, all the work that is necessary to be performed to hold all such leases or holdings and for all other powers rights or privileges necessary incidental or convenient to or for the working of the company's property;

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this eighth day of December 1896.

A. S. G. HAMERSLEY,
32 37 Solicitor for the applicants.

Assessment Notice

HORSEFLY GOLD MINING COMPANY—Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 4th day of November, 1896, an assessment of Twenty-five Cents (25c.) per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the company, No. 610 Clay street; San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the twenty-first (21st) day of December, 1896 will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and unless payment is made before will be sold on the twentieth (20th) day of January, 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m. to pay the delinquent assessment together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale. R. T. WARD, Secretary,
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27 34 JOHN E. MOORE.
Alkali Lake, Nov. 2nd., 1896.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land situated on the north bank of the Chilcoten river, Cariboo district, said land being now particularly described as follows, commencing at the south west corner of my preemption claim situated about 10 miles east of Hanceville, thence north 20 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south to Chilcoten river, thence easterly along same point of commencement.

27-34 JOHN McLEOD,
Hanceville, Chilcoten, B. C. Oct. 5, 1895,

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Several very promising quartz bearing locations are also being developed in the Lillooet district, and as machinery capable of treating the refractory ore on the most improved methods will soon be imported, the excellent results already attained are attracting miners and mining men in large numbers.

The Cariboo region and northern interior of British Columbia can only be reached by railway to Ashcroft, thence by stage. Traveling by day only, Quesnelle and other points are reached in three days, Barkerville in four. The roads are excellent, and the stopping places convenient.

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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
139-Mile House	124
141-Mile House	126
144-Mile House	129
150-MILE HOUSE	135
Soda Creek	165
Alexandria	183
Moffat's	189
Australian Ranch	198
Bohanon's	206
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.

Places	Miles
Big Lake	150
Beaver Lake	167
Quesnelle Forks	191

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO PROSPECTORS.

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LOCAL NEWS.

John C. Collins has gone to Kootenay on a business trip.

A Merry Christmas to all our paid up subscribers and advertisers.

J. S. Place of Dog Creek who came down a few weeks ago returned *home* the first of the week.

F. W. Foster and Fred Foster left for Victoria Tuesday evening where they will spend Christmas at home.

D. *Anderson public school* teacher left last Saturday evening for Westminster to spend his Christmas holidays with his parents.

Miss Vannie Hughes of New Westminster arrived in town last Thursday and will remain a few weeks visiting Mr. and *Mrs. James* Haddock.

Jim Russell is busy at his new headquarters, the Kamloops House, which is run in connection with the Cosmopolitan. Jack Hardy is one of the aides at the latter place.

Geo. Black, well known in Cariboo and all over the province, died at Hastings on Monday, December 21st, aged 65 years. He was buried at New Westminster on Westminster.

The sanitary condition of Kamloops is not good and there has been much sickness there of late. Let Ashcroft take warning, clean up the town. We want no typhoid fever here.

Ashcroft sustained a serious loss this week by the departure of two faro men from Seattle who came up with a lay out to "clean up" the town. Evidently the field was not fruitful.

M. P. Stewart, freight clerk at the C. P. R. station Ashcroft, is taking a well earned holiday. He will spend a few days visiting friends in Kamloops before going to the coast. Mr. J. Barker is relieving him.

Major Burnet, C.E., who is largely interested in the Lillooet district came in on Saturdays stage and took the train the same evening for the coast. He will issue a map of the district shortly which will be authentic.

The public school closed last Friday for the Xmas holidays and the children are enjoying themselves immensely. A pleasant feature of the examination was the large attendance of trustees and parents which encourages the children and teacher in their work.

The Clinton Ball, which occurs the 7th and 8th of Jan. will no doubt be an event *long remembered*. Great preparations are being made and good music, prompting, and good suppers will as usual be provided. Ashcroft will no doubt turn out a *delegation and the country in general* will be represented.

It is reported of a narrow drowning accident on the skating rink last Sunday night. A young boy who takes advantage of the night and was on the ice, got to near the lowest end, which is about a foot deep and would probably have gone through had not friends interfered. It would be advisable for some of our young men to wear a life preserver when on the ice alone.

