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TITLE TO PLACER GROUND.

It seems, so far as we are able to obtain the views of mining men of Cariboo and Omineca, to be their desire to have some changes in the laws so that a title more satisfactory than that of the lease system now in vogue, may be obtained. It is readily understood that large sums of money must be employed in opening up hydraulic mines and putting them in such shape that large quantities of gravel can be put through sluices and the gold extracted at a comparatively small expense per yard. Under favorable conditions large banks of gravel can be made to pay well for working that carries only a small amount of gold, say, 4 to 10 cents per cubic yard. But the great question comes in, how much does it cost to open up such properties, make ditches, put on pipe, flumes, etc? In many cases it costs into the hundreds of thousands. In the case of the Cariboo Hydraulic it has cost to perfect its splendid system over $1,200,000; the Cariboo Gold Fields, at Barkerville, something like $500,000; the Hydraulic at Horsefly, the Miocene and the Ward Hydraulic from $100,000 to $300,000 each. It is not easy then to enlist capital to open up mines unless you can first make it very plain that you have a paying proposition, then it is comparatively easy. It is not difficult if everything is favorable and the conditions are such that an outlay of a few thousand dollars will determine absolutely whether or not a bank of gravel will repay the investment of half a million. Then why not grant favorable terms to prospectors for, say, four or five years to prospect properties, the party securing such a lease being required to do a certain amount of work the first year and an increased amount each year until he is satisfied either that the ground is good or otherwise, with the assurance that if he desires he can secure title absolute to the ground, a crown grant? While the mine is being worked tax the output as is now done, and not the improvements, and when lying idle tax the improvements. In this manner there will be a constant income to the government. After the mine is worked out no miner will want the property nor will they if there is no prospect of its proving a paying property, consequently the land will be sold for taxes and if desired, the crown can again acquire title.

In this manner a bona fide miner could secure title to his property that would enable him to go to capitalists not familiar with our complex system of leasing, and much more readily enlist their financial assistance. It is very easy to say to a capitalist, "the leases are all right" but you can not get them to take the same view of things that those who are familiar with mining rules in this province do.

Funds could thus be more easily obtained to prospect ground, knowing that if proven valuable a title could be obtained. It would prevent the taking up of large tracts of ground for speculative purposes, as is now being done, and in many cases without much being done.

We believe a law framed something after the foregoing suggestions could be made that would be of much assistance to miners, and one that would increase instead of lessening the revenues. Is the matter not well worth the consideration the of legislature? The present minister of mines, Mr. Hume, has expressed himself as favoring any legislation that will benefit the hydraulic miner and we believe a law can be so framed that it will very much assist in removing the serious injury done the Cariboo and Omineca sections by the now admitedly bad alien legislation of last session, and which we trust will be wiped off the statues during the session.

The supreme court of Montana has just decided an important point covering the meaning of section 2320 of the revised United States statutes, which provides that no location of a mining claim shall be made until the discovery of a vein or lode is found to exist within the boundaries of the proposed claim. In this decision the court holds that the mere finding of mineral in the rock constitutes the discovery, and that it is not necessary to show that the ore is "pay." Nor is it necessary for the locator to subsequently and prior to the perfection of title to show that there is paying mineral in place within the claim if later, in the development of the property paying mineral is found. The deduction from the decision is that it is not necessary to show paying ore on the outcrop of a vein to make a valid location thereon, but subsequently paying mineral must be found if a controversy should arise between the locator and an agricultural entry.—Mining World.

Passenger List

The following is the list of passengers arriving at and departing from Ashcroft, by the B. C. Express Co.'s stages:

ARRIVALS.

G A Vieth from 150-Mile House, D Mahoney, Clinton.

DEPARTURES.

Mr and Mrs C Gill, Clinton; Pete Tilman, Clinton.

By special stage—Capt C N Black and party of six men to Quesnelle.

VICTORIA LETTER.

A representative of the JOURNAL visited Victoria this week and spent a few pleasant hours in the press gallery from which a good view of the House can be had. The acoustic properties of the assembly hall are not good, otherwise it seems a convenient, and is a handsomely furnished, room. We do not think it is saying more than can be honestly said that the group of men comprising the Legislative body, will compare favorably with one seen in any of the Legislatures of the Dominion or of the neighboring States; not that there are to be found great orators or great statesmen, but as a whole they are a fine looking lot of men. J. D. Prentice makes a good presiding officer, and Fighting Joe Martin certainly looks and talked like an ordinary bright man that knew what he was doing, but then the debate was a quiet one and no one's wrath was aroused. We were told that a seafaring statesman told a newspaper statesman, the session before we were present, to go to h—, but the newspaper man probably would meet too many delinquent subscribers there to make it pleasant so he has not gone. During the evening session we did not have the pleasure of hearing the members from Cariboo, but they certainly look as stern and dignified as the case requires. Eberts is easily the best speaker in the House. No harder working member, and none more popular can be named than Tisdall, of Vancouver. Messrs. Semlir, Cotton, Henderson, McKechnie and Hume occupy seats in close proximity and seem to be watching their majority very closely, and so far this session they have not lost a trick but the game is very close, it is horse and horse. For the good of North Yale, Cariboo and Lillooet, we believe it much the best that the present government should stand, as it is quietly intimated that our section will have no cause to complain; that a liberal appropriation for the Stuart's Lake wagon road; good sums for the trunk road and branches in Cariboo; a Court House in Ashcroft and other much needed improvements are on the list of appropriations soon to be brought down. If these intimations are true, no member from either of the Lillooets, Cariboo or the Yales should do anything to embarrass the present government in carrying out their plans. It is, of course, currently reported that the representative of one of the above districts, who is now with the government, is expected to defeat the government party before many days, but from present appearances we do not think this report is correct.

Premier Semlin looks well and seems to be enjoying the situation. Henderson is prompt in debate and able. Cotton is the strong man of the Government and has no superior in ability in the House, at least this seems to be the general concensus of opinion. Dean takes an active part in the proceedings and is evidently doing all he can for his section. Ex-Premier Turner is one of the bright men of the House and nothing seems to escape his attention. A good story is told of a constituent of a rural member who was in the gallery during a session. After the session closed he informed his member that he had heard a lot about fighting Joe Martin, and he added, "now that I've seen him I can easy see why he got his name. He is square built, a short neck and a hard face. He bosses the boys around and looks like a scrapper; there he goes now!" and the genial Sergeant-at-Arms, our Daniel from the Bonaparte, passed by. It was a case of mistaken identity.

Wants to Know Why.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: Can any of your readers inform the public of Ashcroft why it is necessary for the Ottawa government to bring between 40,000 and 50,000 lbs. of groceries, including such things as flour, salt, tea and coffee from Kingston, Ont., for supplying the Atlin-Ashcroft telegraph, when there are firms in Ashcroft (to say nothing of other B.C. points) quite capable of supplying all necessaries for such an outfit?

It is stated here that the whole bill of goods could be supplied, packed and delivered at Ashcroft for the amount of freight payable on the goods from Kingston. Whether this is so or not, I think we have room for a kick, and that a very vigorous one should be made.

As you said in a recent issue, "what is Mr. Bostock doing?" and is he aware that there is a place in his constituency called Ashcroft? I have always understood that British Columbians paid about three times more in taxes than the average for the Dominion, and yet when any government work is to be done, both men and supplies are brought from the east, and B.C. merchants and workingmen not given even a chance.

Perhaps "Liberal," who wrote such a "fair" criticism to the Kamloops Sentinel the other day, can enlighten us.

Yours, &c.,
KICKER.

Work on the Cobeldick dredge at Lytton, is proceeding satisfactorily. It is expected the dredge will be completed in four or five weeks.

A WORD TO PROSPECTORS.

