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RAILROAD FROM ASHCROFT.

In the senate last Friday Hon. Mr. Scott replied to Senators McCallum, Kirchoffer and Macdonald, who all condemned the railway. Mr. Scott said that a proposal to build a railway to the Yukon had been made to the government by a syndicate represented by an Englishman named Kersey, but his company insisted on a cash subsidy to do the work, and that the government refused to give. So, too had Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann at first demanded a cash subsidy and the privilege of choosing the route, but the government had at last secured the present bargain.

He explained the mode in which the company would have to select its lands in order to show that in choosing locations on gulches or creeks they would be compelled to take the land for three miles on either side of the creek back from their frontage. This would of course lessen the value of their land grant, as the land back from the banks of the creeks was of no value whatever. It was, he said, the intention of the government ultimately to secure the construction of a line of railway from the terminus of the present proposed railway at Glenora to a point at or near Ashcroft on the main line of the C.P.R. in British Columbia.

The Best Route to Klondike.

The Toronto Monetary Times discusses this question intelligently and moderately as follows:

To the hot-headed and excited "bound to get there" words of caution are of little use. But there may be *some who are cool enough to consider* pros and cons. We have heard both Mr. Ogilvie, who knows that region well, and Mr. Jennings, who in former years traveled much of British Columbia, say that gold is scattered through great areas of that country. Both of these engineers are of the opinion that finds of gold may be made along other tributaries of the Yukon than the one whose curious name sets all the world agog today. Nor is there need to go so far north as that. On the Peace river and the Liard river, on tributaries of the Fraser, and along the lakes and streams of Omenica and Cariboo, there is gold in quantities, if not sufficient to satisfy a Klondike imagination and appetite, yet enough to satisfy a systematic and sensible gold seeker.

In view of this it is interesting to find that British Columbia towns and cities are exerting themselves to show incoming strangers that there are advantageous Canadian routes to the Klondike, and that there are Canadian goldfields besides the Klondike. Also that parties can be fitted out at Canadian points. We have received a little *book of directions compiled by the* Hudson's Bay Company's manager and other parties in Calgary, as to stores and preparations needed for the trip from that place to Dawson City by either of three different routes, that by the Peace river and Pelly river being 1,562 miles. Hundreds, if not thousands, are likely to go by that route. Next comes a pamphlet from Ashcroft, full of information about that important point on the overland route. All travel for interior British Columbia and inland travel for the Yukon district must start at Ashcroft, says this book, because this is the point where the Cariboo wagon road taps the Canadian Pacific Railway. Already, says a private letter from Ashcroft, this travel has commenced, though it must be borne in mind that the Ashcroft route is not a winter but a summer route, and it is not desirable to use it before May.

Money is Needed.

The work of the committee having in charge the advertising of the Spokane overland route to Klondike has come to a standstill for lack of funds. The members of the committee feel that to drop the work at this time would be disgraceful to Spokane, and an effort is to be made to raise a larger fund than the committee had yet had at its disposal.

"The chief reason that we have been short of funds," said a member of the committee yesterday, "is that we have not been able to make a thorough solicitation. The members of the committee of twenty have been busy *and a number of them are in the east* buying their spring stocks. Their time has been so occupied that they have been unable to give this important work the attention it deserved. We made the mistake in the first place of appointing a large number of soliciting committees, aiming to cover each line of trade. The result was that scarcely 25 per cent. of the business and professional men were seen; and many who were willing to aid the cause along have not been given the proper opportunity. We need money more at this time than in the early stages of the movement. With the expenditure of a small sum we have already assurance that not less than 2,000 than will come through Spokane on their way to the far north. Hundreds are organizing in the Palouse country and over in the mining camps of Idaho. Scores are coming from Montana. Oregon will contribute a large percentage, and even the coast cities, from which the northbound vessels depart for Dyea and Skaguay, will send representatives to take the safe and easy overland route. This is not wild talk. The Spokesman-Review has published the names of the men who are coming, day after day, and the percentage of those who allow their names to get in print is small. There are enough men in Spokane today waiting to go over the Spokane route to make a good strong company, if they all started at once. The rush is not upon us now, because we have wisely and persistently stated that this is not a winter route, and that to attempt it before feed is plentiful is *folly. March will see the tide of travel* coming this way, and in April it will be in full blast. It is for the purpose of increasing this rush that we need money now.

"An illustration of what can be done with small expense came up a few days ago. A Detroit paper to which had been sent a copy of our overland route pamphlet gave it a notice in an obscure part of the paper and mentioned the fact that the chamber of commerce had issued the book and was advocating the route. The result was a large number of inquiries and a number of parties are coming from that part of the country. The same is true of Los Angeles. The Times gave us a notice, and a hundred inquiries followed. Several Los Angeles parties will come direct to Spokane to outfit. We need to do more of that sort of advertising. It can be done small expense, and none could be more effective. We also need more printed matter, something cheaper than the pamphlets, that can be used for general circulation. There are other plans of booming the route which are equally good, and which will be *taken up if the money can be obtained.*"

The committee has felt the need of an active, hustling young man to aid them in the work of raising funds, and they gladly accepted yesterday an offer from Harry P. Palmer to undertake it. He will make a thorough canvass, not missing any person who should be given an opportunity to help bring Spokane to the front in this matter.

He will be given such assistance by the members of the committee as may be possible, and it is hoped that his solicitations may be met in the proper spirit and that a fund of fair proportions may be at the disposal of the committee before the week ends.—Spokesman-Review.

CLINTON.

The dance given by the young ladies of the town last Friday was a most successful affair. Lunch was provided during the evening, and the music, furnished by Miss A. Tresserra, Jas. Uren and J. Hollingsworth, was second to none. This occasion will long live in the memory of our young men as a meeting of pleasure and enjoyment to all.

Mr. Turner preached his farewell sermon to a very large congregation prior to his departure for Dawson City. His many friends here wish him a pleasant journey to that far off land, the abode of snow, ice and gold.

Parties coming into town would do well to investigate the "pack saddle" factory under the supervision of Mr. James Uren, the rising Edison of Clinton, who has patented several inventions, among them being a cultivator of great merit to farmers.

Mr. M. Eagleson will shortly leave for Hat Creek, which he has rented. Mark is well known and esteemed by all, and he will no doubt receive a large share of patronage from the traveling public.

Mr. C. Boyle, postmaster of Empire Valley, has resigned and Mr. Thomas McEwen now fills the situation.

W. Pearson severely hurt his back by falling onto a log, in consequence of which he has been housed for the last couple of days.

Mrs. W. Eagle, Miss Glassey of the Onward ranch, and Mrs. and Miss Adams, gave Alkali a visit during the week.

The many friends of Mr. Jos. Dunn will be pained to hear of his severe illness.

Every indication points to an early spring. J. N. J.

The Wreck of the Clara Nevada.

Victoria, February 15.—The steamer Islander, arrived here this morning bringing the details of the loss of the steamer Clara Nevada. The news was conveyed to Juneau shortly before she sailed, by Captain Latham of the steamer Colema n. He says that the Nevada founde red with all on board, opposite Seward city, in Berner's Bay, where she was running for shelter, George Beck, a resident of Seward city, was an eye-witness of the disaster. He, was standing on the beach when he saw a small steam er battling with the wind. Suddenly the re was a flash and the steamer burst into flames, foundering a few seconds later. She had on board 25 passengers and a crew of about 15 men. The passengers who went north on the Clara Nevada and returned on the Islander, say that the boilers gave much trouble on the northward voyage and that once the steamer took fire but was extinguished before any serious damage was done. They say that the disaster was undoubtedly caused by the boilers bursting. The Rustler, of Juneau has gone to look for possible survivors.