The Ashcroft Amateur Dramatic Society will give a *minstrel entertainment* in the town hall about January 19th or 20th. Practices will be held and everything is in readiness for a first show. As soon as possible after the minstrel a first class drama will be given. These entertainments should be well patronised by the citizens of Ashcroft and encourage our local talent. Considerable expense will be incurred in procuring costumes, books, scenes, etc., and it is to be hoped that a good house will greet them whenever they put anything on the boards.

The Bishop of New Westminster arrived here on a visitation tour by Friday's train and held a Confirmation service on Sunday afternoon. There were five candidates confirmed. The Bishop gave an *admirable address* before the laying on of hands, and preached both morning and evening at the usual services. During his stay the Bishop was the guest of Hon. C. F. Cornwall and the Vicar of the parish. On Monday evening there was a social gathering at the Vicarage to afford an opportunity to the parishoners of meeting the Bishop, when a pleasant evening was spent with music and conversation. His Lordship left again by the westbound train the same night.

Wm. Polleys and Andy Birrell, of Quesnelle Forks, and both among the owners of the *Maud, Fishback and other good* Properties, came down on Tuesday's stage and are now sojourning for a few days in Vancouver. Mr. Birrell has not been down since 1861. They both have great faith in the future of Quesnelle Forks and their faith is without doubt well founded. Within the next three years a lively town will be situated between the two branches that form the Quesnelle. It is an ideal place for a little city and the very centre of a rich mining area. Any one going to Quesnelle Forks to engage in business will make no mistake if they count on a healthy growth of the town. The Rose gulch claim, owned by Jim Bain and partners have made a good showing this season. The company at the Dam employ about 200 men, wages, $2 50 per day, board $1.00. All men so far applying have been given work. In one boarding house 150 men can be seated at once. There are several good buildings erected at the lake and men are comfortable. Work is progressing very rapidly.

Mrs. W. J. Gienceross spent several days at Kamloops this week.

Clarence Tingley of the 108 Mile House spent Christmas with his parents in town.

The outlook for mining on Coal Hill and other sections near Kamloops is very bright.

W. H. Stephenson, the jeweler of Kamloops, has a fine stock of holiday goods and is doing a good trade.

Hay, red top in car lots for sale offers wanted f. o. b. C. P. R. stations. A. H. Harman & Co., 44 Broad street Victoria, B.C.

The Inland Sentinel presents a very neat appearance and is now enlarged to an eight page paper and full of news of general interest.

Miss Hattie Ogie who has spent some time with her sister Mrs. A. L. Clements left this week for Sardis where she will spend Christmas with her parents.

Oliver Harvey, senior member of the firm of Harvey, Bailey & Co., left for Enderby last Sunday night where he will take charge of the firms branch store at *that place.*

See new adds this week. Hay for sale, County Court Notice, Clinton, Notice of Application for special bills, Wilson and Campbell, S. Tingley, For Rent, Black smith shop, 150 Mile House.

The Oddfellows ball which takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday evening, January 29th and 30th and promises to *eclipse all others ever held.* The Oddfellows will turn out in full force this year.

B. Wehrfritz, of Kamloops reports business as good. He has his soda works in operation and is turning out a good grade of goods. He is paying 25 cents per dozen for empty beer bottles in six or eight barrel lots, shipped to the Imperial brewery.

Mrs. James Newland returned from Kamloops last Saturday night accompanied by her daughter Miss Katie who has been attending Miss Beattie's school at that place. Miss Newland stood first in the school and brought a number of prizes home with her.

What may prove to be the beginning of the end of the Durrant case took place in the chamber of the superior court, San Francisco last Tuesday. The brief of Theodore Durrant was filed and was granted a re-submission. The attorney general also filed a brief replying to the defendant's counsel. Durrant is now *given ten days in which to file a brief, replying,* after which the case of the alleged murder of Blanche Lamont will be finally decided.

Some talk of Africanders
And some of Kootenays,
Westralians of the Randters
And such great mines as these.
But of all the earth's great bankers
There are none that stand a show
With the deep, deep deposits
Of old golden Cariboo.

The above effusion was sent to the JOURNAL office with a request for publication. If the lucky prospector who wrote it (for he evidently struck something) would devote his entire time to poetry he might rise to eminence as a poet, but it would no doubt take time.

The Cinnabar mine, at Savonas is in splendid shape at present. A tunnel is in now 150 feet and 100 feet is in ore grading *1 to 5 per cent quicksilver. A new working* tunnel is now started lower down. Rich streaks of ore are found all through the low grade. Twenty three men are employed *and Manager Veatch expects to* have the new furnace in operation by March. Comfortable buildings have been erected and all together the outlook for the only cinnabar mine under the British flag is in a very satisfactory condition.