The Baker City Republican in noticing the fact that "Edison and other electricians are in the market for the mineral, gadolinite," calls the attention of prospectors to the necessity of keeping their eyes open for crystals of hardness and weight, and to species of sand or powdered crystal, difficult to wash away while panning for prospects. The warning is timely, for old prospectors have, during the past few years, learned that many a good thing has passed away into tailings and mine debris, which if saved and utilized, would have added thousands to the year's cleanups.

Many prospectors searching for gold, look for nothing but gold. He will throw out from his pan blackish or colored crystals exceedingly hard and heavy which the mineralogist may pronounce valuable. They may prove to be gadolinite or monozite or precious stones which will largely add to the season's profit. These former metals are very useful in some of the appliances to electricity; to others it is an actual necessity. For years prospectors have ignorantly robbed themselves of diamonds in the rough, and of sapphires and rubies and other valuable stones by throwing them among their mining waste, or from their prospecting pans, The prospector should now keep alert for everything. Many colored stones or crystals, especially if they are very heavy and hard, should be carefully examined. Something more valuable than gold may be found in them.

Tellurium was thrown away for many years, cinnabar and other substances were overlooked or ignored, coal measures were not valued; in fact, gold was the only mineral sought, the rest, in the eyes of the prospectors were valueless. The prospector of this day and generation, with the knowledge before him, has a greater light to guide him than had those who have gone to their fathers. There are many minerals more valuable than gold. It may pay the prospector to look out for them. In looking for gold he may find a fortune in something else.

150-Mile House Notes.

"To be or not to be," is the present burning question with the proposed bridge at Chimney Creek across the Fraser river. This winter there is no ice bridge, and as Messrs. Wilson, Lee and Johnson are hauling grain down in the hope of getting it across on the ice, which probably will not be there this season, it gives the rest of the Chilcoten settlers an ocular demonstration of how useful it would be to have a bridge which could be crossed at all times. However, as the Government has gone so far as to have plans and specifications drawn up this fall for the proposed bridge by Mr Sydney Williams of Quesnelle, the residents round here have confidence that they will be as good as their word and build the much needed bridge before the coming summer is out, especially when they consider the strongly worded and unanimously signed petition sent in.

Never in the history of the oldest settler has there been such an open winter. The "beautiful" appears to be like angel's visits, few and far between.

S. A. Rodgers of Barkerville paid a visit to this place a short time ago examining mining ground, but the general belief of the majority was that he was reviewing the political situation.

J. D. McIntosh left here a few days ago to take charge of the telegraph office at Lac la Hache.

R. L. Shaw left for Quesnelle last week in charge of an extra for the B.C. Express Co. The honor of driving the first stage into the city of Barkerville belongs to Mr. Shaw.

A dance was given at Williams' Lake by Mr. and Mrs. Borland in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Felker and was highly appreciated by all. Too much cannot be said in praise of the host and hostess, who did everything in their power to make the affair as pleasant as possible.

Dr. Shaw opened a veterinary office a short time ago and so far has received a fair amount of public patronage.

A. C. Foster has moved into his new harness shop and appears to be doing a fair business, carrying a large stock.

Wm. Thomson left here for Horsefly last week to begin operations in his mine, which he believes to be one of the best in the district.

Mrs. Newell arrived here from Barkerville last stage and proceeded to the Quesnelle Forks, where she intends to reside the coming season.

A very enjoyable surprise party and dance took place at 121-Mile House, the residence of Mr. Jas. Chalmers, last Friday night. Nearly everybody in the Lac la Hache Valley and some others, were there. Dancing lasted till dawn, when the party broke up, after voting the evening an entire success.

A. C. Mintey, Alexander Oster, and Edward Hunter have applied to Capt. Nash, Kamloops, to join the rough riders' contingent. They are thorough horsemen and their cowboy experience will make them valuable additions to the force.

CARIBOO'S PAST.

The remarkably rich creeks known as Williams, Lowhee and Lightning were discovered in the summer and autumn of 1861. The gold output of Cariboo in that year was estimated by the Victoria daily press at $2,000,000.

In 1862 some claims on Williams Creek are said to have produced 100 ounces per day during the season, and the Cunningham claim turned out on several occasions—according to report—over 600 ounces per day. Four hundred miners were at work on Williams Creek in that year.

Below is an interesting table—partly from the report of the Minister of Mines for 1875—showing the value of the gold obtained from certain claims on Williams Creek, below the canyon, up to the 1st of November, 1875. Also the length of channel from which it was won and the yield per lineal foot of channel:

Claim.	Length of channel.	Value of gold produced.	Val. per ft. of channel.
Cunningham	500 ft.	$270,000	$ 540
Adams	100 "	50,000	500
Steele	80 "	120,000	1,500
Diller	50 "	240,000	4,800
Burns	80 "	140,000	1,750
Canadian	120 "	180,000	1,500
Neversweat	120 "	100,000	833
Moffatt	50 "	90,000	1,800
Tinkler	140 "	120,000	857
Watty	100 "	130,000	1,300
	1,340	$1,430,00	av.$1,075

Lightning Creek did not yield so largely as Williams Creek, but the output was greater whilst it lasted. The former creek was abandoned in 1864 owing to the difficulty of reaching the deep channel, but in 1870 sinking was successfully resumed. It was worked altogether for a length of about three miles. According to the report of the Minister of Mines for 1875 the claims on this creek up to the 1st of November in that year had produced the following amounts of gold:

Claims—	
Campbell and Whitehall	$200,000
Dutch and Siegel	130,000
Dunbar	30,000
Lightning	153,962
Discovery and Butcher	120,000
South Wales	141,531
Spruce	99,908
Point	136,625
Van Winkle	363,983
Victoria	451,642
Vancouver	274,190
Vulcan	56,955
Costello	20,476
	$2,179,272

From 1862 to 1874 inclusive, there is a lack of information as to the Cariboo output. For 1875, 1876, and 1877 it is given in the following table from the report of the Minister of Mines:

Claim.	1875.
Lightning	$513,527
Burns	10,900
Nelson	9,750
Cottonwood	5,000
Swift River	3,300

The output of the above claims for 1876 was $137,306, and for 1877, $220,017.

Claim.	1875.
Williams	68,760
Conklin Gulch	41,200
Stout Gulch	4,200
Grouse	4,414

The output of the above claims for 1876 was $224,071, and for 1877, $162,385.

Claim.	1875.
Lowhee, Jack of Clubs, Mosquito, McArthur and Antler	26,400
North and South Forks Quesnelle 1876, $82,460	40,040
Keithley	25,515
Harvey and Snowshoe	13,162
The foregoing 3 for 1877, $20,370	

Totals—1877, $404,772; 1876, $443,837; $766,258

Year.	
1878	$380,535
1879	500,000
1880	564,000
1881	610,737
1882	471,525
1883	457,787
1884	423,855
1885	317,700
1886	288,300
1887	247,673
1888	250,377
1889	217,892
1890	158,150
1891	185,050
1892	194,020
1893	202,000
1894	192,350
1895	282,400
1896	384,050
1897	325,000
1898	389,368

—Mining Record.

The custom of holding cheques over is a dangerous one and liable to result in loss to the holder. The law on the matter is plain, which gives the party a reasonable time to have the cheque cashed. Up country it would not be considered reasonable to hold a cheque over a week or two. Besides the risk to the holder it is hardly fair to the drawer who often keeps no books and can only find out how he stands by inquiring of the bank. If his cheques are held over he may think himself better off than he really is, and he may even enter into engagements which might seriously harm him.

QUESNELLE-DAWSON TELEGRAPH LINE.

From a member of the party that are now in Vancouver under the charge of Mr. Charleson, who has charge of the Ashcroft-Quesnelle-Atlin-Dawson telegraph line, we learn the following particulars that will be found of interest to all in our section.

