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CATTLE QUARANTINE

The following letter has been received by William Walker, vice-president of the Inland Agricultural Association of British Columbia in response to resolutions passed at a special meeting held at Ashcroft, January 11th, and which were forwarded to Ottawa.

Ottawa, January 19th, 1897.

Wm. Walker, Esq., Vice President of the Inland Agricultural Association of British Columbia, Ashcroft, B. C.

DEAR SIR: The memorial of your association, signed by you, dated 11th January, is just received. The order in council ratifying the agreement which I came to in Washington about the 20th December was passed on the 11th inst. Your memorial therefore was too late to have any effect. I must say that I received a telegram from Mr. Bostock, M.P., informing me that this memorial would come, and I understood somewhat of the views contained in it. I regret extremely that you should entertain such gloomy anticipations of what the result will be; and from my own knowledge of agricultural matters and belief in the energy, activity and capacity of our British Columbia people I trust that these anticipations will not be fulfiled. The quarantine regulations are imposed purely and simply for the purpose of guarding the health of our animals. We would not be justified at all in using them for purposes of trade restriction or protection as it is commonly called. At this very moment farmers and the public generally in Canada are denouncing England because she has imposed quarantine regulations in regard to our cattle without justification as far as disease is concerned, and, as we say, evidently for protective purposes. The universal feeling in this country is one of indignation against this action on her part. It would therefore be very inconsistent for our government here to take the same course in regard to the matter upon which you write me. I must point out, however, that there is already a duty on cattle coming into Canada. If you do not consider that duty sufficiently high the committee investigating the tariff is the proper medium to apply to for a remedy. I must further say that the agricultural interests of this whole country in my judgment will be enormously benefitted by the arrangement which I have made with the Americans and it is my duty to carry out such a policy as is in the interests of the farmers whom I represent over the whole country. I want to point out to you further that the mining population in Southern Kootenay whose market you wish to retain is so close to the boundary line that your rivals in the states would have no trouble in slaughtering on the south of the line and sending the dead meat in, thereby preventing your reaping those large profits which you evidently had been hoping for. I may say that the Alberti ranchers had eyes upon that market and were expecting to be able to compete with you and undersell you there. I dont believe therefore that this change will materially injure you and I trust that you will be able still to reap an enormous benefit from the mining population which all Canada is hoping to see enter British Columbia the coming summer. Trusting this explanation will show you the necessity of my action, and that the results will be better than you fear. Yours truly,

SYDNEY FISHER.

Lac La Hache.

The weather here during the early part of the week was somewhat severe but for the last two or three days we have been enjoying a beautiful spring temperature.

The stock raisers all have sufficient feed to last them till the middle of April.

The event of the season, which has been looked forward to with eager approval by all our terpsichorean artists, came off an immense success on the nights of Jan. 27th and 28th at the residence of Mr. R. Folker. Never in the annals of Lac La Hache history was a more sociable or enjoyable time passed than at those two nights dancing. The largest crowd ever congregated in this vicinity of both sexes were present. Messrs. Ogden and Able were the floor managers, and in their genial and sociable ways gave eminent satisfaction and saw that everyone danced to their heart's content. Mr. Ogden was assisted in "calling off" by Messrs. G. Hamilton and A. McPherson, and you may be sure that no Timothy grew under the feet of the dancers during a quadrille. Messrs. R. Alexander, F. Hamilton and H. Ogden pleased the company with the choicest music. At twelve o'clock a most sumptuous feast was partaken of which would entirely eclipse any prepared by New York's Delmonico, Gebet's or Betourneys of southern fame, and superlative credit is due Mrs. Folker and her help for the quality and quantity of tasty delicacies which adorned the table and later satisfied the appetites of the dancers. After supper dancing was resumed and vigorously kept up until eight in the morning, when after the usual au revoirs, etc., the company broke up to return to their various homes and snatch a little daylight sleep and then to return with redoubled force and energy that night, when dancing was resumed till twelve, then supper and dancing till five o'clock followed, after which a concert of pleasing variety rendered by Mrs. J. Hamilton, Messrs. T. and W. Hamilton, Baldock, R. and W. Folker, Williams, Corcina, A. McPherson, I. Hamilton and J. Wright, whose witty songs and choruses brought the house down. About 7 o'clock our kind host was seized and raised to the ceiling by a hundred willing hands, where he was danced and chorused around to the tune of "Dick is a jolly good fellow," etc, and I think he will feel those violent expressions of gratitude for many a day; if not in his heart he will on his body, as they were not only pressing and touching but pounding salutations which he received. The chorus, "Good Night Ladies," was then sung and the guests proceeded to overpower their popular host and hostess with congratulations, good wishes and farewells. As to who was the belle will be a disputed topic for some time.

Several matrimonial alliances are looked forward to with awakening interest. If they come to pass may the principals be as happy as they were at Mr. Folker's ball ever after. If marriage is not a failure?