KLONDIKE'S DARK SIDE.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Mr. William Ogilvie, in his public address to the members of the senate and commons of of Canada, delivered here on Wednesday evening last, brought out some new features regarding the Yukon country. Sir Wilfrid Laurier presented Mr. Ogilvie to the audience as one deservedly famous for discoveries in the Alaskan region which have attracted the attention of the whole civilized world.

Mr. Ogilvie, in the course of his address, referred to the fact that there *was on both sides of the Yukon and in* the country lying about the sources of the Pelly, Teslin and other rivers, an area of 338,000 square miles of gold-bearing lands, and of this 149,000 square miles were in Canada. Referring to the different conditions of life in the Yukon, where one was compelled to put up with inconveniences and with treatment from companions unknown in civilized regions, Mr. Ogilvie said he had known the associations of a life time to be swept away in a single day. There are few things here that try friendship so severely as the experience in the Klondike region.

He illustrated this fact by the story of a young man belonging to his party who completely broke down in spirits under the hardships which he was forced to endure, and fell to cursing everyone in the camp, and at last the government for being so crazy as to send an expedition to such a forsaken country. "But I was not so much surprised at that," added Mr. Ogilvie, "as I had almost begun to entertain the same feelings myself toward the government."

Mr. Ogilvie's picture of the interior of the country did not present a very inviting prospect. Sailing along the river one sees on their banks timber from eight to twelve inches in diameter and thinks the whole country is well wooded. This is not true, as the large trees merely form a belt about 100 yards wide along each side of the river and back of that the trees seldom grow more than six inches in diameter. This peculiar condition is due to the fact that the sunlight is able to penetrate further among the tress, and the warmth of the river water also aids their growth. Back to about 100 yards from the river moss covers the ground to a depth of two or three feet, and beneath it the ground is perpetually frozen, and the trees as a consequence are much stunted.

Speaking of the prospects before the Yukon country, Mr. Ogilvie said it was only a question of time when quartz discoveries would be extensively made and the future of the country would be assured for all time to come. He said he expected a set back next year on account of so many going into the country unprepared and returning empty handed. In regard to the scarcity of food, he stated that it was a cry annually raised, and though stronger this year than formerly, he thought it was partly newspaper talk.

At the conclusion of the address Lord Aberdeen moved a vote, thanking Mr. Ogilvie for what he had done for the country.

NICOLA.

Everything around Nicola seems to be improving of late. We are beginning to feel the benefit of the Klondike boom, first by the sale of yellow or any other dogs and next by the sale of cayouses. Three car loads of the latter were shipped from here last week to the coast. We still have a surplus of dogs and horses, and any person or company wishing a supply can easily get them here. Especially is this true of cayouses. As the saying goes "the woods are full of them," of all sizes, shape, color and disposition from the bucking broncho to the quiet, inoffensive and much abused little pack animal, which can climb a trail that would surprise almost any one who is not accustomed to seeing pack trains wending up the steep mountain side. We have also a good class of drivers and medium heavy horses, from 1,000 to 1,500 pounds. But very heavy Clydesdales are comparatively scarce although some good ones can be purchased in the valley.

Our winter has been an exceptionally fine one, very little severe cold and just enough snow to make the very best of sleighing, which the young, and in fact older people have been making good use of, parties and socials being the order of the day.

Following closely on a very successful entertainment given at Nicola lake a banquet was given at Lower Nicola the eve of the departure of Mr. Blair (of Blair & Co., Coutlee) for Vancouver, where the firm have formed business connections and are opening a wholesale house, under the name, I believe, of Smith & Co. Mr. Blair has been a resident of Nicola for about 22 years, I believe, and has been in business at Coutlee for some ten or *fifteen years.* The banquet was proposed by Mr. H. Richardson and heartily endorsed by Mr. Blair's many friends at Lower Nicola and Coutlee, and as this was the first entertainment of the kind ever given in Nicola the committee were *bound to make it a success*, and they succeeded admirably. The dinner served at the Rosedale House was excellent, equalled by few and surpassed by none in Nicola valley. After doing justice to the excellent spread given by Mrs. R. M. Woodward, the guests repaired to the Barwick hall, where they found the table supplied with refreshments suitable for the occasion, and after the usual loyal toasts were disposed of the chairman proffered the health of, "Our Guest, Mr. Blair," which found a hearty response in all singing, "For he's a jolly good fellow," with three rousing cheers. Mr. Blair replied in thanking his many friends and the committee in particular for so kindly remembering him. Several other toasts were given. "Canada" was responded to by the Rev. Geo. Murray in an able speech. Agriculture, G. H. Clensly; the Learned Profession, H. H. Schuyler; the Ladies, Mr. H. Richardson, although a bachelor, was not slow in praising the good qualities of our lady friends. After toasting Our Hostess the meeting came to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the Queen" and was pronounced by all to be the pleasantest evening they had spent in a long time. The committee and everyone interested deserve great credit, as the programme was carried out without a single hitch. Wishing Mr. Blair God speed and success in his new undertaking we remain,

ONE OF THE MANY.

Protective Measures.

EDITOR MINING JOURNAL,—Dear sir: As a regular subscriber to your paper, may I ask you to insert the following.

The race in search for gold will doubtless sooner or later introduce into our midst an element in the population which will most likely require controlling. Are the authorities therefore prepared to take efficient measures to secure the peace and well being of our town in the near future. No one, I take it, would be disposed to witness such a state of things here, as existed for instance, at Yale during the construction of the C. P. R. As a law-abiding community, we should see that protective measures are taken in time, for it is not considered the height of wisdom to be wise after the event. "Prevention is better than cure," and do we not know from old experience *that village management, boards, mun*icipal bodies, and even governments, are not in the habit of moving quickly, festina lente is usually the guiding motto, and that the tortuous, devious ways of officialdom and red tape must first be traversed, before legitimate business can be discussed. I am yours faithfully A. ANSTEY DORRELL,

St. Alban's Vicarage, Ashcroft, February 15, 1898.

LILLOOET.

A farewell social was given to Rev. J. Turner on the occasion of his leaving here to enter the work in Dawson city. A large number met together in the new church and spent the evening together with good cheer. A number of fine selections were given by the local talent assisted by Mr. Osborne from Clinton, that were well received. The ladies dispensed tea and cake at the close of the program. The singing of "God be with you till we meet again," by the audience closed a highly enjoyable evening. We all wish Mr. Turner a "bon voyage" and only hope that in the far famed Golconda he may strike a mother-lead as rich as his own vein of sparkling humor.

Rev. Archdeacon Small was in the city yesterday and held two services. He intends holding a regular monthly service here in the future.

The Golden Cache company have commenced work again

Miners are pushing into Bridge river and getting in supplies for the summer.

February 14th, 1897.

The Klondike Rush.

Extracts from a letter received from W. F. Sargeant of Tacoma, secretary of the Slough Creek Mining company.

"I have read from time to time with much interest what you have written and are doing for the Overland Route, and do not think the matter could have been presented in better shape by any one. I believe Ashcroft will have quite a boom this year and that many people will go by your route. The main thing from the standpoint of the Ashcroft people is to get outfitters to go there and then they can satisfy themselves. Your issue of the 12th received this morning of the JOURNAL is a very creditable one and well got up.

W. F. SARGENT.

Tacoma, Wash., February 14, 1898.

Yukon Dredging Leases.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The interior department today granted a number of leases for sub-aqueous mining on the Yukon river and tributaries. Altogether 350 miles of river bed has been leased, each of the successful applicants having to pay a rental of $100 per mile for each mile they can dredge Mr. Connor of St. John, gets 85 miles on the Pelly, McMillan and Henderson rivers; Messrs. Gilmour, Connolly, McPherson and Edwards get respectively 20, 50, 60 and 30 miles each. All available leases were applied for many times over, but few applicants were able to put up the money in advance.