Supplies will be taken in at once to all of the points accessible, wire and insulators distributed as far as can be and everything put in shape. There will be three gangs of men put at work on real construction about May 1st, one working from Atlin south, one from Hazleton north and one from Quesnelle north. Each party will consist of about one hundred men, not less, and work will last from four to six months. Wages are expected to be, for common laborers $2.00 and board, fare, etc. If they can be obtained at this price in sufficient numbers none outside of the party now here will be brought from the east, so that at Quesnelle over 100 men will be started, besides large pack trains, about May 1st. Houses, mostly of logs, 16x20, will be built every 30 miles, an operator and a line man will be stationed at each. At Ashcroft the messages will be turned over to the C.P.R. lines and a commodious office will be built or fixed up to accommodate about six employees.

The above is about as the information was given us and while our informant did not pretend to have any authority, he stated that the matter would be arranged about as he had stated.

Miss Murcutt in Ashcroft.

The Columbian says:—"Miss F. J. A. Murcutt, the Australian W. C. T. U. lecturer, who has been visiting the coast cities of B. C. for the last four months, is now going into the Interior and intends to spend about two months among the mining towns of the upper country. While on the coast, she has made many friends and spoken to large audiences. Her stereopticon lecture on "The Way of the Cross," given in the Opera House, on Sunday evening, December 10th, was a great success, drawing a full house. The colored slides, used to illustrate the subject, were first-class, and general satisfaction has been expressed by those who were privileged in attending.

Miss Murcutt will be followed by a host of good wishes for her personal happiness and success of her work, and she is recommended to the confidence of the people to whom she is going. Having travelled over the length and breadth of the Australian continent, she is well adapted for the rougher experiences of new districts and mining camps.

Miss Murcutt is endorsed by the Provincial Woman's Christians Temperance Union of British Columbia."

Miss Murcutt will deliver an address in the town hall on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, the subject being "The Nation must be Freed." Rev. A. A. Dorrell will preside. On Monday evening at the same time and place she will give her stereopticon lecture "The Way of the Cross," which is highly spoken of by the Columbian. The lecture on "Australia, its natives, their wigwams and customs" will be given on Tuesday evening. Tickets at 25 cents, are on sale at the post office, Clement's drug store and the B.X. office. The proceeds of this lecture to be equally divided between the Canadian Patriotic Fund and the W. C. T. U.

STRATHCONA'S ROUGH RIDERS.

On Thursday one hundred or more "rough riders" were examined at Kamloops by Sergeant Wilson of the Northwest Mounted Police force.

James Fisher, P. Oldham, A. Radwell of Ashcroft, — Hunter of Penniston, Lord Edward Seymour and C. R. Wilson of Chilcotin successfully passed the examination.

They leave on Sunday morning's train for the east. Amongst others from this district who did not pass was J. Parker from Bridge creek, who was unsuccessful in the medical examination, Henry Cargile did not come up to the regulation height and A. Mintey did not shoot straight enough.

The medical examination was severe, the slightest thing being sufficient to debar. One applicant was informed a broken tooth would prevent his being selected. He immediately visited a dentist and had it pulled out, thus qualifying for the position.

All the applicants were enthusiastic and those rejected feel much disappointed.

Like the eight-hour law, the act passed last year by the Provincial Legislature excluding aliens from engaging in placer mining in British Columbia, was, as we stated at the time, an instance of ill-considered and hasty legislation—the sort of costly mistake which at the present time particularly the country can ill afford to make. The repeal or the radical modification of the law is the only way now in which the evil it has wrought can be repaired. —Mining Record.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company will be held at Toronto on the 17th inst.

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Gold Dredging in New Zealand.

[Continued from last week.]

The cost of fuel is usually high in out of the way places, and it is found advisable to use the highest class of engines and boilers obtainable. These boilers are also specially adapted to burn the local fuel, which is usually a low class of lignite. The elevator consists of a long steel ladder, made in the form of a box open at the top, and latticed at the sides below the box to form a girder. It is fixed to the stern of the dredge by a pivoting shaft, and supported by four steel wire ropes, leading to two masts of 40 ft. high, set in the center of the dredge, and it is stayed sideways by two light steel pipes from the stern corners of the dredge up to about 30 ft. from the upper end. At each end of the elevator there is a pair of light seven-sided tumblers, over which a continuous chain of buckets work; and inside the upper portion of the ladder there are six pairs of rollers, on which the buckets travel, also six pairs of rollers on the lower side down which the empty buckets travel. The elevator is driven from the lower tumbler by a train of gearing connected to the main gearing by means of a belt. The whole of the machinery, with the exception of the centrifugal pump, air pump, and condenser, is above deck, under the eye of the driver, and every point is considered to make the machinery convenient to work, and accessible in case of repairs.

The dirt after being lifted is discharged into a double shoot made of steel, heavily barred with steel bars. From this it is again discharged into two revolving steel cylinders, each 16 ft. 6 in. long by 4 ft. diameter, and perforated for about 12 ft. of their length with holes ranging from 5-16 in. at the upper end to 1-2 in. at the lower. These screens are set with a fall towards the stern of the dredge, and there is a perforated pipe through each cylinder near the top. From these pipes a continuous shower of water falls upon the washdirt, which is tumbled about as it passes down through the cylinders. The fine dirt, sand, and gold is all washed through the perforations on to the tables below, while the coarser dirt and stones pass out at the lower end into the tailings elevator. The gold-saving tables consist of a series of four boxes, each 3 ft. wide and 13 ft. long, on both sides of the dredge. These boxes are made of steel, 10 gauge thick, set parallel and secured together, the one being stepped below the other to correspond with the fall or pitch of the screens, and each set of boxes has a fall from the center towards the sides of the dredge where they deliver the fine dirt behind the stern.

The boxes or tables are covered with cocoanut matting, in lengths of 4 ft., for convenience in lifting and washing. Calico is laid on the bottom of the boxes to catch any fine gold that may pass through the cocoanut matting, and the matting is held down by strips of wood laid along the edges, and wedged by wooden wedges, or clips, along the side divisions of the boxes. The mats on the upper end of the gold-saving tables are usually lifted every morning, and sometimes oftener if the dredge is getting a large amount of gold. They are washed in large troughs, and the gravel, sand and gold is then streamed down on either plush, baize, blanket, or cocoanut matting in a box about 12 ft. long and 20 in. wide. After this nothing but the gold and heavier portions of the sands remain, and this is taken out by either panning it off in a dish or amalgamating it, usually the former. The coarser dirt and stones, after going out of the revolving cylinders, are discharged into the tailings elevator, lifted up and stacked behind the dredge, at such a distance that the stern will not touch or ground upon them. The dredge will work its way into the bank from the river, stacking its tailings to a height of 40 ft. behind it, forming its own dam or paddock, which will be raised by letting a stream of water flow into it, and thus raise the dredge to any level required to work the ground. It has to work almost continuously, night and day, and in all weathers, and the whole of the machinery, with the exception of the revolving screens and the tailings elevator, will be comfortably housed in, and lighted at night with the electric light.

This dredge would be capable of lifting and treating about 19,800 cubic yards of gravel per week if the buckets could be kept continually running full, but allowing 25 per cent. of loss for buckets coming up not full, the dirt lifted would be, say, 14,800 cubic yards. The working expenses will be: Wages, £23; fuel, £16; wear and tear to machinery, £12; oil, waste, and sundries, £2; in all, £53 a week. This would make the average cost of lifting and treating a cubic yard of dirt something under 1d.

