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TELEGRAPH TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS.

John Harris, of the 150-Mile House, received orders from the government this week to immediately proceed to Hazleton with a force of men and to use all efforts to have the trail put in first-class condition as soon as possible from Hazleton to Telegraph creek. Instructions have also been given to work a party south to meet a gang of men under Mr. St. Laurent working from Quesnelle up. This is good news to all in the upper country, as the opening up of this trail will do much for the general benefit of the country here, besides making easier travel into the gold bearing districts of Omenica and Peace river. The JOURNAL has advocated this work faithfully since the start. Mr. Harris is a good man to have charge of the work in repairing the trail, as he has spent several years traveling over it in connection with Vieth & Borland's pack train, and is fully capable of taking charge of this kind of work. Wm. Adams M.P.P. for Cariboo, deserves great credit for the energetic work he has done in pushing the proposed work on the trail.

The Horsefly District.

Jos. Stevens an old time miner and packer spent a couple of days in Ashcroft this week. Mr. Stevens is now working in the Horsefly on his claim the Morning Star. He has driven three tunnels, about 800 feet in all, and it is showing up fine, and bedrock is expected to be struck in another couple hundred feet.

Mr. Stevens is one of the first prospectors to go into the Horsefly, arriving April 10th, 1859, in company with two other men and prospected on the Harper ground. He has also made several trips over the old telegrah trail, and in 1880 accompanied Professor Dawson on his exploring trip to Omenica and Peace rivers.

W. H. Thompson who is working near Stevens claim, but on a higher level, has two men helping him and at present, is in hard rock in his tunnel, which is giving him considerable trouble.

At the Horsefly mine a few men has been employed all winter drifting and have struck pretty good ground.

The men working on the old Risky shaft at Wards have got into very good gravel.

R. H. Campbell's gang of men are working hard getting out timbers, wood, etc., for the early start of work on the Miocene company's shafts.

Death of a Pioneer.

The ranks of the pioneers of the province were yesterday thinned by taking away of a well known resident who has been in British Columbia since the early days. Benjamin Bailey died at his home on Alfred street, aged 71 years. Coming to the province in 1858, Mr. Bailey was for many years engaged in the forwarding and express business during the Cariboo and Fraser river gold excitement, having his home at Yale. Mr. Bailey was afterwards sanitary officer in this city. He narrowly escaped the fate which overwhelmed so many when the disaster occurred two years ago at Point Ellice bridge. Mr. Bailey leaves a widow and a large family, consisting of eleven sons and daughters, and several grandchildren. The interment will take place on Saturday, leaving the family residence at 2:30 p.m., and St. Barnabas' church fifteen minutes later.—Victoria Times,

QUESNELLE.

There is every appearance of the winter drawing to a close. A steady thaw has set in and today showers of rain fell and a high wind did much to lessen the depth of the snow. The stage finds the roads now difficult and much of it is barren ground. There is every prospect of a plentiful growth of grass as owing to the absence of frost when the snow fell last November it will take root and sprout earlier.

The first party to go over the "Poorman's Route" to Klondike left last week. The party consisted of Fred Olsen, Ed Wilkinson, Rory McLeod, Sam Reid, and Martin Conlon. They started on snowshoes and used tobogans. They intend going to Telegraph creek, and expect to arrive there within twenty days.

Another pioneer party of two men and a woman leave for the Omenica country. They were eighteen days on the journey from Ashcroft to Quesnelle. They got their supplies at Ashcroft.

It would seem the average prospector is left in the dark in that supplies can be got at Quesnelle at a cheaper rate than at the lower points considering the prospector has to haul his load a long distance and at the same time consumes much time on the journey. In the interest of the prospectors who have to toil on a long journey it would be well to know that there is an option in the choice of overloading at the start when complete supplies may be furnished at very reasonable rates even to Stewart lake.

Eddy Bell came in late last night and left early this morning with two gentlemen from England on the way to Barkerville to look after mining propositions.