LYTTON.

The snow has nearly all disappeared and once more it looks as if spring has set in. It all depends on the change of the moon, says our weather prophet, (Mr. Seward). He says if the moon comes in on its end we are sure to have an early spring, if it comes in on its back it will be a wet and backward spring so look out for the moon.

Mining men are beginning to turn their attention to our mineral resources. A. J. Colquhon and Mr. Stewart of Vancouver closed a deal on the Golden *Queen for a good sum of money.* The first payment to be made by the 5th of March.

A Toronto company has bonded thirteen claims and will commence work by April 15th.

Messrs. Clark and Rogers are looking up a site to put up a ten stamp mill. They have some free milling properties.

A new company has been formed in California to work the Faith claim on a large scale and will begin work shortly.

Messrs. Briggs and Ballaton, California miners are preparing to do development work on these claims.

Messrs. Kelly and Chevot who have the extension of the Golden Queen are forming a company to work the Golden Sovereign which has a well defined ledge which assays way up.

Thomas Gillis of Wine Harbor, is pushing work on the Spring Hill claim two miles east of Lytton which will no doubt be one of the best pieces of property in the camp. Fine specimens of peacock copper have been taken out.

Some new placer diggings have been struck at Kanaka Bar which has caused quite an excitement among the Indians Some are making from $7 to $20 a day to the rocker, as high as 50 cents to the pan has been taken out.

A company of five miners have taken up a set of claims and are busy ground sluicing the top dirt which pays from $1 to $2 a day to the man. They expect when they reach the pay streak to strike another Klondike.

Both the banks on the Thompson and Fraser rivers are dotted here and there with whites, Indians and Chinese and all seem to be satisfied with their earnings. The town is very short of change owing to the large amount of gold coming in.

Several new buildings have gone up this winter and the building boom dont seem to be over yet. H. Steffins one of our leading merchants is making great improvements in the shape of buildings in connection with his store, which will add greatly to the appearance of the town.

The travel on the Lillooet road has commenced. Several parties have *gone up the past week.* There is some talk of a stage line starting which will go as far as McGillivray's Half-Way House and saddle horses at the other end.

Messrs. Andrews and Rogers left for the coast on their way to the Klondike It is the intion of several others to follow.

Twenty-five miles of the Fraser river has been staked for dreding purposes.

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Big Lumps of Gold.

A Helena letter in the Sunday Spokesman-Review asserts that the nugget in the Conrad collection, valued at $985, is the largest ever taken from an American gold mine. The writer of that statement has been misinformed. Scores of larger nuggets have been found, and many of them outweighed the Helena nugget ten and even twenty times over.

Probably the largest lump of gold ever taken from an American mine was found in Calaveras, California, in November, 1854. It weighed 161 pounds, but 20 pounds of this weight was added by attached fragments of quartz. It was worth over $30,000.

The Alta Californian of May 11, 1855, refers to a 96 pound lump of gold taken from a claim near Downieville; and to a 72 pound lump taken from a claim at Columbia, in September, 1854. The *California Courier of November 14,* 1850, reported the finding of a lump weighing between 50 and 60 pounds, on the Yuba.

The district around Sonora, California, was most prolific in big nuggets. Between 1850 and 1855 eight nuggets were uncovered there, all weighing between twenty and thirty pounds, and lumps below twenty pounds were innumerable. The San Francisco Picayune reported that "100 pieces of gold, averaging twelve pounds each, have been gotten out within a few months" in the vicinity of Sonora.

Speaking of the big lump of 161 pounds, Bancroft says: "It is doubtful whether any more lumps were obtained prior to 1856 containing 100 pounds of pure gold, but there are several ranging below this to fifty pounds, and a large number from ten pounds upward.

The largest gold nugget of which there is record was taken from a claim at Mount Moliagel, Australia, in 1869. It weighed 190 pounds and was valued at $45,000.

The largest chunk of gold ever taken *from a quartz claim was found in New* South Wales in 1872. It weighed 640 pounds and was worth $148,000.—Spokesman-Review.

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New Zealand Mining.

Tuapeka Times, New Zealand: The Woolshed Dredging Company, who hold a claim of 50 acres of ground on Mr. Cameron's property near Glenore, made a formal start with their new dredge on Wednesday last, in the presence of quite a large assemblage, the interesting christening ceremony being performed by Mrs. Wain, who, in the orthodox manner, christened the dredge by breaking a bottle of champagne over it. This part of the function being successfully performed, Mr. W. Moore in a brief address complimented the company on their enterprise, and predicted for the dredge a prosperous future, Mr. Mercer replying on behalf of the company and thanking those present for their attendance. The Woolshed dredging Company comprises eight shareholders, two of whom, Messrs. Leslie and Black, are Lawrence residents, the remainder being Messrs. Mercer, G. Telfer, W. Telfer, H. Robertson, R. H. Mitchell and Hughan Bros. The pontoons of the Woolshed dredge are 60 ft. in length, 8 ft. 6 in. wide, and 5 ft. 2 in. deep, the well-hole being 4 ft. wide, and the poppet-heads 14 ft. high. There are 34 buckets of a capacity of about 2¾ cubic ft. each, with a ladder 50 ft. long, and capable of dredging to a depth of from 25 to 28 ft. The boiler is 14 ft. long by 4 ft. 6 in. in diameter, with a working pressure of 120 lb. The engine is a compound condensing high-pressure, and is what is known as a 14 in. stroke, and provided with Pickering governors for regulating the speed of the engine. The feed-, air-, and bilge-pumps are worked from the cross-head of the low-pressure piston. She is provided with a perforated screen 15 feet long by 3 feet 6 inches in diameter, with ⅜ inch holes, which is driven from the stem-ends with a rope drive. A stove shoot 20 ft. long is capable of stacking tailings to a height of 6 feet. The ladder winch is driven by steam off the engine, the barrel of the winch being 20 in. in diameter. The buckets, which are double-linked--this being the only dredge in the district that has double-linked buckets—are driven from a small rope pulley on the engine, everything in connection therewith being of first-class quality and up-to-date in every particular. The screen rollers are 18 in. in diameter and 6 in. wide, and are keyed on to axle and run on hard iron bearing. The machinery was supplied by the New Zealand Engineering Company, Mr. Hughan acting as engineer for that company in the erection of the engine, &c.; Mr. Crossly being engineer for the Woolshed Dredging company. The gold saving appliances are of the usual kind, and the entire equipment of the dredge is of the most approved pattern, neither expense nor labor having been spared in attaining the highest standard of efficiency, strength and durability. The dredge, though not in modern sense a powerful one, is well built and equipped, while the quality of the ground has been many times satisfactorily tested. It may therefore be accepted that the company has a prosperous future before it.

Argus, Cromwell: There is a regular boom in mining in Ida Valley. The Deep Lead has some appearance of the olden times. The manager of the big company is pushing things along, having got the engine-shed erected and the engine in position, and is busy erecting the poppet-heads and having the shafts marked out, which is the largest shaft ever put down on the lead. I understand he is going for a large block of poor ground which would not pay in the early days, but which he thinks he can make pay well now. More dredging claims have been marked out on the German Hill side, a party from Alexandra having pegged 100 acres at the foot of Maori Gully. In connection with that, I may say that one of our oldest residents had the ground pegged off, but, thinking that, as it could not be heard first court-day, there was no particular hurry, neglected to lodge his application, with the above result. The "Picaninny rush" at the top of the hill seems to have fizzled out, most of the men having left, a good many, I think, going to get employment on the Deep Lead, between the two companies, but will not get a start until the arrival of more timber.