It is interesting to note the way in which the tailings from a dredge will stack up under different conditions. A dredge with a single sluice box, into which the whole of the washdirt is discharged, will require about 20 per cent. more room to stack the tailings than they formerly occupied; but one fitted with a revolving screen will require fully 33 per cent more room, due to the fact that the fine dirt is separated from the coarse, and only gets partially mixed again when discharged at the stern by the two shoots; while the tailings from a dredge with a tailings elevator require nearly 50 per cent more space to stack. In this case the fine dirt, and all that passes through the perforations in the revolving screen, is delivered close under the stern of the dredge, and settles on the bottom, while the coarse dirt and stones are carried up the elevator and stacked on top of the fine stuff, which gets no chance of being mixed with the stones. The interstices between are not filled, consequently much more room is required.

As illustrating the state of perfection to which the New Zealand type of dredges has been brought, the largest of them are being worked by only two men per eight-hour shift, and one dredgemaster, who is also the engineer, in charge, making in all seven men to work the dredge continuously 144 hours per week. This is principally due to the compactness and handiness of the winches for simplicity of the machinery, which is almost automatic in its working. In comparison with this we have the Dunedin Harbor a large dredge made on the usual harbor-dredge type. It takes eight men per shift to work it, and the average cost of dredging a cubic yard of clay and delivering it into the hopper barge is 3 81d. It is difficult to make a fair comparison, seeing that the gold-dredge is kept running almost continuously, while the harbor dredge is only worked during daylight, which necessitates considerable lost time; but, as against this, with every cubic yard of gravel lifted by the gold-dredge there is about 7 tons of water lifted to wash it, and the power absorbed in lifting the water is fully 50 per cent of the total power exerted by the dredge; and also, the expense of fuel and repairs in the out of the way up-country districts are far in excess to town prices. This leaves the comparison still very much in favor of the gold-dredge.

Dredging in New Zealand is attracting attention all over the world. The author's firm is continualy being called upon by persons coming to Dunedin to inquire about or investigate the matter. Quite recently two Russian gentlemen not only came out to New Zealand, but have since cabled out instructions to have plans prepared and the machinery made here and shipped to Russia; while communications have come inquiring for designs from London, Glasgow, British Columbia, Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, Borneo, and New Guinea. California is profiting by our New Zealand experiences, for a gentleman from New Zealand is now building bucket-dredges which, from all accounts, are doing fairly well.

In New South Wales sixteen miles of claims on the Macquarie river have been taken up for dredging, and already one dredge is in course of construction, and five more are being arranged for, to work these claims.

Dredging for gold by means of suction-dredges has also been tried to a considerable extent in New Zealand, but has proved a failure in every case. There have been sixteen suction-dredges put upon different claims, including two fine plants sent out by Messrs. J. H. Gwynne, of London, and in no case have they proved profitable investments. There is a considerable amount of wear and tear on the pumps and the power required to drive them is so great that the fuel account is out of all proportion to the amount of work done. In hard wash, where the best gold is generally to be found, the suction pump appears to be almost useless, for it will not lift the wash without some kind of a cutter to disturb it, and so far no cutter has yet been made in New Zealand that will stand in the wash of gravel. From reports issued by the Mines Department of Canada it seems that suction dredges have also been tried there, but from the published returns in their reports they do not seem to be very successful.

(To be continued.)

Washington Correspondence.

Washington, D.C., Feb. 3.—The definite news of Gen. Buller's reverse came as a shock to many Americans and for the first time doubts as to the ultimate success of the English arms have been expressed in this city, the idea being that foreign intervention is likely unless a speedy victory of an overwhelming character is gained. There is no idea, of course, that Great Britain will not continue the fight and ultimately win if she is allowed to proceed unhampered by foreign complications. As for Ladysmith, the opinion is freely expressed that its fall would be the best thing that could happen for the British. Not only would it throw the burden of feeding 10,000 men on the depleted Boer resources, but it would leave Gen. Buller free to withdraw from the apparently hopeless attempt to climb the 200 miles of precipices that he must ascend before reaching the Transvaal and join Lord Roberts in an attack on Bloemfontein. As a matter of fact, the losses so far have not really been out of all reason. Speaking of this, Mr. John McClellan, of Philadelphia, said recently:

"This talk about paying a price that staggers humanity is nonsense. In our civil war there were battles which are barely mentioned in history in which more than six thousand men were killed and wounded in the one fight. When two armies such as face each other in South Africa get together, someone is bound to get killed. Before this war is over England may lose thirty thousand men; but it is altogether too soon to begin talking about humanity being staggered."

Mr. Arthur Fontaine of Montreal, is visiting in this city. Speaking of the Boer war, he said:

"Aside from the natural interest that the people of the Dominion of Canada are taking in the war in South Africa, we are going to have the interest that a country takes when its flesh and blood is in the fight. We have sent a large number of volunteers, and we are glad to see them go, because it is right that every man who can do so and at the same time preserve the interests that are closest to him, should go to the front. The same trouble has been noted this time that has marked every campaign in which England has embarked—underestimation of the other side. Every one knows this now, but every one does not know that the Boers have not yet commenced their fighting. I spent two years among them, and have close kinfolk living there now, from whom we get letters, and the tasks of our troops are tremendous. I am an Englishman to the backbone, and I have two sons who shall go to the front if their country needs them, and I fear that it will."

Consul James Boyle, of Liverpool, reports to the State Department that the British government has commenced the weekly issue of the Board of Trade Journal, a government publication, similar to the American consular reports, which heretofore have been issued monthly. Complaints have been made by the British press and by chambers of commerce that the information contained therein was often too late in reaching the public to be of much practical value, and comparison was made with the system of the United States government in publishing daily consular reports. The price of the weekly issue is fixed at 1d. (2 cents), while the price of the former monthly issue was 6d. (12 cents).

The post office department in this city has issued the following order: "The Canadian office having concurred therein, discontinue the exchanges of mails now in operation between the United States, Havre & Spokane Railroad Post Office, and St. Paul & Spokane Railroad Post Office, and the Canadian offices at Kaslo, Nelson, Rossland and Trail, B.C., except that registered mails shall continue to be exchanged between Spokane, Washington and Grand Forks, B.C.

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Canada And The War.

When the first Canadian contingent was enrolled and left for South Africa the impression was current that the war would be over before it reached Capetown. Subsequent events have shown us that that impression was, to put it mildly, erroneous. However, this was not the only impression formed at the early stages of the game and since proved incorrect. When the second contingent was called for the stern realities of the game were more apparent. The power of Britain had been defied and her forces checked on more than one bloody field. It was shown that the strength of the enemy had been greatly underestimated, that their armament had been underrated, and that modern weapons, when used by a brave and skillful foe, had completely changed the possibilities of defensive warfare. Foreign nations, envious of a greatness they could not emulate, watched the struggle, hoping for Britain's ultimate defeat, ready to rush in and share the spoils of an empire dismembered. It was under these circumstances that the second Canadian contingent was enrolled, and to their credit let it be known that the greater danger, the greater need, only aroused a greater enthusiasm. Men left their homes, their work, their all, to take up arms, travel six thousand miles, fight, die and be buried in a trench; and in doing this they did more for the empire than the strength and bravery of any contingent, great though it is, could accomplish, more than add their individual strength to the cause of Britain, more than offer their lives for the Empire. By their example they showed the world where Great Britain's colonies stand when Great Britain is at war.

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Of sullen landscape. Watch the raincloud's vial
Empty above it, and the fitful beam
Of sunlight thwart the field until a seam
Of tender green shoot up to greet thy smile.
And, lo! God's miracle is wrought once more
Of life from death—from loss, most wondrous gain;
The cornfield glitters with its golden store
On the same land where late the storm and rain
Beat on the bare, brown earth. Thy sowing o'er,
Thine but to wait and pray lest faith should wane!