Savona.

Mr. C F. Cleary, mining expert of Butte, Mont., paid the Copper creek mines a visit this week accompanied by Mr. Oliver Redpath and was much pleased with what he saw.

Several claims have been staked on the recent cinnibar discovery adjoining the village, a little blasting has been done with very favorable results.

Mr. A. B. Ferguson is making preparations for the coming season by putting up large quantities of ice which is so essential at a well equipped hotel and summer resort like we boast of here.

J. B. Leightons band of about one hundred and fifty head of cattle and a large number of horses are in excellent condition and Mr. Leighton is fortunate enough in having a sufficient quantity of hay to feed one hundred and seventy-five head for Wm. Roper. This is as it should be, there is nothing starved to death on the Leighton ranch.

J. C. Cruse who owned one-half interest in the Great Goat mineral claim, one of the Gathgroup of claims on Cayoosh creek has purchased the other half. This is said to be very desirable property.

A young man paid Ashcroft a business visit during the week. He reports eggs as being rather scarce, or at least he saw none floating through the air and accidentally striking the peg that held his hat and coat, as was the case on his last visit to Kamloops. He is somewhat suspicious that Kamloops hens are crossed with a gatling gun.

S Robins, who has been so seriously ill at the Ashcroft Hotel was taken this week up to the home of his old time friend Charles Pennie. Mr. Robin's friends and these include all who know him will be very certain that the best of care and attention will be given him by Mr. and Mrs. Pennie. Mr. Pennie and Mr. Robins were associated in business more than twenty-five years ago. Mr. Robin's condition is serious but all hope for an improvement in his health in the near future.

KAMLOOPS.

James Russel, of the Cosmopolitan has been on the sick list for a few days but is now among the convalescents.

Every hotel in Kamloops is crowded and beds at a premium. What the spring will bring forth remains to be seen but from the present outlook there will be many more people in the city than can secure proper accommodations. Everyone seems to agree that a new and thoroughly good hotel is badly needed and the people would very gladly assist any enterprising hotel man who would undertake to give Kamloops what it requires in the way of a new and strictly first class hotel.

A stock company is being formed with a capital of $25,000 to take over the cigar manufacturing business now owned by Borthwick & Co., of Kamloops This company has manufactured more than $25,000 worth of cigars the past year and have given thorough satisfaction to their customers. The output will be largely increased in the near future. The establishing of this industry on so extensive a scale means much for Kamloops

E. G. Prior & Co., are preparing for a large trade the coming season in agricultural instruments, wagons and carriages

The Imperial Brewing Company of Kamloops has been sold by B. Wehrfritz to a local syndicate for the sum of $19,500. A cash payment of $1,500 has been made and the syndicate are to assume charge of the business soon. It will be conducted in the future on an enlarged scale and the output will be largely increased. It is now one of the best properties in the Province. A new York man who has lately come to Kamloops to reside is one of the largest holders in the new company.

The Kamloops people pull together, is one secret of the success of the little city. As an instance a lucky mine owner sold a mine the other day, getting a $5,000 cash payment. He promptly invited forty friends to an entertainment at the Chrystal restaurant. Forty men responded and it is said that so unanimous was the feeling that forty corks were pulled from forty bottles of Scotch at the same time. Forty speeches were made, forty toasts drunk and forty headaches resulted the next day. The giver of the banquet richly deserves his good fortune and has many friends who are glad to see sales of this kind made.

C. P. R. vs Parke.

In the case of Canadian Pacific railway company vs. Parke and Pinchard the injunction to restrain defendants from irrigating their land was refused and the action of the plaintiffs was dismissed with costs. Justice Drake in his judgment said: "If the damage done to plaintiffs line had been caused by turning the surplus water on to the line that would be negligence. But the water has been used in lawful manner and no negligence has been shown."

In the case of C. P. R. vs. Wood et al, which is connected with the irrigation of lands, judgment was given for the C.P.R. plaintiffs, with $8,774 damages.

Social and Dance

A fancy dress social and dance will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening, February 18th. Good music will be provided. Tickets, including lunch, $1.25 per couple. Spectators only, 25 cents each. Will those who expect to attend in costume please give their names to any member of the committee before the 17th.

Committee { MRS. LESLIE, MISS HALL, MR. LESLIE.