The Bendigo tributers had a good wash up at the close of the year. The result for ten weeks' work was 384 oz., which will average close on £1 per day per man.

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CLINTON.

The basket social was a most decided success and was beyond the sanguine expectations of the interested parties. If I am not astray, this was the first of the kind displayed within the historic walls of Clinton, and the memorable meeting will long linger in the memories of those who participated in the eventful affair. Dame rumor says, one individual when he homeward wends his way to the "bonny hills of Scotland," he will not leave the treasured prize in Clinton. Perchance, I may arrogantly say, that three of the most gorgeous and dainty baskets, were made by the hands of young Columbia's fair daughters. This speaks well for the flowery land of hills and mountains. Our young men were there in bold array, prepared to fight for the honor of their favorite. The bidding was sharp and one basket in particular realized $8.50. The sum of $72 was realized and with the door receipts made a total of $85.70. The money goes towards the purchase of a cutter for one of our ministers.

R. Jamieson has disposed of some 35 head of horses to the McGillivray Bros. who will shortly make a shipment to the coast for the Klondike trade.

The Graham Bros. of Kellies lake, recently captured a large deer, and it is said by knowing ones, that there is a special harness being made for the deer. So parties must not be surprised if they see Sam with a fine cutter and with a deer on the lead.

Mr. and Miss Kostering of Big Bar, returned from San Francisco after spending a couple months there.

W. Livingston of Savonas, gave Clinton a visit after many years absence. His many friends were much pleased to see him looking so well. J. N. J.

The use of coal for home heating is not near so general in Europe as in this country.

The Rothschilds have acquired a vast copper deposit in the state of Michoacan, Mexico.

Bricks apparently as good as when first made were excavated in Babylon recently, the marks on them proving them to be 4,000 years old.

Gold was first discovered in Colorado in 1858, and since then the state has produced $530,000,000 in gold and silver. Out of 56 counties of the state 26 are gold producers.

It is estimated that over eighty tons of diamonds have been unearthed in the South African gold fields during the last eighteen years. These represent a total value of £56,000,000.

Preparations are being made to drive a band of 300 cattle and 1,000 goats overland through British Columbia from Yakima, Washington, to the Yukon, the start to be made at the earliest possible day in the spring.

There may be said to be twelve large smelting and refining plants in the United States which deal heavily in silver ores. Each of these is possessed of capital enough to easily carry 2,500,000 ounces of silver 120 days, ex-returns, or for a period of four months. This would mean the withdrawal for that period of 32,500,000 ounces of silver bullion from the market which on November 20 carried but 27,277,565 ounces, exclusive of that in the United States main and sub-treasuries, and which is tied up by silver certificates.

The landing of 2500 passengers at Skaguay and Dyea within three days is but adding to the glut already accumulated far beyond the capacity for proper care and protection. Unless the government hastens troops to these points it will not be many days before "mob law" will rule instead of "civil law." It seems almost absurd for people seeking the gold fields of the Northwest to leave comfortable homes and Pacific coast cities and wedge themselves into narrow and offensive quarters weeks before any opportunity will be allowed for them to go forward over the passes. Why do not these people stay in the coast cities at least until the passes be open—not later than the middle of March—where they can be comfortable and then make their journey as quickly as by crowding into points like Skaguay and Dyea weeks in advance of any opportunity to move on from those points?—Seattle Times.

Lord Avonmore's Klondike party consisted of thirteen. They got up as far as Edmonton, and this is what has happened within the past few weeks to the party of thirteen. In the first place, and almost immediately after arrival, Captain Allayne died. Then Captain Powell had his feet badly frozen on a trip into the country. Dr. Hoops got his ankle sprained and was confined to bed. An English colonel in the outfit broke his arm. Mr. Jeffries had his collar bone broke. Captain Powell at this juncture left for Vancouver, where he died a few days later. Dr. Hoops again came to the front by falling across a sleigh and breaking his ribs. Bannerman was arrested at the instance of Captain O'Brien on a charge of embezzlement. As for Captain O'Brien himself, the leader of the party, he attempted to stab a man, was arrested on a charge of assault, bound over to keep the peace and given four days to leave the country. Thus the party has fallen to pieces. And what makes the fatal number thirteen more ominous than ever as a harbinger of ill, the name of the leader, Captain O'Brien, contains thirteen letters, as does also the name of the town where it all happened, North Edmonton.—Wetaskiwin Free Lance.

Napoleon's Last Words.

On his deathbed Napoleon expressed his conviction that England would end like the proud republic of Venice.

With perfect composure he gave his last directions: "I desire that you will take my heart, put it in spirits of wine and carry it to Parma to my dear Marie Louise. You will tell her that I never ceased to love her and relate to her every particular respecting my death upon this miserable and dreary rock You will tell my mother and family that the great Napoleon died in the most deplorable state, deprived of everything, abandoned to himself and to his glory, and that he bequeathed with his dying breath to all the reigning families of Europe the horror and opprobrium of his death."

The second codicil of his will contained the direction, which was afterward complied with "It is my wish that my ashes may repose on the banks of the Seine, in the midst of the French people whom I love so well."

On the 5th of May, 1821, he who had for years kept all Europe in a state of feverish excitement terminated his earthly career.

After lying in state two days the body was deposited in a coffin composed first of tin lined with white satin which, having been soldered, was inclosed in another of mahogany, a third of lead and the whole in a fourth of mahogany secured with iron screws. After the ceremony an enormous stone was lowered over the body, resting on a stone wall so as to escape the coffin.

On the 12th of May Louis Phillipe commanded that the ashes of Napoleon be conveyed to France.

At 11 o'clock, Dec. 15, the first cannon was heard announcing that the remains of the emperor had reached French ground. Amid the vast assemblage the body was borne to its last resting place in the Hotel des Invalides

So closed the eventful career of the great Napoleon, whose memory can only perish with the records of the world. —Detroit Free Press.

The Chicago Snow and Ice Transportation company, though probably the biggest Klondike fake now extant, has duped the government into letting them a contract to carry supplies into the interior with their snow trains.—Alaska Mining Record.

Nearly all the Big Slocan mines are reported sold to the English capitalists. The rumors cannot be confirmed but there is a foundation for these stories that will be plainly visible in a few weeks.—Sandon Pay Streak.

RELIABLE KLONDIKE MAP.

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

"Overland to Klondike."

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

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NOTICE.

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

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

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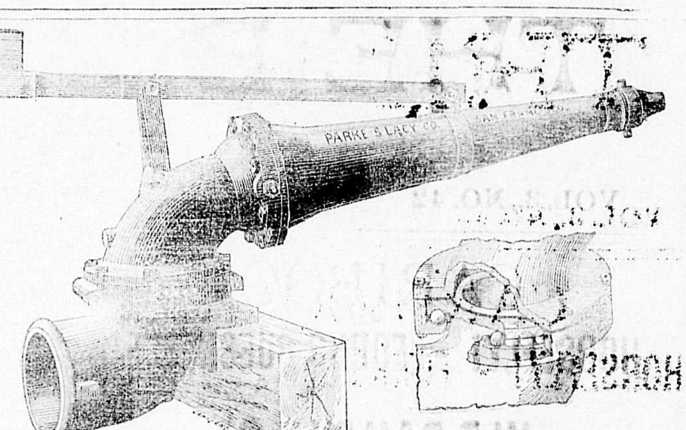

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NOTICE.

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

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

NOTICE.

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

JAMES STONE.
JOHN STEVENSON,
Barkerville, B.C., Executors.
January 13th, 1898. 38-15

NOTICE.

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

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

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

NOTICE.

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

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

NOTICE.

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

41- F. SOUES.

Registrar of the County Court of Cariboo at Clinton.

Horses for Klondike

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Ashcroft, B. C.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

SEPARATE TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until the 28th day of February next for the following parcels of property belonging to the Batley estate.