Rev. Mr. Campbell spent last Sunday at Barkerville, and the preceding Sunday at the 150.

The annual meeting of the Quesnelle club and reading room was held last week. The reports of the secretary-librarian and treasurer were presented and received in the usual way. The thanks of the club are due Senator Reid for supplying Hansard and all federal reports and bluebooks, and to Mr. Adams, M.P.P. for provincial reports and public matters. This reading room is quite a convenience for those who wish to be informed on the many interesting questions that occupy the public mind at the present time. The officers for the current year are Dr. Callanan, president; J. A. Fraser, treasurer; J. F. Smith, secretary-librarian. The committee are: W. A. Johnston, D. H. Anderson, D. L. Perkins and Sydney Williams.

FOR NATION RIVER.

A party of fifteen Virginians and North Carolinians will leave Richmond over the Chesapeake and Ohio, at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon for the gold-fields of British Columbia.

The expedition goes out under the auspices of the British-American Gold Mining and Trading company of Baltimore, and its immediate objective point is Ashcroft, British Columbia, on the line of the Canadian Pacific. At that point a wagon train will be made up, and the overland journey, about 300 miles northward to the Cariboo district, will be undertaken.

The company has secured the Robertson placer mine, said to be one of the richest in the entire district, and the members of the party are confident that their expedition will be successful. As Judge H. W. Flournoy, who organized the party, remarked, it is not a gold hunting, but a gold digging party. The precious metal has already been located.

Judge Flournoy has been organizing the party sometime, and has seen that that it is amply previded with stores of ever character. Much of the mining machinery and clothing will be taken from this city, but the greater portion of the supplies will be purchased at Ashcroft. In return for the payment of $500 by each member of the party the mining company agrees to transport the expedition to the mine and maintain it for one year, each miner to pay the company half of the proceeds of his labor.

From Richmond the party will go by the Chesapeake & Ohio system to Cincinnati, thence to St. Paul by way of Chicago and thence to Ashcroft, where wagons will be used to transport the argonauts and supplies. The route from Ashcroft to the mines is said to be fairly easy to travel.

Those who will start from Richmond are S. W. and F. S. Marshall, sons of Colonel R. C. Marshall, of Portsmouth; H. C. Topp, of Portsmouth; Dr. C. B Woodley and John L. Hartsfeld, of Kinston, N.C.; A. V. and T. A. Shea, H. W. Flournoy, jr., of Richmond; James Plaskett, of Alexandria, and G. C. Peck, of Washington city. Several others are expected to join the party en route. Dr. C. B. Woodley, of Kinston, N.C., is surgeon of the party.

The men are in high spirits and confident that they will be repaid for their long journey into the wilderness. The majority of them were in Richmond last night, and they are a fine looking lot—sturdy, strong and resolute. All these qualities will doubtless receive full exercise before they return.—Richmond (Va.) Dispatch.

The above parties arrived in Ashcroft Thursday evening and are staying at the Cariboo Exchange Hotel. They will leave in a few days for their destination, the Nation river, all arrangements having been made by Major H. W. Moore, the representative of the British-American company who lives at Ashcroft. Further particulars will be given next week concerning the operations of the company.

Life Imprisonment for Craemer.

Olympia, March 23.—Governor Rogers has commuted the sentence of Henry Craemer from death by hanging to imprisonment for life. The governor says that while he regards the sentiment which has been so thoroughly aroused favoring commutation as arising merely from sympathy for the condemned man, still he cannot disregard the recommendation of the board of pardons, the direct and positive statements of Judge Jacobs who says:

"I recommend to you most urgently the commutation of Craemer to imprisonment for life, as I am certain from all the evidence in the case that there is a possibility bordering closely on probability that Craemer is not guilty of the crime of which he stands convicted," and the avalanche of petitions and recommendations with which the governor's office has been flooded.

Although the governor is inclined to believe Craemer guilty from the evidence adduced, still he does not wish to take the responsibility of certifying to his guilt in the absence of direct and positive testimony. He therefore directs a change in the sentence imposed by the court.