Freight Shipments

Below will be found the date of departure, teamster and destination for freight shipped north by Ashcroft forwarding agents:

Jan. 29.	G Murphy, Quesnelle	7,005
" 29.	J R Hamilton, Wm's lake	2,800
" 29.	A McRae, Quesnelle Forks	7,200
" 30.	W S Cook, Lillooet	10,300
" 30.	H C Rayson, Ques Forks	8,400
Feb. 1.	J Dickey, Lillooet	1,307
" 2.	C Gage, Clinton	5,500
" 2.	A H Martley, Lillooet	3,026
" 5.	D Dessault, Dog Creek	500
" 2.	James Walker, Quesnelle	17,500
" 2.	W S Cook, Lillooet	10,900
" 3.	J. Didley, Lillooet	4,800
" 3.	S S Delair, Horsefly	8,000
" 3.	H. C Rayson, Horsefly	10,200
" 4.	M J McCarthy, Soda creek	18,100
" 4.	K. G. McLennan, Horsefly	7,000
"	B. C. X. Clinton	1,200
" 5.	W Tressairo, Dog Creek	5,000
Total		128,738

Last Monday morning the residents of Ashcroft were disturbed in their peaceful slumbers by the sound of fire crackers and other explostons which announced that it was the Chinese New Year. The Chinese are a conservative people, and when others made changes in calculating time they would have none of them. They also refuse to keep a continuous record of time, and when an emperor dies they begin afresh, consequently they ushered in only the twenty-third year at 12 o'clock Monday night, or rather, to put it in their legal documents, the "twenty-third year of the reign of Kwong Suy," the present emperor. Kwong Suy has the distinction of having been born a king 23 years ago, and has been ruler of the mighty empire since his infancy.

S. A. Rogers, Wm. Adams and C. A. Semlin, left on Wednesday to attend to their Parliamentary duties. Mrs. Adams accompanied her husband to remain for a few weeks.

Masquerade Carnival.

The grand fancy dress carnival which was announced to take place on the Ashcroft skating rink Tuesday evening, February 2nd, was a great success. The ice was in good condition considering the mild weather of the past week, and the rink was well lighted with large lamps and a string of Chinese lanterns which were hung across the center of the rink set it off very nicely, and with a large bonfire on each side of the rink the costumes of the skaters were shown fine. At eight o'clock the crowd began to gather, fully two hundred spectators being in attendance, with over fifty masqueraders on the ice, about 9 30 o'clock it was announced that the judges had made their decision and all unmasked. The following were the prize winners: Best lady's costume, Mrs. A. L. Clements; best gent's costume, Mr. Walter Shaw; best girl's costume, Miss Pauline Tingley; best boy's costume, G. V. Ogle. Several of the boys' costumes were good, and would no doubt received a prize had they been better masked.

It was a difficult matter for the judges to arrive at a decision where there were so many really good costumes to select from. The judges were C. A. Semlin, M. P. P., S. A. Rogers, M. P. P., Wm. B. Bailey, Jos. Wm. Burr and H. C. Rayson

The committee done all that was possible to have the rink in shape, and great credit is due Stanley Creelman for way he has superintended the rink this winter.

Below will be found a list of nearly all the skaters in costume, although there are several we have been unable to obtain.

Mrs. H. E. Leslie, Maid of Athens
" A L Clements, night
" L McKay, gypsy
" J C Smith, good luck
Miss Ward, bride
" Wardell, Japanese lady
" Shaw, press girl
" C Ogle, demon
" H Ogle, red riding hood
" B Bell, *winter*
" E Reynolds, winter
" A Higginbottom, Scotch lassie
" P Tingley, daughter of the regiment
" F Evans, ghost
Mr. Walter Shaw, old arm chair
" H E Leslie, Incroyable
" A Haddock, groom
" J H Clement, bloomer girl
" C B Dean, clown
" A L Clement, Uncle Sam
" George Bailey, minstrel
" M Bailey, high and piper
" G Ogle, *Simple Simon*
" Booth, clown;
" A Woods, devil
" H W Harvey, bulletin board
" L McKay, cook
" S T Creelman, *Maggie Murphy*
" F G Tingley, clergyman
" Mark Dumond, humpty dumpty
" W S Jamieson, typewriter
" Haddock, Dutchman
" G Skene, minstrel
" J C Smith, Uncle Sam
" M McKee, monk
John Thompson,
Frank Reynolds, grandmother
T Higginbottom, cook
Roy McDonald, cow boy
Hugh Cornwall, huntsman
Fitz Cornwall, soldier
Herb Milliken, Indian
Lewis Munson, dunce
Harry Glenecross, negro boy
Rod Mackay, prince
Gregor Mckay, old man

Another Pioneer Gone.

At the residence of C. McDonald, on the Bonaparte, on Saturday, Jan. 20th, Wm. H. Keatley aged 53 years, died of pneumonia. Mr. Keatley was in his usual robust health until a very few days before his death. Mr. Keatley was one of the oldest and most respected settlers of British Columbia, coming here a mere boy in 1859 and residing in this section ever since. He was the owner of a fine ranch 20 miles from Lillooet and for the past eight years has seldom failed to make his regular weekly trip to Ashcroft for freight for the Lillooet merchants. He was a man honorable in his dealings and one whose word was his bond. Mr. Keatley leaves relatives in Iowa, a brother, Col. John Keatley, who was one time U S. judge for Alaska, and another brother who has been for many years past with the Chicago Tribune. He was a member of the Lillooet Pioneer Society and this year was the first time since its organization that he has missed the banquet, given always the first part of January. He leaves a widow surviving him but no children. A large concourse of friends and neighbors were in attendance at the Episcopal church on Monday, Feb. 1st, where services were held by the Rev. Borrel over the remains, after which, all that remained of William H. Keatley, save memory, was interred in the Ashcroft cemetery. Many of the residents of Lillooet, old neighbors and friends and also several from Clinton were in attendance to testify their regard and respect to the memory of Wm. H. Keatley.