A pre-emption of 320 acres of land, known as the Lakeside farm, situated on Dragon lake, with all improvements, implements, houses, and tools belonging thereto, also including his claim to the meadows in connection.

For any further particulars apply to the undersigned.

The right is reserved to reject any, or all bids.

39-42 JOHN A. FRASER,
Official Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

SEPARATE tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 26th day of February next for the following parcels of property belonging to the estate of A. McMinden.

1. The Hidden Treasure claim, a quartz claim situated on Grouse creek, a short distance above McMinden's store.

2. The Mary Ann claim, a 900 foot placer claim on McBean's flat, Antler creek, adjoining the Nason claim on the east.

3. Six interests in the Yellow Lion claim, a 1,200 foot claim of twelve interests on Cunningham creek.

4. One and one-half interests in the Nason claim on Antler creek.

5. The Cascade Mining claim, a placer claim of 900 feet on Grouse creek.

6. The Short Bend claim, a 900 foot hydraulic claim on Grouse creek, fully equipped, and in good order for working, with all tools, sluice boxes, and pipe and monitor belonging to the claim.

7. A dwelling house, store, butcher shop, stable, and warehouse on Grouse creek, including stoves, furniture, dishes, wood and a large assortment of second hand mining tools.

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For further information apply to

40-43 ROBERT McLEESE,
Soda Creek, B. C.

NOTICE.

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

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

NOTICE.

MINERAL POINT MINERAL CLAIM, situate in Lillooet Mining Division of Lillooet District.

Where located,—Cayoosh Creek.

Take notice that we, R. H. Verity and Wm. Wilkinson, free miner's certificate No. 46,046 and 46,047, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

R. H. VERITY,
WM. WILKINSON.
Dated this 11th day of October A. D. 1897. 24-35.

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HER TITIAN HAIR.

In warm soft waves of gold and brown,
Above her forehead saintly fair,
Ripples in sweet abandon down
Her Titian hair.

Methinks that little head of hers
A Tuscan artist well might dare,
And worthy of a better verse
Her Titian hair.

Were I a painter I would frame
For coming time one canvas rare,
On which should glow above my name
Her Titian hair.

Or better name and fame to miss
Than find their semblance otherwhere,
Were I her lover I would kiss
Her Titian hair.
—Abbie F. Judd in Time and the Hour.

IRVING AND BOOTH.

The English Actor's Generous Treatment of the American.

In The Century there is an article on "Edwin Booth In London," by E. H. House. In speaking of Irving's action in appearing with Booth at the Lyceum Mr. House says:

Looking at all the possibilities of the case, I hold to the opinion now, as I did then, that Irving risked more than people supposed—more, it may be, than he himself took into full reckoning. I will not further enlarge upon what might have happened to his disadvantage. As to his hope of gain, what was it? He could win approval for extending a consoling hand to a distinguished brother actor and helping him to recover some of the equanimity he had lost through untoward circumstances, he could commend himself to the good will of the American public and set up a particular claim to its cordiality in case he should visit the United States, and he could identify himself and his establishment with a Shakespearean representation of uncommon nearness to perfection. I do not see that there was anything else to his side of the account. He certainly was not so weak as to imagine he would outshine Booth and add to his own reputation at the other's expense. Pecuniary benefit was out of the question. *The profits of the combination could not* be larger than those of the regular Lyceum performances at ordinary prices.

There might be a certain pleasure in "taking the chances" of so novel an enterprise. But Irving was not the sort of man to whom the excitement of a gambling operation would be especially alluring. There is no evidence that he was moved by a single unworthy impulse. Though the trip to America may have been in his mind, it does not follow that he was sordidly influenced by expectations of a material recompense for his hospitality. I doubt indeed if he could have formed any conception in advance of the acknowledgment in store for him. Few Englishmen can understand without convincing testimony how intensely responsive to a generosity the American people are. Charles Reade knew it by intuition, as he seemed to know many other things which he had never learned by experience. Irving's knowledge came later.

If he was actuated by selfishness of any *kind, it was on behalf of his theater, to* maintain the supremacy of which was always one of his dearest objects. An actor who is also a manager may care as much for the character of the productions at his house as for the personal elevation. Booth had once been thus inspired and had lost a fortune because he was more ambitious for the beautiful edifice he had created than for himself. To have it recorded that the most brilliant Shakespearean illustration of the day had been given under his auspices and within his own walls was doubtless worth more to Irving than any calculation of present or future remuneration—more probably than any renown he could hope to win by the impersonation of Iago, which he was preparing with diligent study.

One Honest Husband.

A society man, middle aged and handsome, who was married not so long ago, was asked by his wife why he had allowed himself to become 38 years old before he centered his affections upon any woman long enough to marry her.

"Well," he answered reluctantly, "it was this way: No man was ever so susceptible as I am. My whole family was kept on the alert to prevent my marriage before I was 18. I simply fell he els over head in love with every girl I met.

"My father grew tired of circumventing my matrimonial tendencies and put me out on the road. My territory covered the whole western continent. Two consecutive days were never permitted to pass without my receiving a telegram to move on.

"I never suspected but that I was doing an enormous business, and insisted at intervals on having my salary raised. I would no sooner get on friendly terms with a lady than along would come that notice to keep going. At last I tired of the endless chase, insisted on becoming stationary for a time and came here to run a branch establishment. You know, dear, that we were engaged in two weeks."

"And was it more than a dozen girls that you were in love with before you met me?"

"Hundreds of them."

"What a good thing I didn't know!"—St. Louis Republic.

Echoes of "After the Ball."

There is one man in the United States who has a device stamped on his letter paper for which he is not beholden to any musty ancestor, a device which will doubtless be emblazoned on his coat of arms if we ever set up a college of heraldry. His name is Harris and he lives in Milwaukee. You will know what Harris I mean when I say that he has stamped on the left hand corner of his letter paper a ball, in bright red, with a frantic little goblin, also red, running after it as hard as he can. "After the Ball" is the motto, and the man who writes on the paper is the Charles Harris who wrote the song of that name, a song which has made him such a fortune that nowadays he doesn't sell his songs to publishers, but has a music publishing house all his own, from which he issues only his own compositions. The device is decidedly decorative and will look well on a coat of arms.—Washington Post.

Costly Shooting.

Projectiles used by the United States army for its great modern guns cost as follows: Solid shot, 8 inch, $69.80 each; 10 inch, $144.50 each; 12 inch, $212 each; 12 inch mortar shells weighing 800 pounds, $114 each; 12 inch mortar shells weighing 1,000 pounds, $495 each.

Must Help Each Other.

A *beautiful moral* in tandem bicycling for a young married couple is that both must work if they want to get along.—Philadelphia Times.

The oldest national flag in the world is that of Denmark, which has been in use since the year 1219.

Tommy—Paw, what is a snob?

Mr. Figg—A snob is a fellow you used to go to school with who has worked his way into a set where you can't enter.—Indianapolis Journal.

Bargains.

He—It takes two to make a bargain.

She—Oh, yes—2 cents.

Afterward he remembered that she had that day bought a 98 cent umbrella.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Our strength grows out of our weakness. Not until we are pricked and stung and surely shot at, awakens the indignation which arms itself with secret forces.

CREATURES OF TWO WORLDS.

Which Spend Part of Their Lives In Water, Part In the Air.

There is a water spider that lives partly on the surface and partly below it. It has a pretty home, like a silver globe as light as air, which sometimes rises to the top and sometimes is moored down under the water by silken threads.