Sow thou thy seed of love, O heart, and wait!
Though it lie hidden, though thy doubts and fears
Whisper to thee 'tis lost and thy sad tears
Fall on the icebound soil of bitter fate,
Surely the seed will live; spring sets the gate
Of life wide open. See, though hid for years,
Love seeks the light of love! Its tender spears
Shall gladden thy sad eyes at last, though late,
E'en but the blade perchance and not the bloom.
Oftimes God seeth that love's flower ~~so~~
Hath no perfection this side of the tomb,
But needeth for its growth the purer air
Of his sweet paradise; after earth's gloom
Love hath its blossoming, not here, but there!
—Kate Mellersh in Chambers' Journal.

A STORY OF TWO CIPHERS

When the Old Man Wrote His Check He Got Mixed With His Figures.

By W. R. ROSE.

Obed Jarrett was a hard man. He rather gloried in his hardness. A hard man was a man who couldn't be fooled. Obed Jarrett never was fooled. In his private opinion the world was made up of a few honest men and a great many fools and knaves. An honest man was one who paid his way and neither asked nor gave favors. Fools might call him hard, and knaves might snarl because he wasn't gullible. But what cared Obed Jarrett?

The honest man sat at his desk that June afternoon with his pen loosely dangling in his fingers and his check book open before him. He was in no hurry. To give away money was so new a sensation that he felt justified in prolonging it—not but that he could amply afford to give the sum he had fixed upon; it was the principle of the thing that held him irresolute.

He was worth close to $80,000. There was a memorandum slip in the upper right hand drawer that showed this total in round figures. He could have told the amount within a dollar or two. It was a gilt edged property—stocks, mortgages, cash and a little real estate.

"If I was sold out tomorrow," said Obed, smiling grimly, "it would bring every penny that I've totaled it at."

He had won this comfortable property by shrewdness rather than hard work. For more than 20 years he had bought mortgages and loaned money and snapped up unconsidered financial trifles in that same old office. He slept in the rooms above it, and sometimes for days together he didn't leave the building. There had been few episodes to enliven the dullness of this money grubbing life, but tomorrow one of them was to take place. To morrow his son, his only child, was to be married.

Instinctively his eyes turned to the portrait above his desk—the portrait of a brown haired young woman, with smiling eyes and slightly parted lips. As he looked upon the gentle face he felt a little tightening about the heart. Dead four and twenty years. Their son was four and twenty, and he married tomorrow. Their son. Had he done his duty by their son? He thought so. He had certainly given him a good schooling. The boy had gone through college with credit to himself and his father and had helped to pay his way too. Obed had wanted him to study law, but he had a love for chemistry and, in company with a fellow student, had set up an office of his own. They started in as consulting chemists and assayers and were—from all Obed could learn—building up a fairly remunerative business. He was certainly a good boy, though perhaps a little lacking in that respect for his father which begets confidence. It seemed but a day or two ago that he had come to him and said:

"Father, I am going to marry."

It was like a blow to Obed.

"Well, well," he presently said in his testy way, "since it's all settled, why do you come to me?"

"Because I think you should know about it," said Arthur stoutly.

"You didn't think to consult me before you took this step," said the old man grimly.

"You couldn't expect that, father," said the son. "I—I am no longer a boy. Besides, you can't help but approve of her. She's the dearest girl. Her name is Alma Truman, and her father is chief accountant with Fanchee & Co. She's the eldest of six, and they're awfully broken up at the idea of her going. That's the kind of girl to marry, father—the kind that is missed at home. But you must see her."

"How do you expect to support her?" inquired Obed dryly.

"With these two hands and the excellent education you have given me," replied Arthur.

The boy had taken him around to the Trumans' house one evening, but there were so many Trumans, and it was only a short call, and he had scarcely caught a glimpse of the girl. And now the boy was going to marry and leave him, he felt, forever.

Their boy! Had he always remembered that Arthur was their boy? Would things have been different if she had lived? Would he himself have become the dry, old, money making machine he was? God only knew.

How happy they had been that brief year. How ambitious he was for her sake. How he toiled and planned. And he remembered how she would come to him and lay her soft, cool hands on his and draw the pen away and turn him round in his chair and command him to rest. Was she smiling down on him now as she had smiled down upon him then and as she almost seemed to smile upon him from the lifeless canvas?

Four and twenty years, and here he sat, an old man, preparing a wedding gift for their son who was to be married tomorrow. A gift for their son! Yes, yes. It was a custom—foolish perhaps. He would give him a check for $100. It was a tidy sum and pretty nearly as much cash as the boy's father had when he married. A hundred dollars! Surely a liberal gift for—for their boy. Their boy!

He bent forward suddenly and dipped his pen in the ink. It was strange how dim the lines on the check seemed. He wrote the date. Four and twenty years ago. Why, the room seemed full of her! Was she leaning over his shoulder again? He slowly made the figure "1" and the two ciphers. Their boy! Was that the touch of her soft, cool hands on his? Was—was she guiding his pen? The lines were dim indeed as he slowly wrote. Then he paused and stared down at his work and carefully added his signature.

He dropped back in his chair and brushed his hand across his eyes and for a moment was very still. When he looked up again at the portrait, he smiled. Then he briskly tore out the check, pushed back the book, shut down the desk and, seizing his hat, was off.

Ten minutes later he confronted the serious faced teller of the Sixth National and thrust the check at him across his plate glass shelf.

"Certify that, please," he said in his crisp way.

The teller picked up the slip of paper in his preoccupied manner and glanced at it. Then his face suddenly beamed.

"Why, that's fine!" he cried and certified it in a hurry.

Obed said nothing.

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It was a quiet little home wedding. Only the relatives were present, but there was such a lot of them on the Truman side. It was a nice wedding if it was quiet. The house was beautified with flowers and vines and ribbons under the supervision of the sister who was in the school of art, and everybody looked quite happy, including the younger Trumans, who were bearing up bravely.

Arthur took his father with him to the house and then left him in the hall in charge of an usher.

"There is usually, I think," said Obed to the usher, "a place set aside for the gifts to the—the happy pair. Am I right?"

"You are," said the smiling usher. "This way." And he led him up stairs to the little room where the modest gifts were displayed. Fortunately for Obed there was nobody in the apartment at the moment, and when the usher's back was turned he slipped the check from his pocket and laid it under the edge of a plaque on the table. Then he softly stole down stairs.

After the ceremony he came slowly forward, following the others who had offered their congratulations, and took his son's hand and pressed it warmly. Then he turned to his new daughter, surprised at a look that passed between the happy pair and wondering what it meant.

"Father Jarrett," said Alma as she raised her face and the old man quite without forethought stooped and kissed her; "Father Jarrett, you know that nobody can refuse a bride's request. And Arthur and I want you to promise to come and live with us just as soon as we are settled in our flat."

"No, no!" said the astonished Obed. "I—I should be in your way."

"That's no answer," said Alma. "Say at least that you will come and try it."

The old man hesitated. She certainly was a dear girl.

"I will promise to try it," he smilingly said, and somehow his heart felt lighter than it had for many years.

"And to think," he muttered to himself as he stepped back, "that she invited me without knowing a blessed thing about that check!"

A few moments later his son called to him.

"Father," he said, "come up with us and look at the presents. It's a good time. Everybody is busy talking, and Alma wants you to see how nice and kind her friends have been."

So they went up to the little room, and there Alma began her rapid history of the gifts and their donors.

Suddenly they were interrupted by a cry from Arthur. He had discovered the check.

"What's this!" he stammered. "Pay to the order of Arthur Jarrett $10,000! Why, father!"

Somehow the boy's note of profound surprise jarred a little on the father's heart.

"Oh, oh! Now we can have a home of our own!" cried the delighted girl, who was looking over Arthur's shoulder. "But you know, Father Jarrett, that you would have been just as welcome at the flat."

"Yes, yes, I know," he answered. Then he added a little brokenly: "I want to be perfectly honest about this money. One hundred dollars is from me and the rest from Arthur's mother."

They looked at him wonderingly, and he turned suddenly away.