A poverty social will be held in the town hall Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society. All are cordially invited to attend.

BARKERVILLE.

An interesting society event took place last Sunday evening when Miss Mary, daughter of the late N. H. Bromn, of this place, was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur Tegart, the popular proprietor of the Barkerville Hotel. The ceremony, which took place in the parlor of the Hotel, was performed by Rev. James Turner. Only a few immediate friends of the young couple witnessed the ceremony. A dance was given on Monday night in honor of the newly married couple, when an opportunity was afforded the boys of having a dance with the bride. About midnight champagne and cake were passed around and the health of the young couple was tousted by the company. Soon afterwards the dance broke up, when showers of congratulations and good wishes were poured upon Mr. and Mrs. Tegart for their future happiness.

Last week a party of eight chinamen started to cross the trail to Quesnelle Forks. When they reached Sawmill Flat one of their number, who had been sick when they started, died. It was reported that he had been frozen, but upon investigating the matter it was found that he had died a natural death. Some of his companions had their hands badly frozen, and returned to town for treatment, bringing the corpse with them.

On Tuesday Messrs. Jones and Tregillus, of Stanley, brought to the hospital Mr. James Donovan, who resided five and one half miles below Stanley. He had been suffering with a sore leg and decided to come to Stanley for treatment. After making a crutch to assist him he started for town. The day being very cold and having to support himself with his hands on the crutch and walking stick, his fingers were frozen. He was brought to the hospital for treatment and on being examined by Dr. A. C. Tunstall it was found that not only was he suffering from frost bite but also from pneumonia and scurvy. On the evening of the second day after being admitted he lapsed into a state of unconsciousness from which he never recovered. He died about eleven o'clock on Thursday evening. Mr. Donovan came to Cariboo in the early days and was in the "Discovery," on Last Chance creek. He left here in '65, taking with him a fortune but since then he had met with reverses and returned to Cariboo about ten years ago, when he loosted on the creek which bears his name and on which he had lived until his affliction overtook him.

Lower Nicola

It seems about time that Nicola was beginning to toot her horn a little in the mining direction. Several good ledges have been located here lately and two or three claims have been doing their assessment work and the rock taken out looks well.

Mr. A. Irwin is sinking a shaft on his ledge, it is down some 12 or 14 feet. The rock shows copper and galena.

A new ledge was struck a short time ago by H E. Richardson, the croppings of which assayed $4 in gold and $130 in silver. Work is being done on this property and the rock resembles the Slocan ore. It is expected that a company will develop this ledge this season.

This is a section that has been passed over by many an old miner and pronounced barren of any mineral, but my opinion is that Nicola will be in the swim yet. Large beds of gypsum have been found and float rock that assay as high $57 in gold. No ledge of the latter has been struck, but just as soon as the hills are clear of snow, they will be alive with tenderfeet looking for this particular ledge, so you need not be surprised to hear of some rich finds in Nicola yet.

Sleighing from here to Granite is first-class and parties wishing to move any freight would do well to look alive and get it in before the snow goes off, as the roads are very bad in the spring, especially during the months of April and May.

Stock is doing well, but if the weather continues cold for another month feed will be all gone. Most of the farmers have been feeding since November.

Mr. R. H. Campbell left Ashcroft on Monday for Barkerville to make arrangements for the putting later one of his hydraulic elevators. Mr. Campbell will return to Ashcroft next week and shortly after leave for the Horsefly where work on a large scale will be inaugurated by the Miocene Gold Mining company of which Mr. Campbell is manager. From the present outlook there will be a large amount of work done in that section the coming season.

Dr. Furrer of Kamloops has been on the sick list the past week.

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Died Far From Home.

January 19th a young Englishman about thirty five years of age registered at the Windsor Hotel from Cloverdale, B. C by the name of F. P. Nightingale. He was of florid complexion, dark hair and eyes and was dressed in typical mountain fashion. As is customary in these parts no questions were asked him and therefore nobody knew his business, whither he came, nor whence he was going. Saturday night on returning to his room he was stricken with paralysis and fell to the floor. Assistance was summoned and he was made as comfortable as possible in his bed Dr. Phol was summoned and advised his immediate removal to the hospital.