FRASER RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

Below will be found letters from Senator Reid and Hewitt Bostock, M. P., concerning what is being done in connection with pushing the proposed improvements on the upper Fraser river and which speaks for themselves.

Senate.

Ottawa, March 17th, 1898.

DEAR DR. REYNOLDS: I have your favor of 7th, inst., two days ago, but deferred replying until I knew the outcome of a deputation that was arranged through Mr. Bostock to meet the minister of public works with reference to the subject inquired about in your letter, viz. the improvement of the upper Fraser river and tributary waters leading to Stuart lake and on to north Tatlah lake. The deputation consisted of Mr. Bostock, Mr. Earle, Colonel Wright, Mr. Sparks, Mr. McGilvery, Captain Waters, Captain S. Maynard Rogers and others of the 48rd Mining & Milling Company of Omenica and self. I was put forward to explain to the minister the importance and extent the improvements, if carried out would be to the whole district of Cariboo and adjacent country extending to the Peace river and on to the headwaters of the Yukon, and my representatives were heartily endorsed by all present, and the minister (Mr. Tarte) appeared to take a lively and intelligent interest in the importance of opening up such an extent of country. The minister could not give us any definite promise what he would do, but would take the matter up as soon as a complete report from the engineer who made the survey last fall was sent in. At present only the sketch maps and interim report had reached the department. I may say in conclusion that the Ashcroft route is receiving a good deal of attention and I am repeatedly being asked by senators and members to point out on the map and explain the advantages of that route. I believe it is the intention of the government to look into the question of routes by actual surveys in the near future. I may also say that the Edmonton route as projected, advocated by Northwest members does not meet with much favor here, but a road from Edmonton via Yellowhead Pass and through Cariboo to the Yukon would meet the views of a great many. The government here will not contribute towards making a wagon road in British Columbia, at same time petitions will do no harm as it will draw attention to the importance of that route and perhaps a special enquiry into its merits.

JAS. REID.

House of Commons.

Ottawa, March 14th. 1898.

F. S. REYNOLDS, Ashcroft, B. C.—Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, and at the present time I can give you no information, favorable or unfavorable, with regard to the removal of obstructions in the Fraser river between Cottonwood and Fort George canyon.

The government have for some time been considering what are the best steps to take for the opening up of this part of the country, but there seems to be so much that requires doing that it is difficult to decide which should be done first. A proposal has been made for a telegraph line, but that would cost a great deal of money.

There would be no harm in your forwarding me a petition if you have a large number of people who are anxious about this matter.

I am pleased to hear that my efforts to show the feasibility of a road from Ashcroft have met with approval. Believe me yours faithfully

HEWITT BOSTOCK.

Provincial Estimates.

The provincial estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1899, were presented in the house Thursday night by the Finance Minister and show that the expected revenue is $1,453,389.45, as compared with $1,573,089.45 for the previous year and an expenditure of $1,992,609.75 for the coming year, as against $1,568,765.10 a year ago. Free miners' certificates are expected to increase to $175,000 from $90,000 a year before, owing to the greater interest taken in provincial mines. For the same reason general mining receipts are expected to increase $65,000; personal property tax is expected to grow from $112,000 to $120,000 and wild land tax to add $5,000 more to the revenue. The mineral tax will be about half as much again as last year and there are increases in most of the other heads. Altogether the revenue is expected to yield $165,000 more than in 1897.

Under education most of the older districts remain the same, the chief increases being Yale, which gets $57,000 against $54,000 last year; West Kootenay, $28,000 against $17,600 a year ago, and Westminster, which gets an increase of $3,000.