The dweller in this fairy palace is also its architect, having spun its shining walls from itself, for the spider carries inside a wonderful store of silk with threads so fine that it is said to take thousands of them to make the thickness of a hair. Its feet are like delicate combs, which disentangle the threads and remove any minute specks, and our diver, who goes from the air above into the shining water below, travels by his own private railway to and fro, and after he has arrived no doubt he, like other spiders, gathers up the thread into a silken ball and throws it aside. It would never do to leave the road open for any insect tramps that might be coming that way.

The dragon fly lives in the water during one stage of its life and in the air during another. The eggs are laid on the leaves of water plants. When the larva of a dragon fly appears, it is a very queer creature indeed. In the first place, it wears a mask, which conceals its mandibles, or jaws, and when it sees anything that it would like to capture for its dinner it suddenly unfolds this mask and throws it forward. It has two sharp claws that instantly seize the prey.

It also draws in and sends forth water, moving in this way, and taking in the air in the water for breathing purposes. For nearly a year it lives in the water world; then on some fine May or June day it climbs up the stem of some tall water plant that rises above the surface, and in about two hours throws off the old ugly body and darts away—an inhabitant of the air world for the rest of its life—on four gossamer wings, glittering with many beautiful colors like those of shining silver and bronze.

It flies as swiftly as a swallow, and has a long, slender body and large eyes, cut with many sides like a diamond, and on a sunshiny day you may see many of them catching their prey on the wing. If you should put it back into the water world of its childhood, it would die.

The ephemeridæ, or flies that live only in the air world for a day, spend as many as two or three years in the water, having something like gills to breath with. They have a chrysalis as well as a larva state, though they are active in each. It is called their chrysalis state while their wings are forming, though these are never unfolded until they leave their first home forever.

It is marvelous to see with what swiftness they make their change. When the time comes, they throw off the old skin more quickly than a man can take off his overcoat by a good deal, unfold their new wings, and with their feet resting on their castoff body, dart away into the beautiful new world. They love the sunshine or any shining light and dance and circle merrily in crowds about it.

I think if an elf or a fairy could be taken out of his story book world he would find transformations just as marvelous and palaces just as beautiful in the real world of nature.—Philadelphia Times.

The Real Thing.

"In all my career as an artist on the dramatic stage," remarked Mr. Stormington Barnes, "I never knew but one critic—that is to say, one real critic."

"What do you mean by your idea of a real critic?" inquired the young man who likes to hear Mr. Barnes talk.

"I mean a person of candid discrimination; one who is not to be blinded by personal prejudice on his own side nor dazzled by mere assumption on the part of others. Mere fluency of language does not suffice. Quickness and accuracy of perception and courageous candor are the foremost essentials."

"Where did you meet this phenomenon?"

"It was in my early days in the far west. I was playing secondary parts. I blush to think of how I was compelled to subordinate my talents to the commonplace and futile efforts of the man who played the leading roles. But he had discovered financial backing. So I bowed to fate. How idle it is to say that art is not appreciated in the less cultured circles of society. One night we were playing "Richard III." I played Richmond. Ah, me boy, you ought to have seen me play Richmond in those days! You would have understood how impossible it is to overshadow true greatness, and I do not exaggerate when I say that I was great in that part. It was after this performance I met the critic to whom I refer. He was standing in front of the hotel."

"*What did he say?*"

"I shall quote him in his own vernacular. For simple directness of style, I have never met his equal. Grasping me by the hand, he exclaimed:

" 'Pardner, it served him right, and you've got the town with you. If you hadn't killed that low down coyote in the last act, there'd have been a lynchin party waitin to take him in tow this minute!' "
—Washington Star.

Architectural Aberrations.

Chestnut street, Philadelphia, used to be known as the scene of the most outrageous commercial architecture in the United States. Indeed it was and is extremely bad, and it is rendered the more irritating by the fact that the worst buildings seem to be the most advertised. The promiscuous Philadelphian will point you with pride to the municipal disgraces.

The bad eminence of Chestnut street is at present, however, loudly challenged by what used to be the pride of New York. Not that Chestnut street is any less outrageous than it used to be, but Broadway more. The good things that have been done in Philadelphia within the past 15 years, and there have been many of them, have been erected in outlying quarters, far from the ignoble strife of the madding crowd of edifices that loudly swear at each other along and across the chief commercial thoroughfare. This is not to be regretted. One good building, a dozen good buildings, would be overwhelmed and submerged in the confusion of bad architecture. Indeed there are buildings there which, if not very good, show some sense of the value of peace and quietness, but they are lost and do not disturb the general impression of a museum of architectural freaks.—Architectural Record.

Had Him There.

"Here's your book, dear Miss Scribblah. Sorry to have kept it so long. Delighted with it, I assure you."

"Read it through, did you?"

"Yes, indeed. It was charming."

"Ever show your eyes to an expert oculist?"

"My eyes? What do you mean?"

"Must be something abnormal about them. You appear to have read my book without cutting the leaves!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Young man," said Mr. N. Peck, "you will never know what real bliss is until you have a home of your own."

"Eh?" said the young man, astonished at such a remark from such a source.

"Fact. Nobody but a man situated as I am can properly appreciate the delights of going up to town for a few hours of glorious liberty."—Pearson's Weekly.

Elevators are largely used in Paris, especially in private and apartment houses. A great many of these are automatic. You get in at the ground floor and push a button, designating the floor desired. Then when you alight you push a button, and the elevator returns below.

HIS RHYTHMIC FLOW

WAGG MAKES A TRIAL OF THE YOGI METHOD OF BECOMING A GENIUS.

His Wife Witnessed Portions of the Experiment and Was Frightened — First She Suggested the Hot Water Bag, but Finally Sent For the Doctory

Mr. Wagg, after the fashion of the "Dodd" in "Animal Land," which "roars and roars and eats caramels," writes jokes and poems during business hours and gives up his leisure moments on Sunday to The Sun and philosophical experiments. If Mrs. Wagg had read The Sun one Sunday morning recently, she might have been saved from some alarming suspicions about Wagg during the day. She saw Wagg read and then reread one article in it several times.

"That has long been my theory," he exclaimed as he laid down the paper, and Mrs. Wagg, supposing that he referred to a new scheme for currency reform or something equally uninteresting to her, did not question him, but went about her household duties. An hour later she found Wagg in his study staring straight ahead.

"Are you ill?" she asked anxiously.

"Hush, please, and don't destroy my rhythm," said Wagg calmly.

Mrs. Wagg supposed that a poem was taking shape in her husband's mind, and she retreated. When she again looked in on Wagg, he was sitting in the same chair, but one nostril was stopped with cotton, and he held his watch before him.

"I am sure you are ill," said Mrs. Wagg.

"No, no," said Wagg in an absentminded fashion. "I'm just experimenting with my rhythm. That's all, really."

Two hours later Mrs. Wagg went up to see her husband and found him in the same attitude, but his other nostril was now closed with cotton. Wagg's expression was intense. His wife began to have fears of his sanity, and she stole softly out of the room.

When luncheon time came, Wagg responded to the summons, as usual, *but his* wife noticed that he was absentminded and that his appetite was not good. Immediately after luncheon Wagg retired to his library, and there his wife found him holding a feather first on one nostril and then on the other. His watch was open on the table before him, and he looked worried.

"Now, James," she said, "I am sure you are not well. Let me get a hot water bag and"—

"It's nothing, my dear, but those d——d Yogis. I beg your pardon, but they are enough to make a man swear."

"I hope they are not contagious, James, for we must remember the children, you know."

"Now, according to them," continued Wagg, as if he had not heard his wife, "they have a breathing exercise that enables them to reach a much higher state of psychic action. That sounds plausible."

"Hadn't I better get the hot water bag?" suggested Mrs. Wagg.

"Now, when we force the breath," continued Wagg, breathing hard, "we increase the rhythmic nervous flow and consequently the reaction in the brain cells."