From papers found on his person it was learned that his Godfather's address was F. W. Drye, Kensington Gardens, England, and that he had sisters lying at Maida Villa, England It was evident from the tone of letters found upon him from his relatives that he was of high rank, and was, or had lately been, on an extended hunting expedition in the Chilcoten country. It is believed to have been his intention to go into business either in New Denver or Slocan City. A cablegram was sent to his people in the old country but no reply was received and his body was interred here Tuesday afternoon.—Ledge.

Companies Combine.

Dr. Miln returned Monday evening from Vancouver, where he had been negotiating with the promoters of the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern Railway Company for the purpose of securing a charter to construct a railway from the coast to Kootenay. Their negotiations proved successful and the two companies have now joined hands for the purpose of securing the charter. They will also ask the Dominion and provincial governments for assistance to construct a railway from the coast to Lethbridge.—Victoria Colonist.

East Kootenay.

There is no possible doubt as to the future of this district, as a great mineral producing country. During the year 1895. there was located and recorded 160 mining claims, and 109 certificates of assessment was issued by the recorder, showing that the owners of property have great faith in their claims. During the year 1896 there was 345 locations recorded, showing an increase of over 100 per cent. This is a very creditable showing it speaks volumes for the district many of the ledges discovered are very large, prospectors as a rule only locating the largest and richest prospects, and many have not been staked that will be, as the necessary means of transportation and treatment is afforded to the district. Give this section of Kootenay railway communications, and we will give Canada gold, silver, copper and coal in return.—Prospector.

Satan is no More.

The following story has been cabled from London, dated Jan. 24: There are two little boys in Germany who honestly believe they have rid the world of the devil. They live near Hutenburg and are eight and twelve years of age. The other day they were left by their mother at home to take care of the house. A man with a blackened face and black attire suddenly entered and announced: "I am the devil; where do you keep your money?" Faith and fear alike induced them to believe the intruder. They instantly pointed to a trunk where the modest wealth of their parents was treasured. While the murky imposter was ransacking the chest the younger boy whispered to his brother to go andfetch the gun and shoot the devil dead. The brother jumped at the idea, fetched the weapon, crept up to the unsuspecting thief and lodged the whole charge in his back. He fell dead.

The farmers of Mission district have strongly resolved against any reduction of the import duties upon fruit and farm products and honey. They claim, on the other hand, that there should be substantial reductions in the duties on imported coal oil, farm implements and machinery. The Mission farmers also strongly declare for government loans at cheap rates, and urge the formation of a farmers' association, with a view to control provincial legislation in the agricultural interests to a larger extent than now.

General News.

The cabinet has decided that the Dominion parliament shall meet March 11.

A bill has been introduced into the house prohibiting the manufacture or sale of pistols in the state of Texas and providing a fine of from $100 to $1,000.

The next meeting of the Ontario legislature will pass an enactment providing for the examination of all boys brought into the province by the Barnardo and other agencies.

The cabinet met Saturday afternoon, and discussed the sending of delegates to Washington regarding reciprocity, the alien labor law, etc. Ministers Cartwright and Davies will likely go.

A special from Havana states that the death rate from all diseases there is 35 or more daily. There are 5,000 cases of small pox in the city.

The Indian plague has reached Marseilles, France, so the dispatches state, and there have been a number of deaths from it on the streets.

A bill has been introduced in the legislative assembly of North Dakota declaring it a misdemeanor for any person to engage in a game of foot ball, and providing fines of $10 to $50 for an infraction,

The London house of commons motion adopted the appointment of a committee to investigate the origin of Jamieson raid, and the grievances of Uitlanders in the Transvaal.

James D. Nickolson was horribly mangled last Saturday afternoon in an explosion at the Red Eagle mine, near Rossland. The left side of his head was blown almost clean off.

The immigration to the Dominion last year comprised 25,478 arrivals at Atlantic ports, compared with 25,571 in 1895. Of these 15,835 settled in the Dominion, compared with 18,617 in 1895. There arrived in Manitoba, the Northwest and British Columbia 71,260, against 5,871 in the previous year.

The manager of the Takush harbor yellow cedar lumber mill has an idea that there is big commercial value in oil extracted from that wood. He accordingly engaged a chemist to experiment, but in the course of this the expert was badly injured by an explosion of the highly inflammable oil, as a result of which he is now in the hospital to receive treatment for a broken arm.

A collection of over 1,000 specimens of the plants and sea weed of British Columbia has been made by the provincial agricultural department, most of the mounting being the work of Mr. J. R. Anderson, the deputy minister. Arrangements have been made to send the collection to Ottawa for naming by Professor Macoun and it will then be returned and form part of an interesting exhibit.

The stamp mill at Alberni is running day and night, and work is going on steadily on the Alberni, two shifts being at work. D. McKinnon has the contract for digging a tunnel from Pemberton. Captain Salmon is about to start work on his property at Mineral hill. The Duke of York Hydraulic company are working day and night with a large force of men.—Enterprise.