When he looked around, he said with his grim old smile: "Slip it in your pocket, my boy. The money will be there when you get back."

But after Alma and Arthur had started on their two weeks' wedding journey and the old man was walking back to his lonely rooms he suddenly straightened up and said to himself half aloud:

"It will only be two weeks."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Mortgaged Bride.

When a Chinaman falls in love, he can be just as sharp and full of guile as the "Mediean man." Chow Sam Lung, therefore, when he looked upon little Ah Moy and saw that she was beautiful and young, at once fell down and worshiped, figuratively speaking, and began to investigate as to his chances of making her his wife.

Now, Chow Sam Lung was young himself and a very successful gambler by profession, being the keeper of a gambling house in San Francisco. But the cruel parents of Ah Moy had promised her to old man Low How for his fourth wife and would not retract their promise. Did Chow Sam Lung sit down and bewail his lot? Not at all. He at once made her father's acquaintance, and, beguiling him into his gambling place, proceeded to let him play and win. Then he played and lost. And Chow Sam Lung said: "No matter, you are my friend. I will trust you."

After awhile the old man owed Chow Sam Lung $1,400. Now, old man Low How was to give Ah Moy's father $1,000 on her wedding day, but when New Year's came, and every Chinaman must pay his debts before he can paste his prayer in the josshouse, Ah Moy's dad was short and failed to raise the $1,400. So Chow Sam Lung, who had previously taken a mortgage on the girl, promptly foreclosed it and took her to his home in the very face of old man Low How. And that's what happened in San Francisco Chinatown. And Ah Moy was very muchee happy.—San Francisco Call.

Paid It In a Hurry.

Some years ago a woman was returning late at night from a social function down at the lower end of the Old Colony railroad. She took to the track as the shortest way home, but in crossing a small trestle above the country road she made a misstep and in falling broke her neck. The next day her husband called on the superintendent, and while not appearing to be very deeply grieved over his loss, yet he felt that he was entitled to some compensation for the untimely ending of his wife.

"She was trespassing," replied the superintendent, "which relieves the company from all responsibility."

"I know it," replied the man, "but she was a good woman about the house, and I hardly know what I am going to do without her."

"Well, on what basis will you settle?"

"She fell how many feet?"

"About 12 I should say."

"Do you think a dollar a foot is too much?"

The superintendent nearly fell from his seat. Upon recovering he paid the man $12, which he charged to his own account, as he felt that the experience was well worth the price.—Boston Globe.

Got What He Called For.

The barroom of a well known hotel was crowded with the thirsty the other evening, and the overworked servers of mixed drinks were beginning to grow a bit testy, when the door swung open and in walked one of those hardtacks who grow fat on bad whisky.

"I want a drink of the pizenest liquor in the lace," he said.

The bartender, weary from the concoction of hundreds of high balls and rickeys, languidly reached under the counter, and, drawing out a bottle of alcohol, ammonia and salt, used for cleaning copper work, set it before the human sponge, who poured himself a liberal drink and gulped down the nauseous stuff. His eyes bulged and a half suppressed sputter escaped from his lips, but he was game through and through.

"Thanks," he said, as he paid his check. "I always did like this hotel. You get here exactly what you call for."

And he escaped by the side door, still coughing and sputtering.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Paregoric Fiend.

Down the village street, getting one foot before the other with a combination of a jerk and a drag, came a shriveled, tremulous figure.

"See him?" a villager inquired of the summer resident, pointing a shoulder at the shambling figure. "That's a paregoric fiend. He swallows more paregoric than all the babies in the village put together. How'd he get in the way of taking the stuff? Well, you know, there's some old women in our town that think paregoric good for all manner of things that's the matter with your insides, an when daddy had pains from eating too much his wife dosed him with paregoric, an the first thing she knowed he couldn't get on without it. He's worse'n a drunkard now, an you can't get within ten feet of him without smellin the stuff. He had a stroke a spell back, an the doctors tried to scare him about using paregoric, but it wasn't no use. He'll never stop now till he stops breathing."—Exchange.

Gold and Silver Signs.

Nearly $100,000 worth of gold and over $200,000 worth of silver are left out of doors, unguarded, every night the year round in Greater New York.

No one ever thinks of stealing it, and indeed, until some inventive thief comes along the owners need have no fear, because the wealth is securely glued down and generally from ten to 100 feet above the sidewalk.

It is on the signs of the city. Gold and silver leaf, far purer than the metal which Uncle Sam uses for his coins, amounting in value to over $200,000 a year, is used on the signs of this city. One brewery alone spends $50,000 annually for gold and silver leaf. Next to the brewers the cigar manufacturers go in most extensively for gold and silver signs, while a good authority has estimated that on the windows and above the doors of New York's drug stores there is enough gold to tempt any number of thieves.—New

Snakes' Sense of Smell.

Snakes have the sense of smell. It is difficult to obtain food for the rattlesnakes and copperheads out at the zoological park. The keeper has been trying them on the house rats and mice he has caught about the building. He would leave them in the snake cage overnight and through the day. They would run over the snakes with impunity. The snakes would pay no attention to them, but when he happened to secure some field mice and put them in the cage the snakes ate them at once. He put in several rats and mice of the ordinary house variety that were living out of doors under the sidewalk, and these were seized by the snakes almost as readily as the wild species.

The keeper then conceived the idea of making an earth box to keep the rats in for awhile before feeding, and he found that if they were put in there for 12 hours or so before they were given to the snakes they would be eaten. The only apparent explanation is that the smell of the earth is agreeable to the snakes, and that the smell which the animals acquire about buildings is objectionable.

Don't Be Angry.

It doesn't pay to get angry. Anger uses up the nerve forces of the body. So does worry; so does hate. A bad temper wears you out. It makes you needless enemies. It spoils your looks. A man with a bad temper had better tie a stone around his neck and throw it into a lake. If he doesn't, it is liable to drag him—but we won't speculate about that.—Denver News.

Inconsistency.

Every redheaded boy is called "reddy." Why aren't redheaded girls called greenheads?—Washington Demo-

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THE ASHCROFT JOURNAL.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1900.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

Collections at Ashcroft custom house for January were $2,153.37.

Miss Murphy returned on Wednesday night from a long visit with friends at Victoria.

W. H. Whitaker, barrister, of Kamloops, visited Ashcroft on legal business this week.

F. Nelson, of the Cargile hotel, takes charge of the Hat Creek house on the 1st of March.

Judge Cornwall held county court on Wednesday. No cases of importance were before him.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Roberts entertained a number of their young friends to a dance on Wednesday.

Stuart Henderson is attending a meeting of the creditors of Eagle & Paxton at Victoria this week.

John Cobeldick, managing director of the Cobeldick Dredge Co., was in Ashcroft a few hours on Wednesday.

Miss Warren, public school teacher at Quesnelle, came down and stayed at Mrs. C. E. Deans' for a day or two before taking the train for the east.

Don't forget the Firemen's ball next Wednesday. The committee will do all they can to make it a success, and the object is a most worthy one and should be well patronized.

John Wilson, the big cattle dealer of this section, was in town yesterday. Mr. Wilson has lately visited the shops at the coast which he supplies and reports business good.

H. C. Rayson & Co. have sent to their logging camp on Clearwater a steam log-hauling machine. It is a heavy machine and should do good work. Mr. Ward of Kamloops, will be the engineer.

The management committee of the Firemen's ball beg to remind the ladies that the refreshments which they have so kindly promised to provide, should be at the hall on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Crease, of Lytton, while walking on the railway track near there on Thursday, was struck by a freight train and instantly killed. Miss Crease, who was about 70 years of age, is a sister of Sir H. P. Crease.

Rev. R. B. Laidley has so far recovered from his serious illness that he will resume the regular services in the Methodist church tomorrow. Miss Murcutt, the Australian lecturer, will assist at the morning service.