Wagg continued to breathe hard for five minutes, and Mrs. Wagg watched him anxiously.

"That sounds fair," he said, breaking the silence, "but I can't get any reaction. Now, here is another. This Yogi says to begin the exercise by closing the right nostril with the thumb and slowly inhaling for four seconds through the left nostril. (Wagg here followed directions). 'Imagine while doing this that you are sending a current down the spinal cord.' Now, I can't do that. Either my imagination is at fault or my spinal cord is."

"Won't you try the hot water bag, please, James?" interrupted Mrs. Wagg. Wagg was lost in thought.

"In a perfectly well person," continued Wagg, "the breath changes from one nostril to the other every two hours, but in poor health the breath sometimes remains in one nostril for hours. Three hours ago I breathed out of my right nostril. I still breathe out of my right nostril. Consequently my health isn't good."

"I know it," said Mrs. Wagg, and out she hurried for her maid.

"Mr. Wagg is unwell," she said to the girl, "and I want you to go to Dr. Jones and leave word for him to call as soon as *he comes in.*"

The maid hurried out, and Mrs. Wagg, who believes in self control, sat down to quiet her nerves for the doctor's verdict. She suspected that Wagg's disorder was purely mental. Then her eyes happened to fall on the paper that he had been reading and this headline attracted her attention: "How to become a genius. Swami Abhedananda gives some infallible rules. Anybody can do it by practicing a few breathing and mental exercises regularly until he sets up a rhythmic flow of nervous currents. Bad men who do it become insane." She looked puzzled for a moment, and then as she glanced quickly down the column a smile appeared, it broadened, and then with the full appreciation of the situation she leaned back in the chair and laughed until she cried.

"Oh, James, James!" she exclaimed to herself. "Studying how to become a genius! Why, you are a genius now. Anyway it says that it is dangerous only to bad men, and you are safe."

Just as Mrs. Wagg arrived at this conclusion in came the maid with Dr. Jones.

"So sorry to trouble you, doctor," said Mrs. Wagg, "and it was all a mistake. Baby was coughing and I thought that it was croup. It wasn't, though. Yes. Good afternoon. It is a beautiful day. I'm sure."

When Mrs. Wagg walked into the library, Wagg remarked:

"This Yogi business is all nonsense."

"It is indeed, James," was her reply.

P. S.—This is a true story.—New York Sun.

Old California.

An American geography, published in 1812, contains the following, interesting information: "California is a wild and almost unknown land, covered throughout the year by dense fogs, as damp as they are unhealthful. On the northern shores live anthropophagi, and in the interior are active volcanoes and vast plains of shifting snow, which sometimes shoot up columns to inconceivable heights." The book adds that some of these statements would seem incredible were they not so well authenticated by trustworthy travelers.

The Thanksgiving proclamation was originated by Sir Francis Bernard, captain general and governor in chief in and over his majesty's province of Massachusetts Bay. It was issued Nov. 4, 1767, and the form then used has been substantially adhered to ever since.

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Wayworn Watson—Oh, that ain't so bad as it sounds. The water up there is all froze.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1898.

All of the above named taxes collectible within the Hope, Yale, Lytton and Cache Creek divisions of the District of Yale are payable at my office, Yale.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:

If paid on or before 30th June, 1898.
Three-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
Two and one-half per cent. on assessed value of wild land.
One-half of one per cent. on personal property.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars, and not more than twenty thousand dollars one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

If paid on or after 1st July, 1898
Four-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.
Three-fourths of one per cent. on personal property.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars one and three-quarters of one per cent.

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

30- WM. DODD,
Assessor and Collector.
Yale, January 29th, 1898.

Mineral Act, 1896.

(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

FORTY THIEVES MINERAL CLAIM. Situate in the Lillooet Mining Division of Lillooet District.

Where located—South Fork of Bridge River.

Take notice that we, Robert B. Skinner and John Marshall, free miner's certificates No. 63704, and 75315, intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 20th day of November, 1897.

R. B. SKINNER,
3210 JOHN MARSHALL.

Mineral Act, 1896.

(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

PERTA MINERAL CLAIM. Situate in the Lillooet Mining Division of Lillooet District.

Where located—South Fork of Bridge River.

Take notice that I, C. A. Phair, free miner's certificate No. 55095, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 20th day of November, 1897.

C. A. PHAIR.
3210

Mineral Act, 1896.

(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE.

CURAL MINERAL CLAIM. Situate in the Lillooet Mining Division of Lillooet District.

Where located—South Fork of Bridge River.

Take notice that we, Robert B. Skinner and John R. Williams, free miner's certificates No. 63703, and 75401, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 20th day of November, 1897.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Several more new buildings are in contemplation in Ashcroft.

You may expect to see a city of tents at Ashcroft within the next few weeks.

J. Johnson of the well known Occidental hotel at Quesnelle is staying in town for a few days.

An inventory is being made of W. T. Slavin's stock, says the Standard, with a view to the taking over of the concern by Bailey Bros. Co.

Alexander Sharp, a well known Cariboo miner, was killed by a snowslide last Sunday at his claim on Cunningham creek. He was buried Friday at Barkerville.

Two hundred thousand people from the states alone seems to be considered moderate in estimating the number that will this season try to reach the gold fields of the north-west.

The entertainment and social to be given by the Presbyterian church will be held on March 1st, not February 22, as announced from the pulpit last Sabbath. Particulars next weeks issue.

J. C. Smith has bought the house he has occupied for some years and the lot adjoining, owned by E. LeForest. Mr. Smith will make some changes in the buildings and will make it a very pretty place.

Mr. F. Webb is now the regularly appointed assistant in the Ashcroft post office. There is plenty of work for two men in the office and the government should grant a reasonable amount of pay for an assistant.

The little snow that has been on the ground in Ashcroft for the past few weeks has all disappeared and we have splendid weather a little colder for the past two days, but carpenters are working barehanded and often in their shirt sleeves and have done so nearly all of the winter.

Stuart Henderson, barrister, solicitor etc., has located in Ashcroft for the practice of his profession. Mr. Henderson is a well informed and pleasant gentleman and is much pleased with the outlook for British Columbia. His office is for the present in the annex to the Ashcroft hotel.

W. W. Houseman, better known as the "Duke of York" is in town on his way to his mining properties in the upper country. If the Duke ever gets down to bedrock and strikes the channel in his claim in upper Lightning Creek you may expect to hear of his raking out the gold like the farmers do potatoes.

John McRae of Quesnelle Forks passed through Ashcrost this week on his way home. Mr. McRae has largely extended his hotel and merchandise business in the Forks, and is one of the solid men of the upper country. Mr. McRae hopes to see a much needed telephone line put in this season between the 150-Mile House and Quesnelle Forks.

The terrible disaster to the so-called Clara Nevada, so long known as the Excelsior, on the sound, whereby 40 to 75 people have lost their lives, will perhaps check the hiring of old crafts and foisting coffins to rush people over the ocean route to Skaguay, Dyea or Wrangel. In the early spring more such crafts will start for St. Michaels at the mouth of the Yukon and very likely more such disasters will occur.

Mr. Gosnell, Provincial Librarian, has written for several hundred of the pamphlets, "Overland through Cariboo, Omenica and Cassiar to Klondike" recently issued by the MINING JOURNAL, for distribution throughout the various libraries and reading rooms of the east and of England. Unfortunately the edition is nearly exhausted and it is not the intention to reissue the work at present. Extra copies of the JOURNAL of last week have been sent Mr. Gosnell at his request for distribution.