An extraordinary instance of hereditary tendency to suicide was told by Professor Brouardel in Paris lately. A farmer near Etampes hanged himself without apparent cause, leaving a family of seven sons and four daughters. Ten of the eleven subsequently followed the father's example, but not until they had married and begotten children, all of whom likewise hanged themselves. The only survivor is a son, who is now 68 years of age and has passed safely beyond the family hanging age.

Major John A. McGillivray, of Toronto president of the Eastern development syndicate operating in British Columbia, and more especially in the Rossland district, has finished a close and cautious inspection of Coal Hill. Before leaving for the east on Tuesday morning the Major stated that "Coal Hill prospects were the best he had seen, and he would certainly recommend his company to take hold in earnest." In spite of the snow a lot of work is under way at Coal Hill. The Kimberly Mining Company have just completed their log building and are now ready for work. The Canadian is down 35 feet and the foot wall is in sight. The claim is improving with every shot.—Sentinel.

A Jersey couple, newly married, went into an uptown restaurant the other day and the bridegroom called for some wine. When asked what kind, he replied. We want the stuff where the cork bursts out and the stuff begins to bile and keeps on biling till ye gets the worth of your money.

Little Jack prays every night for all the different members of his family. His father had been away at one time for a short journey, and Jack was praying for him as usual. "Bless papa and take care of him," he was beginning, as usual, when he suddenly raised his head and listened. "Never mind about it now, Lord" ended the little fellow, "I hear him down in the hall."

Wanted to be Flogged.

Gen. Osborn Wilkinson, of the British army, after describing his experience when as a school boy he was "birched" at Eton—and a decided painful experience he makes it out to have been—proceeds to tell a singular story of another Etonian, who sought the switch in vain.

This boy was sentenced to be flogged for some misdemeanor, but fortified by the knowledge that his father was greatly opposed to the system of corporal punishment, refused to submit. He was at once expelled, and went home and reported what had taken place.

"Well, well," said his father, "this is most unfortunate. I have just succeeded in securing for you a commission in the guards, and now, being expelled from Eton, you will no longer be eligible to her majesty's service."

The boy was distracted. His whole heart was set upon a military career. Seeing his son's grief the father advised him to hasten back to school and beg leave to be flogged and reinstated.

The young fellow set off at once; but alas! vacation had begun, and the master had gone to the continent. Not to be balked the boy followed, and having overtaken him in Paris, explained the situation and begged a flogging.

"But I can't do it," said the master. "I'm sorry for you, but it would be too irregular, and beside I have nothing with which to do it."

The boy had provided for that emergency, and when he produced a birch rod the master, seeing his sincerity, declined to use the switch, but rescinded the sentence of expulsion, and the boy was able to accept the desired commission.

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KAMLOOPS.

An official of the Trail smelter and an intimate associate of A. Heinze, was out on Coal Hill this week. He was surprised by what he saw and expressed the opinion that Kamloops will surely be a big camp if any quantity of ore, such as seen in the Iron Mask, is discovered.

A. G. Thynne, of Vancouver, has come up to superintend the work on the Canada and the Kamloops Bonanza claims. A force of men will be put at work on the latter claim at once. Work on the Canada will be continued to a further depth. The present contract to complete to a depth of 57 feet will be finished on Saturday. Mr. Thynne will engage the owners to continue sinking.

The recent finds of gold quartz about three miles east of the nearest previous locations are now supplemented by a find of copper gold ore just half way between. W. Thos. Newman, who has, perhaps, studied the belt out in greater detail than any one else, says, it is outlined by Dr. Dawson's map called "Kamloops Sheet" with wonderful accuracy and so far the best finds have all been within this defined belt, but other finds are being made showing that the formation surrounding the copper gold belt, contains veins of the precious yellow metal in quartz not associated with copper, and that Kamloops camp may be extended indefinitely both in area and variety of ores.

Two powerful Eastern syndicates have, we are informed on good authority, been projected within the past month for exploitation of Coal Hill prospects. One of these has a representative on the ground and the other has a manager on the way out. Both secured interests here on time bonds, and are under the same, bound to begin operations in a short time.—Sentinel.

Highway Robbery.

The Fort Steele mail was robbed at Wassa on Sunday morning between the hours of 12 and 4 a. m. The letter sack was enclosed in a large sack which the robber carried into the brush about 300 yards from the wagon, where it was ripped open and the letter sack taken away by the robber. He was tracked to Fort Steele and captured within six hours from the time he did the robbing. The robber proved to be Alexander M. Leitch who has resided at Fort Steele for some months. His record has not been what it should be and if reports are true he has turned several tricks that would have placed him behind the bars. Suspicion was turned towards Leitch on account of several forgeries that have been committed, as was supposed, by him, also the breaking into a building and robbing a till. He has been suspected of committing these acts though nothing could be proved. We also learn that he was caught tapping a till at Wassa. Constable Barnes has been watching him for some time, and in 20 minutes after the arrival of the stage had captured his man and recovered $1,100 supposed to have been stolen from the mail.—Prospector.