At the recent visit of Mr Blair, the Minister of Railways, to Kamloops an address was presented by the citizens. It was well gotten up and well received. The only thing that we citizens at Ashcroft can take exception to is the statement that "the valley of the North Thompson presents the most feasible, if not indeed the only, practicable route from the south into the famous Cariboo Gold Fields, etc." If our Kamloops friends will read the report of H. P. Bell, Provincial Surveyor, on the *subject they will find that in speaking of* those routes to Cariboo, viz., from Ashcroft, from Savonas, or from Kamloops he says of the three that for many reasons *the Deadman creek route is most practicable.* The route up the Bonaparte from Ashcroft the next most possible, but to build up the North Thompson would be a very *difficult if not impossible engineering* feat.

Public School Examination.

The Christmas examination was held on Friday last, when an opportunity was given to the trustees, parents and others to see the results of the current year's work by teacher and scholars. The parents and others who were present, were highly pleased with the manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves in their classes and with their work. That the examination was highly satisfactory and that solid progress has been made, go to show that Mr. Anderson is a thorough, conscientious and efficient teacher, and one, who from his educational standing, viz., a graduate of Aberdeen University, is fully capable of commanding a much higher position in educational circles. Apart from the duties of his noble and responsible calling; moulding the young mind in channels that determine wellfare here and hereafter Mr. Anderson gives much of his time and is a pronounced factor in promoting the religious interests of our town.

We wish him a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. CITIZEN.

John Wilson, of 8 Mile creek, spent part of Friday in town.

H. C. Magee, of Pavilion, passed through Ashcroft last Saturday evening.

Rev. James Turner went to Kamloops Thursday night to visit some of his old time friends.

J. B Bryson, of the firm of Smith & Bryson, blacksmiths, came in from the 20 Mile House to spend Christmas.

S. Bressler, a well known miner from Lillooet, returned from the coast Thursday night and drove to Lillooet next morning.

Two wagon loads of the youth and beauty of Ashcroft drove up to Barnes' lakes *yesterday and enjoyed an hour's* skate.

Incorporations.

The following mining companies give notice of incorporation in the last issue of the Gazette.

Alpha Bell Gold Quartz mining company, of Vancouver; $500,000.

Black Rock Gold mining company, of Seattle; $1,000,000.

Bowen Island mining company, of Tacoma: $1,000,000.

British Columbia Gold Property company of Victoria; $250,000.

Dundurn Gold mining company of Rossland, $1,000,000.

Gopher Gold mining company of Rossland, $1,000,000.

Quesnelle mining company, of Chicago, $1,000,000.

Spokane-Kaslo mining & milling company of Spokane, $9,00,000.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Take notice that all overdue accounts not settled before the first day of February, 1897, will be placed in the hands of my attorney for *collection.* WM. LYNE.
Proprietor of the Ashcroft Hotel.
Ashcroft, B. C., Dec 22nd. 1896. 23 29

PRIVATE BILL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will *be made to the legislature* of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to extend the period within which the Cariboo Railway company shall commence the railway authorised to be constructed by the Cariboo Railway Company's Consolidated Act 1894 for a period of four years and that the period for the completion of the said railway shall be extended for a period of four years.

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Dated this 15th day of December, 1896.
33 S. TINGLEY.

NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court of Cariboo will be held at the Court House Clinton, on Thursday the 18th day of March, 1897, at the hour of ten in the forenoon. By order
F. SOUES
Registrar C. C.
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Clinton, December 17th, 1896.

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Also, that our storage and forwarding department will now be carried on separately under the firm name of W. B. Bailey & Co., our Mr. Bailey taking entire charge of same.

We take this opportunity of thanking you for your patronage in the past and hope to be favored with a continuance of same and trust that our business relations in future will be on as pleasant lines as heretofore. We are yours faithfully,

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Ashcroft, B. C., October 1st, 1896.

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NOTICE.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

3rd December, 1896.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint

James Wardle, of the village of Hope, Esquire, J.P., to be a judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal for that portion of the Yale Electoral district known as the Hope, Yale, Lytton and Caché Creek polling divisions, vice John Murray, deceased. 33

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