What might have been a very serious accident, happened to Mrs. Carson, of Pavillion, and her sister, Miss Magee, a few days ago. While driving to Pavilion post office their horse ran away and they were thrown out but received no injuries of a permanent character.

Messrs. Hunter, Oldham, Radwell and Fisher, the Ashcroft contingent for the Transvaal war will be presented with a purse upon their departure from town this evening. The amount is $54.50. As we are about going to press we are unable to publish the names of the subscribers.

Mr. Charles Gill and Miss Harding were married at the residence of the bride's father at Chilliwack, last Tuesday. Mr. A. W. Haine acted as best man. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. W. Allan. The bride was the recipient of many useful and valuable presents. Mr. and Mrs. Gill took Wednesday's stage for Clinton, where they will reside.

Fred. Roth and W. A. Massey returned Thursday from a business trip through Cariboo. Barkerville, Quesnelle Forks and all the intervening points were visited. Mr. Roth represents the Inland Cigar Company of Kamloops, whose goods have a splendid reputation throughout the district. Mr. Massey is in the wholesale liquor business.

Clinton's annual ball will be held on Thursday and Friday nights, February 22nd and 23rd. The committee of management are A. J. Peck, F. Foster, Thos. B. Walker, E. E. Bell and Jos. E. Smith. Mr. Smith is also the secretary. This annual ball is one of the settled institutions of Clinton, it is always well managed and everyone has a good time, so make your arrangements to be there.

True Sympathy.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: Mr. Langley writing to me from Los Angeles, Cal., talking of the war in South Africa, says:

"All the best people here are with us in sympathy and the purse too. At an entertainment given the other day for the Mansion House fund over 2,000 people were present, and some $2,500 sent to the Lord Mayor in London. We were quite surprised at the sympathy shown."

I send this to you thinking it might be of interest to your readers.

Yours truly,
J. CORNWALL.

Ashcroft Manor, Feb. 9th, 1900.

The Fireman's dance comes off next Wednesday.

Dr. F. S. Reynolds is visiting the coast cities.

Mr. O. Harvey is visiting his family at Enderby.

Mr. C. R. Doxat has purchased Mr. O. Harvey's residence on Brink street.

One of our young business men is reported to be practising wing shooting with a rifle, presumably with a view of joining the rough riders.

FREIGHT SHIPMENTS.

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

Feb.	1,	A. C. McDonald, Quesnelle,	6400
"	2,	M. J. McCarthy, 150 Mile H.	7700
"	2,	W. Gibbons, Morehead	6500
"	2,	W. Parker, "	6400
"	2,	W. C. R. Co., Gang Ranch.	1800
"	5,	M. J. McCarthy, 150-M. H..	4800
"	7,	P. Garrigan, Pavillion	2000

Bill No. 42.

In the Provincial house, bill No. 42, by Mr. Joseph Martin, has been introduced. It is conceded that this bill or a somewhat similar one will be passed and supported by Government and Opposition nearly unanimously—to this Ashcroft, Lillooet and Cariboo will say amen! heartily. Mr. Martin's bill reads as follows:

"An Act to repeal chapter 50 of the statutes of 1899, being the '"Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899."'

1. Chapter 50 of the statutes of 1899, being an Act to amend the '"Placer Mining Act,"' is hereby repealed."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Blue Ribbon Tea. Have you tried it? If not, buy a package from F. W. Foster. Your health demands a good article.

Our customers who have tried our own special blend of tea, at 50 cents per pound, say it is the best they can get at Ashcroft. We have just received another large shipment of it and would like those who are not using it to try some. Ask for a sample or if you buy a pound and are not suited, return it and get your money back.

ASHCROFT TRADING CO.

The William Hamilton Manufacturing Co., of Peterborough, Ontario, whose advertisement is in another column, are the foremost Canadian manufacturers of mining machinery.

The Albion Iron Works Co. of Victoria, are agents for the celebrated Worthington steam and electric pumps. They are also manufacturers of engines, boilers, riveted pipe, etc., besides doing a general machinists' business.

Ashcroft Business Firms.

A short time ago we took occasion to say that up-country buyers would find it to their advantage to obtain prices from our local merchants before ordering from the coast cities. To illustrate this we mention a case that lately came to our notice of a shipment of goods from Seattle that, when the duty and freights were paid, cost more than they could have been bought for here. Many of the Cariboo mining companies have no idea of the large and well assorted stocks that are carried by our largest dealers, Messrs. Harvey Bailey and Co. and F. W. Foster. Both these firms are large buyers and, understanding the business as they do, carry always the best quality of standard goods.

F. W. Foster has, it is believed, the largest store in this district and besides the regular lines of groceries and staple drygoods, carries a good variety of English and American canned goods, pickles, sauces, fancy soaps, etc. Connected with his millinery department is a complete assortment of dress goods and millinery which is presided over by experienced dressmakers and milliners. No doubt many orders that the ladies send away could be filled to their satisfaction here. In ladies and gentlemen's fine shoes the assortment is good. In the furniture department will be found a good line of iron beds, mattrasses, chairs, rockers, camp beds, etc.

Messrs. Harvey Bailey & Co.'s is certainly to small for their business and the old expression "what you don't see ask for" stands good here. Their stock of groceries is complete, and they keep constantly on hand large lots of canned goods, teas, coffees, baking powders, hams and bacons, dried apricots, peas purnes, and in fact anything that is generally used. A standard article with them is the "Ashcroft" cigar and it is a good one. In light or heavy foot-wear they carry a good range. Their drygoods and gent's furnishing department is kept regularly supplied with seasonable goods. They have a large stock of ready made clothing. Besides their regular lines of cowboy and dress hats they now have something new in a cowboy hat. It is lighter than the old style and presents a fine appearance.

The Ashcroft Trading Co. confine themselves principally to the family trade. In ladies dress goods they carry a full stock of blouses, skirts, ribbons, underwear, gloves, hosiery, etc. Gentlemen will find all the latest styles of ties, dress shirts and hats. In both ladies and gentlemen's shoes a good assortment is kept. A very good of stock men's and children's ready made clothing is carried. Specialties in the grocery department of this firm are "Lake of the Woods Flour," "Our own special blend of tea," and Christie's biscuits. In no department are goods allowed to become shopworn, at regular intervals bargain sales are held and such goods sold at a sacrifice.

His Smoke In the Dark.

"I am convinced of the truth of the old theory that the pleasure of smoking resides more largely in the taste than it does in the sight," said a business man of this city who recently underwent a minor operation for granulated eyelids. "I had to sit for three days in total darkness, and, being a confirmed smoker, I longed for the solace of a cigar. The first difficulty I encountered was in getting a light, and I wouldn't confess my helplessness until I had burned off half my mustache. Then I let my wife hold the match, but I kept complaining that the tobacco wouldn't ignite. My wife would assure me that it was burning like a furnace, but I couldn't taste a thing.

"One of the main pleasures of the habit, although we don't realize it, is to exhale the smoke gently and watch it curl up into the air. I caught myself straining after that sight a hundred times, and there was an overwhelming sense of something missing. Except when I inhaled the smoke it was absolutely impossible to tell whether the cigar was going, so I got some cigarettes and inhaled every one. But it was a poor substitute. I felt instinctively that I was getting only a morsel of the old delight.

"When they took off the bandage, I grabbed my pipe with an avidity that surprised the entire household. I have been trying to catch up ever since."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

He Wasn't Joking.

"I had four days' growth of beard on my face when I struck a little town in northern Michigan," said the civil engineer. "I found a little coop of a barber shop near the depot, and I entered it to discover the barber sitting on a bench with his head in his hands. As he roused up I told him to get to work on me, but after looking me over he replied:

"'If I shave you, you'll have to take the chances.'

"'What chances?' I asked.