How the Elephant Sleeps.

One of the most erroneous of the many queer ideas which the layman has on the question of natural history is the one respecting the elephant's mode of sleeping. Even the old school of naturalists declare that the elephants had never been known to sleep except in a standing position. Of late, however, say within the last century, it has been learned that the error came about by persons studying the habits of such beasts as had not been long in captivity. Such animals when undergoing the process of domestication, have been known to stand for twelve, eighteen or even twenty-four hours, without once lying down to sleep. This is regarded as a want of confidence in their keepers, coupled with a longing for liberty. While elephants are at perfect ease and reconciled to their fate, they will lie down on their sides and sleep as all other beasts do.—St Louis Republic.

The Man and the Snake

The reputed fascination of the serpent's eye is the motive of a story in Mr. Ambrose Bierce's volume of tales entitled, "In the Midst of Life." Mr. Brayton was the guest of a friend an eminent zoologist, whose specialty, of which he had a fine collection, was snakes. Stretched upon a sofa in his own room, Mr. Brayton glanced from the book he was carelessly scanning while awaiting the summons to dinner, and saw, in the shadow under his bed, two small points of light about an inch apart. He gave them no special thought and resumed his reading.

In a few minutes he gave an involuntary start and stared into the obscurity under the bed. His gaze disclosed the coils of a large serpent; the points of light were its eyes, but were no longer merely luminous points; they looked into his own with a malign significance. Brayton was a brave man, but this seemed an occasion when discretion was the better part of valor. He would beat a retreat and backward, so as not to disturb the reptile; but instead of the movement his will had shaped, his right foot was placed in advance of his left.

The snake did not move, but its eyes seemed to become larger and more luminous. There were strange noises in Brayton's ears as, with reluctant steps, he could not refrain from drawing nearer the bed. Suddenly something struck him a hard blow upon the face. He had fallen to the floor.

The zoologist, startled by a terrific scream from above, rushed to his friend's room. There lay Brayton, senseless. As he bent over him he glanced under the bed.

"How did this thing get here?" he exclaimed, and pulling out the snake flung it to the center of the room, where it lay without motion.

It was a stuffed snake; its eyes were two shoebuttons.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the expiration of sixty days from date, I shall apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 320 acres more or less of pasture land situated in Lillooet district. Initial post being placed near the northeast corner post of lot 28, group 1, Lillooet district and marked E. J. C. thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains to initial post described above. E. J. CARSON.
Pavilion Farm, January 16, 1897. 38 45

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

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Notice is hereby given, that the partnership heretofore existing between William F. Allen and Duncan Fraser, under the firm name of Allen & Fraser, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing by said firm will be paid by the said W. F. Allen, and all debts due the said firm will be received by the said W. F. Allen.
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LOCAL NEWS

J. G. Collins is again able to be around after his recent illness.

L. Champion came down from Barkerville last Tuesday evening.

County court will be held at the court house, Ashcroft, on Monday, March 22nd.

Fred Hall returned from one of his periodical trips to the upper country Tuesday.

Word has been received in Ashcroft of the safe arrival of Mrs. K. Steadman in Boston.

John Wilson, of 8-Mile creek and Thos. McEwen returned from a trip to the coast Tuesday.

Miss C. Ogle leaves for Sardis Tuesday evening after spending a few weeks visiting relatives in Ashcroft.

F. C. Lawrence left on Tuesday for a *trip to Vancouver and Seattle.* He expects to return in about a week.

From the way things are shaping many improvements in the building line will take place in Ashcroft this season.

Jos. Dickey and wife of Lillooet were in town Monday to attend the funeral of their son-in-law, Wm. Kentley.

G. A. Braddard, M. P. P., came down on the stage Thursday and left for Victoria the same night to attend parliamentary duties.

The provincial legislature meets on Tuesday to transact business. Ashcroft may possibly get the grant allowed for fire protection if it is asked for.

The skating rink committee desire to tender their thanks to all the people who so kindly assisted in helping to make the carnival the success it was.

Thomas Barton has bought Robe," Hurry's interest in the Dominion Hotel at Clinton and, hereafter the firm will be known as Engleson & Barton.

If the ice holds out for a few weeks longer on the skating rink it is reported *that another masquarade carnival will be* held. Nearly every one is in for it if there is any ice.

J. Mitchell, who represent a Colorado syndicate which owns the mine on the Bonaparte sixteen miles from Ashcroft arrived in town Thursday and is up the road looking at the property.