Mark Eagleson has leased the Hat Creek ranch belonging to S. Tingley and will shortly take possession. Mr. Eagleson by his long residence and acquaintance with the wants of the travelling public will undoubtedly continue the favorable reputation this house has long had. It is understood that Mr. K. B. McLennan will leave in a few weeks for Glenora to engage in business at that point. The many friends of the McLennan's will hope to hear of their prosperity in their new home.

Several parties of Klondikers have arrived at Ashcroft this week, ready to begin the overland trip. It is yet several weeks too early and better time can be made and at much less expense in April and May. The Ashcroft route is the best so far and most economical route to the Yukon. It is not the quickest perhaps, but in season is by all odds the most sensible for men of moderate means to travel over. It is not a winter route at present and no one from this section has claimed it to be such. It may be next season and is more than likely to be, but not at present. When houses are built along the trail, barns erected and hay put up as will be done this season. When the telegraph line is built through to Telegraph creek as it will be within a few months. The trail will be widened out and kept open. We expect next year to be able to say to one and all, come on at any season of the year and you can go through safely and economically.

BORN—At 1081, Eveleigh street, Vancouver, Jan. 31st, to the wife of Mr. Gerald Dester, a daughter.

The weather has been colder for the past few days. We shall expect spring in earnest after the present cold spell is over.

An order for $8,000 worth of supplies for a party of thirty men from the eastern states was given to F. W. Foster yesterday.

K. B. McLennan will take contracts to furnish horses and mules at Ashcroft, Vancouver or Victoria for the Klondike trade. See add in another column.

A letter received at this office from Thomas McEwen, a prominent stock man at Empire Valley states that stock is wintering well and the outlook for a favorable season is good.

The ball at the Town Hall on Thursday night was a very pleasant affair. The community are under obligations to the trustees of the hall and to those who so kindly furnished music.

A party of five men from Fresno and San Francisco are stopping at the Exchange and will shortly leave for Quesnelle on their way to the head waters of the Peace river.

John Shields superintendent of the Water Works and Electric Light company of Ashcroft is pushing the work along well. He expects shortly to put on a large force of men ditching, laying pipe, etc.

Tommy Jones and his dogs left this week for the coast. He has a few well trained and valuable sleigh dogs and may dispose of them at the coast and return here shortly to go overland to Klondike.

In the two and a half miles just above the grounds of the Cariboo Gold Fields more than $25,000,000 has been taken out. Who shall say that there is not another $25,000,000 in the ground between Barkerville and Willow river.

Harry Trim, who is one of the owners of the Trim & Haddock's livery stables in town, is visiting his son at Ashcroft. Mr. Trim reports things as very lively at his home in Westham and along the coast in general, owing to the rush of the gold seekers.

The C. P. R. is having a little trouble on the line from slides and trains are sometims a few hours late, but nothing like the trouble that is experienced on the other great transcontinental lines. On the Great Northern and Northern Pacific several days at a time have frequently passed without a through trains.

We promised to write an article this week on the dog nuisance in Ashcroft, but concluded we had too many of our own to say much as yet. When some aggravated party gets mad enough and kills off some of ours we will come out in a strong article on the necessity of getting rid of some of the worthless curs that now infest Ashcroft.

It is reported that Mr. W. Thompson of England, late inspector of mines in Australia, and who has with associates acquired large interests in and about Slough creek and Willow, will shortly arrive in Cariboo to begin extensive operations. The company is strong financially and should be an undoubted success in the rich district it has selected for its field of operations.

J. Robinson, who left here a couple weeks ago for Seattle, with the intention of going to Skaguay, surprised his friends on Tuesday night by returning to the city. He reports that lare numbers are returning on every steamer from the north, discourged with the outlook for getting through this winter. The coast merchants are doing a rushing business in outfitting parties for the Klondike.—Nelson Miner.

The Rev. Jas. Turner, so well and favorably known in this vicinity has accepted the call made on him by the Methodist conference of late and has gone to the coast to make his arrangements for the trip into Dawson City as a missionary. Mr. Turner's many friends in this vicinity, and there are none but friends of his here, regret much his departure. He has promised regular letters to the MINING JOURNAL from the interior camps.

Mr. Jas. Champion, Supt. of the Cariboo Gold Fields, was in town a day this week. Mr. Champion has great hopes of doing some mining early in the season, and if the hydraulic elevators are gotten to work successfully there will be some grand results from the workings. The gravel taken out in sinking shafts to get the elevators placed was washed recently and an average of $8 per cubic yard was taken out. It is simply enormously rich ground and the returns from this mine will cause a sensation in mining circles within the next few months.

A letter received at this office from Senator Campbell states that the miniair now in progress at San Francisco is a great success. Mr. Campbell will be in Ashcroft the latter part of March and will at once begin work on the Horsefly, the Miocene Company's ground with new and powerful machinery and with a party of expert Californian miners and experts to bottom the old channel, in which he has implicit faith, and believes there is a heavy deposit of gold. If the senator is successful in his undertaking it will result in opening up a vast mining property in the Horsefly section.

The Pioneer Press of Feb. 15th gives a good account of the Ashcroft route.

Mr. Owen, late of England, a friend of Captain R. G. Tatlow, spent a day in Ashcroft this week.

Letters of inquiry regarding the Ashcroft route keep coming in to merchants, hotel-keepers, horse men, etc., every day.

Mrs. James Cohen is being taken down to the Jubilee Hospital, at Victoria, for treatment, today, by her husband. We hope to hear of her speedy return to health.

Mr. Bremner, of Toronto, arrived yesterday ta take a place in the office of the B. C. Express Company. Mr. Bremner seems pleased with the outlook, and will bring out his wife and child shortly, this showing his intention of making Ashcrott his home.

The people of Ashcroft are under obligations to George Ward for his work in connection with raising a purse this week for a worthy object. About $100 was raised. It is more blessed to give than to receive. All seemed to take the right view of the case, viz. that it may sometime be our misfortune to be so situated, Health is wealth.

Captain R. G. Tatlow, and wife, of Vancouver, spent the day yesterday with Ashcroft friends. The captain returned home last night, Mrs. Tatlow remaining to spend a few days with Mrs. H. Cornwall, she not having been in the best of health for a few weeks and hopes for an early improvement in health and strength by spending a time in this dry and invigorating section.

A letter received of late at this office from the well-known horseman, I. B. Lee, wishes the MINING JOURNAL to give notice that Mr. Lee will be in Ashcroft about March 1st, to make contracts for horses with those requiring them. Mr. Lee has now on hand several hundred well broken pack animals, and will bring up a well matched driving team that will be sold at the right price.

The three young men forming the Iowa party for Klondike have very sensibly followed the advice of those who are well acquainted with the trail overland, and have gone into camp across the river and will wait a few weeks before pushing along. By so doing they will save money, horse flesh and hard work, and will be at Lake Teslin in ample time in the spring and no doubt far in advance of those that start now for there without horses.

The Vancouver people claim they have a joke on the Ashcroft people, which they relate with great enjoyment and we must confess that it is a "horse on us." The story is that a few days ago two young Englishmen who had been reading the JOURNAL'S description of the safe and easy route overland to Klondike, swung off of the rear of a Pullman car as the train swept into Ashcroft, and one remarked to the other in a tone of thorough satisfaction, "Thank heaven the worst of the journey is over.

Anyone wishing reliable information regarding the overland route from Ashcroft to Lake Teslin can secure the same by remitting 25 cents to J. H. Clements, druggist and stationer, at Ashcroft, for a copy of "Overland to Klondike," through "Cariboo, Omenica and Cassiar." Ten full page illustrations and a correct map of the roads and trails, issued by the B.C. MINING JOURNAL, and contains its special correspondent's report of the actual present condition of the trail, Surveyor J. D. Devereux having been sent over the route by the JOURNAL to examine and report on the same. The book contains in all 70 pages.

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K. B. McLENNAN,
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