In public works, which is $620,200 against $395,500 last year, there is included a new wing for the hospital for the insane, $44,000; new court house, Rossland, $6,000 addition to Nelson court house, $4,000; court house and jail at Quesnellemouth, $2,000; lockups at Cascade, Enderby, Penticton, Fairview, Wardner, Coal Creek, Revelstoke, Goat River, Ymir, Hanceville, recorder's office, Fairview; grant towards Kaslo civic building (to be used by government if required), $2,000; public schools at North Saanich, Nanaimo Bay, Wellington (addition), Union, Steveston, Prairie, Ladner, Langley, Fairview, Greenwood City (revote), Slocan City, Nelson, Rossland ($5,000), Revelstoke (addition), North Bend, Ashcroft. One of the larger grants is $30,000 for the Thompson river bridge at Kamloops.

Political Items.

Politics is awakening in east Lillooet. A letter ballot will be held about April 19th, to choose a candidate in the interests of the opposition. The candidates mentioned are: D. Murphy, barrister, of Ashcroft; J. D. Prentice, manager of the Western Canadian Ranching Co., and W. S. Gore, manager of the Big Bar Dredging Co. All the candidates for the nomination are efficient men and whichever one is chosen will make a hard fight. Mr. Stoddart the present member will stand again, and will give his opposition friends all the fight they want.

J. M. Mackinnon passed through Ashcroft Sunday night for Lillooet where he will seek nomination in the interests of the opposition for west Lillooet. Mr. Mackinnon is largely interested in Lillooet and will make a good man for the district. A. W. Smith will be the government candidate.

Major-General Kinchant arrived from Vancouver Thursday evening and *left next morning for Cariboo where* he starts his opposition campaign. H. Helgeson, the other opposition candidate for Cariboo nominated by the convention, is starting his campaign.

F. J. Deane, the opposition candidate for North Yale, was in Ashcroft the first of the week, and from all appearances the campaign is fairly started in his district. Mr. Deane has the Hon. G. B. Martin to oppose and is doing hard work.

So far as is known at present there has been no candidate selected to oppose Charles A. Semlin, the leader of the opposition.

It is reported that Price Ellison of Vernon, will contest East Yale in the interests of the government in the forthcoming celection.

Concert at Clinton.

The concert held last Thursday, the 17th inst., in the hall, filled that building to its utmost capacity. Mr. W. Saul acted as chairman, and in a brief speech opened the concert. He also spoke of the early history of St. Patrick's Day.

The programme of the concert was well arranged and the actors in each piece was well rendered. After the first part of the program of songs and recitations were over a farce, "The Lost Letter," was put on which was very good, and caused considerable laughter. During the evening refreshments were served by the ladies and to which full justice was done. The last event of the evening was the dance in which nearly all participated. J. Hamilton, of the 150, violin; J. Hollingsworth, banjo, and Mrs. Bell, organ, furnished the music. The dance was continued until the early hours of the morning.

Presentation.

On Monday evening last, at the request of the managers' board of Zion Presbyterian church, a social gathering of the members and adherents was held to pay a tribute of true respect and love to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mackay who are soon to leave this community. The social took form in the presentation of a beautiful illuminated address presented by the managers, a few timely remarks by the Rev. J. C. Stewart, B.A., of Kamloops, moderators of the Presbytery, and some refreshments provided by the ladies.

The address read as follows:

TO MR. J. J. MACKAY,—Dear Friend: We the managers of Zion Presbyterian church have learned with deep regret the tie which has so long bound us together is to be broken by your removal from our midst, and we feel that we cannot allow this to take place without telling you how much your labors among us have been appreciated, and how earnestly we shall watch and hope for your future welfure. It is a long time since we first realized how valuable *your services were in the church, both as* secretary-treasurers of the manager's board, and as sabbath school superintendent, and the prosperous state of our church and sabbath school to-day is, we know, mainly owing to the untiring and increasing interest you have by the grace of God taken in its different departments.

In the various branches of the work of the church ever since its erection, you have taken a prominent part. Your life has been most exemplary as a christian, and your influence exerted during those years in the Lord's vineyard has produced results that neither time nor distance can effuce.