The chap that two or three years ago said he could whip any man from Orcas Island had better go slow now as there will be quite a colony of Orcas *islanders in Quesnelle this season.*

The minstrel show on Friday next should not be missed. Admission 50 cents. Plan of reserved seats can be had at Harvey, Bailey & Co's. and J. H. Clement's store. Reserved seats 75 cents.

Major Vaughn, C. E., of Vancouver, left Wednesday for the Golden Cache *mine near Lillooet, where he will survey* the new town of Cacheton, which is about a mile from the Golden Cache mine.

J. Cavanaugh, John Haskins, Chas. Fanholm, A. McKay and W. Stevens, of California, left Ashcroft Wednesday for Barkerville by special stage. They go up to work on a quartz mine recently bought by E. M. DuMarias for a French syndicate. The property is near Barkerville.

Thomas Rablin an experienced miner, came down from Barkerville on last Tuesdays stage and left for Yale where he will do some work on the Queen mine. Mr. Rablin has been in the vicinity of Barkerville for the past few weeks looking after some mining property his company secured *last season.*

We are in receipt of information that the Smoky river company which built a dredge at Soda Creek last year but did *not make a success, have incorporated* a new company and have raised the money to put in a complete plant at a large cost, and that work will soon begin on the same. Experience is a grand teacher and if the company will bring less officers next time and more privates, they may do better.

On Thursday evening the officers of the Good Templar Lodge were installed by Bro. J. B. Bryson L. D., who came down from Mundorf's for the purpose. The officers for the quarter are: Bro. A. L. Clements, Chief Templar; Sis. Campbell, Vice-T.; Bro. M. P. Stewart, Chaplin; Bro. Vance, Mar.; Sis. Clements, D. M.; Bro. McKee, Past C. T.; Bro. Ogle, Sent.; Sis. Higginbottom, Guard; Bro. Lehman, Treas; Bro. Thompson, Fin. Sec.; Sis. H. Ogle, Assist. Sec.; Bro. Anderson, Sec.

Seventeen new members have been added to the lodge since last quarter, making a total membership of thirty-three in good standing.

A minstrel entertainment, under the auspices of the Amateur Dramatic Society, will be given in the Town Hall on Friday next, February 12th, to be followed by the well known farce "Box and Cox," by Bones, Tambo and Sambo. Come one and all, both great and small. Don't miss the chance of the season. Come and hear the side splitting jokes and enjoy an evening of fun and mirth. Help the niggers out by flocking in large numbers. Plan of reserved seats to be had at Harvey Bailey & Co's., and at the Ashcroft Drug Store. Don't miss the fun for it's only once in a lifetime. Be sure to be on time, 8 o'clock sharp. Carriages at 10 p.m. Seats will be booked by mail up to Thursday night. Admission 50 cents. Reserved seats 75 cents.

J. L. Knight returned Tuesday from his trip to Barkerville.

D. Johnson received two cars of lumber from the coast this week.

J. B. Bryson came in from the 20-Mile House Thursday and stayed until next day.

The Western Canadian Ranching company shipped one car of cattle to the coast this week.

Freight received at the Ashcroft station for the week ending Friday, February 5th were 176,880 pounds.

Mr J. Mundorf, proprietor of the 20-Mile House, who has been ill for some time is now slowly recovering.

Jos. E. Smith, proprietor of the Clinton hotel, Clinton, and A. L. Bourdais, postmaster, were in town last Monday.

At the meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Ashcroft, last Wednesday. The sum of $15 was donated to the Indian famine fund.

Wm. Walker, Phillip Park and Thomas *Morgan all pioneers with ranches on the* Bonaparte spent last Monday in Ashcroft.

Jos. Wm. Burr returned from Lillooet last Saturday, where he had been investigating the chinese case which caused considerable excitement a few weeks ago. The verdict of the post mortem examination was that it was a case of suicide.

NOTICE.

I, the undersigned, hereby offer a reward of fifty dollars ($50) for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who stole the nuts off my wagon axles on the night of Saturday, January 23rd.

M. J. McCARTHY.

We the undersigned hereby offer a reward of one hundred dollars ($100) for like information. W. B. BAILEY & Co.

COUNTY COURT NOTICE.

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

JOS. WM. BURR,
Deputy registor.

40-46 Ashcroft, B. C., January, 4th, 1896.

NOTICE.

Brought to the Perry ranch on September 1st, 1896, one dark brown horse mule. Brand indistinguishable. Owner is requested to call and pay charges and take animal. If not called for within thirty days, will be sold to pay costs of care and feed.

W. SHEPHERD.

Perry Ranch, February 1st, 1897. 40 48

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Dated at Kamloops this 18th day of January, 1897. W. T. SLAVIN.

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Dated at Kamloops this 18th day of January, 1897. FRANK ALLINGHAM.

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Dated at Kamloops this 18th day of January, 1897. WM. BAILLIE.

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Dated at Kamloops this 18th day of January 1897. JAMES DALLES.

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