"'Well, I've been on a drunk for the last week and am just on the point of seeing rats. I may get through with it all right, and I may cut your head off.'

"The man had a wild look and was all a-tremble," continued the engineer, "and, though he smiled as he talked, I saw that he wasn't joking. I went away without getting shaved and for the next two hours was busy making purchases. As I returned to the depot I looked in on the barber to see how he got along and found him hanging dead. Just what would have happened had he started to shave me I don't know, but I've always felt much obliged to the man for putting the case as plainly as he did."—Baltimore Herald.

A Good Place to Leave.

"The Indians of Mexico," says a correspondent of Forest and Stream, "know nothing of the laws of contagion. They display an apathy toward certain loathsome diseases which surprises a foreigner.

"In a recent hunting trip in the Sierra of Pueblo our party of eight was descending toward Zacapoaxtla. We rode leisurely, for the trail was narrow and hemmed in by Indian huts. At the door of one of these stood a woman and a little girl. We stopped to inquire the way, when the following conversation took place:

"'Good morning, senora.'

"'A very good morning, at your orders, senor.'

"'This is the road to Zacapoaxtla, is it not?'

"'You are quite right, senor.'

"'And is it very far?'

"'On the contrary, it is a very little ways.'

"'A thousand thanks for your kindness, senora.'

"'There is nothing for which to offer them, senor.'

"'Is the little girl sick, senora?'

"'She is a little sick, senor.'

"'What is the matter with her?'

"'She has the smallpox, senor.'

"'Ah, good day, senora!'"

Hi Robinson's Thrift.

While we were eating breakfast the farmer said: "That remark o' yourn yisteddy about sellin Elmiry the dishes an havin the coffee fer nothin 'minds me o' the way Hi Robinson got somethin fer nothin out o' the storekeeper at the village. You 'member Hi, don't you? He's kinder slow spoken, 'n' some folks calls him foolish. One day I was settin in the store a spell, with a lot more, an in comes Hi. He goes up to Lish, who keeps the store, an takes an egg out o' his pocket an says, 'How'll you swap?' 'Oh, I d'n' kno's I want to swap fer one egg,' says Lish; 'what do you want fer it?' 'A darnin needle.' 'Well, I'll swap with you,' says Lish an took the egg an giv' him the darnin needle.

"Hi stood round awhile, an then he says, drawlin'like, 'Say, ain't you goin to treat?' 'Treat? On one darnin needle?' says Lish. 'Not much.' 'Feller 'cross the way will,' says Hi. Lish grinned. 'All right,' says he, jest to humor him; 'what'll you have?' 'Cider 'n' egg,' says Hi. That tickled the rest o' us, but Lish brought the cider an broke the egg into it—Hi's own egg—an Hi see it was a double yelker. Hi took up the glass an looked at the egg some time. Then he says, says he, 'Say, hadn't you better gimme 'nother darnin needle?'"—Forest and Stream.

In the County Court of Cariboo,
HOLDEN AT ASHCROFT.

Between ANDREW KELLY, of Barkerville, Merchant, Plaintiff,
and GEORGE FERGUSON, of Barkerville, Miner, Defendant.

To GEORGE FERGUSON, late of Barkerville, B.C., Miner.

TAKE NOTICE that a plaint has been entered and a summons issued against you in the above County Court by Andrew Kelly, of Barkerville, for the sum of $993.00 and costs for goods sold delivered, and an order has been made that a publication of a notice of the entry of such plaint in the ASHCROFT JOURNAL for four successive issues thereof shall be deemed to be service of the summons upon you.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE, that if you, the said George Ferguson, do not enter a dispute note in the said action on or before the 5th day of March, 1900, the Court may order judgment to be entered as on default of appearance.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1900.
JOSEPH W. BURR,
Registrar of the County Court of Cariboo,
holden at Ashcroft. 41-4

I. O. G. T.—ASHCROFT LODGE NO. 25 I. O. G. T. Meets every Thursday evening in Oddfellows Hall 7:30 o'clock. *Visiting members cordially invited to attend.* J. B. BRYSON, SEC

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NOTICE.

After January 10th, 1900, we will charge ten (10) per cent. on all accounts due us at the 150-Mile House.
35tc (Signed) VIETH & BORLAND.

NOTICE.

Charles Joachim Paulson,
DECEASED.

All persons having claims against the estate of the above are requested to send them to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of *February, 1900, after which date the executors* will proceed to wind up the estate.
JAME INNES,
JAMES STONE,
Executors.
Barkerville, B.C., Jan. 19th, 1900.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the undersigned will please take notice that we are closing out our business at Hat Creek on March 1st. All persons indebted to us will be expected to settle their accounts at once.

Anyone having bills against us will kindly forward the same for payment.
McTAVISH BROS.
Hat Creek, Feb. 1st, 1900.

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NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Hugh McDougall, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by an order made by His Honor Judge Cornwall, Judge of the County Court of Cariboo, on the 4th day of January, 1900, letters of administration were granted to John A. Fraser, of Quesnellemouth, B.C., official administrator of the County of Cariboo of the personal estate of Hugh McDougall, deceased intestate, late of Ashcroft, B.C. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount due by them to the said John A. Fraser or the undersigned forthwith. All persons having claims against the said Hugh McDougall are required to send full particulars thereof fully verified and of the nature of the securities (if any) held by them to the said John A. Fraser or the undersigned on or before the 6th day of April, 1900. After the 6th day of April, 1900, the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated the 6th day of January, 1900.
DENIS MURPHY,
3815 Solicitor for Administrator.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.
(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE—Empress No. 1, Empress No. 2, Empress No. 3, Empress No. 5, Empress No. 6 and Empress fractional, situte in the Yale Mining Division, of Yale district.

Where located—Near Agassiz.

Take Notice, that I, William A. Bauer, acting as agent for The British Columbia Agency Limited Free Mines certificate No. 20114 B, The British Columbia Gold Trust Limited F.M. certificate No. 20115 B.

Free Miner's Certificate No. , 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 11th day of January, 1900.
372m WILLIAM A. BAUER, P.L.S.

NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estates of John William Eagle and Thomas Paxton, both of Onward Ranche, near 150-Mile House, District of Cariboo, *in the Province of British Columbia,* carrying on business together under the firm name of Eagle & Paxton, ranchers and general merchants, debtors.

Take notice that the above named John William Eagle and Thomas Paxton by deed of assignment for the benefit of creditors, bearing date the 15th day of January, A.D. 1900, made in pursuance of the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Act," have granted and assigned unto George A. Veith of the said 150-Mile House, merchant, all personal estate, credits and effects of the said debtors, and of each of them (both partnership and private) which may be seized and sold under execution, and all the real estate of the said debtors, and of each of them, for the purpose of distribution amongst the said creditors, as provided by law. Said deed of assignment was executed by the said John William Eagle, Thomas Paxton and George A. Veith on the said 15th day of January, 1900.

All persons having claims against the said John Eagle & Thomas Paxton are required on or before the 8th day of February, 1900, to deliver to the trustee, or the undersigned, his solicitor, vouchers and particulars of the same, duly verified by statutory declaration, together with particulars of any security which may be held by them, and all persons indebted to the said Eagle & Paxton are required to pay the amounts to the said assignee forthwith. And notice is hereby given that after the said 8th day of February, 1900, the trustees will proceed to distribute the assets among those parties who are entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall have had due notice.

And further take notice that a meeting of the said creditors will be held at the office of Turner, Beeton & Co., 90 Wharf Street, Victoria, on the 8th day of February, A.D. 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated at Ashcroft, this 10th day of January, 1900.
STUART HENDERSON,
Ashcroft,
38td Assignee's Solicitor.

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Horsefly, 2½.
Soda Creek, 3.
115-Mile House and 150-Mile House, 2½.
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83 and 87-Mile Houses, 1¾.
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