In Mrs. Mackay also, we shall miss a friend, valued not only for her life among us as a christian, but for her assistance, often and cheerfully given as organist in the church and Sunday school, and for her able services as secretary of the Christian Endeavor Society.

We can assure you that wherever your lot in life may be cast the best wishes of Zion Presbyterian church will ever follow you, not only for the temporal blessings of life, but for that growth in grace that will fit you more and more for the labors evolving upon in connection with the church of the living God. This address we now ask you to accept as a token of love and true respects, and to keep it in memory of the many days we have spent together, and our prayer is that God will always guide and protect you and your family, and that when the journey of life is over, we may all gather in the Heavenly Jerusalem where parting is unknown.

Board of Managers. CHAS. PENNIE, WALTER D. FEARN, A. ARMSTRONG, J. H. CLEMENTS, D. ANDERSON.

Ashcroft, B.C., March 21st, 1898.

Mr. Mackay made a suitable reply thanking the board of managers and the congregation for the appreciation of their labors and expression of their kindness which he did not feel was due to him.

To Mr. Mackay also was made a presentation last by his Sunday school scholars, who realize to some degree the loss they will sustain by his departure from their midst.

Mr. Mackay and his family go to Vancouver to live. Their departure will be a loss not only to the church but to the whole community, whose best wishes will ever follow them.—COM.

Jim Jeffries, of Los Angeles, easily defeated Peter Jackson in the third round on Tuesday, March 22nd, at Woodward's pavilion, San Francisco. Jeffries had the better of the fight from start to finish, and easily did up his antagonist.

Reports from the north state that quartz assaying $400 to the ton has been found near Telegraph creek.

LILLOOET.

Spring, which the old timers informed us was just about to make its appearance a fortnight ago, has apparently had to make a call elsewhere for the weather of late has been extremely bracing, not to say cold—Jack Frost being very much in evidence last night and this morning. There are many *signs, however, that spring* is expected shortly, amongst them being a number of new faces of miners and prospectors who are gradually filling up the hotels, awaiting with impatience the first favorable opportunity of getting into Bridge river.

A group of claims that is attracting considerable attention in Bridge river are the Why Not, Van Winkle and Coughlan. These claims are situated on the right bank of the south fork of Bridge river, bordering due southeast the Forty Thieves group. The ledge on the Why Not is from four to ten feet in width carrying gold bearing quartz with visible gold, the assays of which run up to a high figure. They are in a diorite formation, exactly the same as the Forty Thieves group. The ledge continues through the Van Winkle and Coughlan claims. Very little has been done on these claims at present, but active development will shortly commence. The outside croppings assayed from $20 to $30 per ton. These claims are bounded on the south by the Monarch group.

Up to about 5 years ago a large amount of gold was taken out of Bridge river by white men, but gradually they have abandoned their claims to Indians and chinamen. There is still a large amount of valuable ground unworked and unprospected only awaiting capital to be developed. One Indian, named Tashpola, otherwise Hunter Jack, has been working on a small claim at the mouth of the south forks of Bridge river for years. The last time he was here selling his gold dust he exhibited some beautiful nuggets, several of them of the value of $20 each. Nobody knows the amount of gold that has been taken out of this stream by Indians and chinamen.

Adjacent to this particular ground Messrs. Haylemore, Lovegrove and Whitmore have taken up a lease, and they have just returned to Lillooet after prospecting on their ground for the past six weeks. They report themselves as well satisfied with the results of their trip. They ran an open cut two hundred feet across their property getting down about eight feet below the river level. Bedrock was not reached in consequence of provisions running short and they had to return to Lillooet. Every pan of dirt tested showed several colors, and as a confirmation of their statements they brought down with them a small bottle half full of large coarse pieces of gold, some of them running as high as 80 cents in value.

On the adjoining lease owned by Messrs. White & Co., after thorough prospecting the owners intend putting in a hydraulic plant this summer. To successfully work this country capital is the only thing necessary, and this we are confident of, that if the capitalist will only come and see our country an investment will certainly follow.

Mr. Haylemore paid a visit to the Ben D'or and Ida May group of claims on Cadwallader creek. He inspected all the recent work performed on these claims and he reports the quartz the richest he has ever seen. The ledge on the Ben D'or is widening and with fully four feet of ore on the face, and there is not the slightest doubt that these properties will become perfect bonanzas to their owners. A visit was also paid to the Forty Thieves group of claims. Here a large body of men under the superintendence of Mr. Smith were hard at work getting things into shape for the development of the property. Mr. Smith had a terrible task in getting all the necessary supplies up to the mines, but he successfully combatted with all difficulties. The result of the development work on this group will be awaited with great interest in Lillooet.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in Lillooet last week in fitting style. The sons of Erin, under the able direction of Harry Anderson organized a band of music and during the morning discoursed sweet airs at all the hotels and saloons in town. In the evening a ball was held in Santini's hall in aid of the fire brigade fund. When we mention that our genial old friend Mr. Lovegrove presided at the organ, and Messrs. Prendergast and Ferry discoursed sweet music on the violins, and that all the beauty and fashion of Lillooet were there, it was bound to be a success, and a most successful and enjoyable affair it was. The oldest inhabitant says he recollects nothing so good since 1862.

Lillooet, March 21st, 1898.

An Editor Summoned.

Victoria, March 23.—W. H. Ellis, manager, and Chas. H. Lugrin, editor, of the Colonist, have been cited to appear in the supreme court on March 30th, for alleged contempt of court, in an interview published Saturday. It is alleged the contempt was committed on the case of the Nest Egg Mining Co. vs. The Rand Drill Co., which is to be tried before a special jury next month.

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OLD CARIBOO.

The following description of the mining region of Cariboo, is an extract from the recent report issued by the minister of mines, who says, it is not the purpose to attempt the relation of the early history of this now famous section of the province, but to describe the work now in progress and projected, and some of the conditions that there prevail.

Since the year 1858 to the present time it is estimated that over $35,000,000 in gold has been taken from the Cariboo gravel deposits of which two and a half miles of Williams creeks yielded up over $20,000,000. The production of Williams creek, Lightning, Lowhee, Antler, Grouse, Keithley, Hardscrabble, Cunningham, Mosquito, Nelson, and other creeks of those early days has become historic, but all these deposits, at present known, have long since been exhausted leaving only such propositions as the deeper diggings that abundant capital well expended, can alone grapple and make successful, or the old diggings and remnants to be worked and re-washed by the skilful and energetic Chinaman who always follow close after the white man to make money out of his prodigal leavings.

Other creeks and untouched gravels may yet be found in this region, although the prospector has been searching for many years, but only twenty miles from Barkerville, it is claimed, lies ground that has been but scantily worked: however, the intense interest now aroused by the great Yukon discoveries will lead many to explore a great extent of country in this northern country yet untouched, to test many of the creeks by sinking to bedrock where only the bars have been tried.

Lack of water at suitable elevations has long deterred undertakings that otherwise would be very profitable, as in the creeks above Barkerville is a large amount of good pay dirt that with water could be easily moved and made to yield handsome returns, while the old channel deposits in the Quesnelle district are just now being exploited. Whether this needed water can be supplied or stored is doubtful in many instances, but such will be quite possible in others if the means are available to build waterways on a bold plan to bring water from long distances as was done in California.

After the cessation of work on Lightning creek in the seventies, mining in Cariboo fell to a very low ebb until about 1893, when some new organizations with more or less capital began to explore these now practically abandoned placer and hydraulic claims and to prepare for mining on a scale not hitherto attempted, with the result that there has been a decided revival in interest, and besides these companies, other undertakings are under advisement, and if during the coming two years several undertakings that have now reached that point where they should either spell success or failure, prove to be successes, other companies will have little difficulty in raising funds to mine the deep gravels by drifting, or the higher channels by hydraulicing.

The Cariboo division extends for 100 miles north of the Lillooet division and east from the Cassiar division to the provincial boundary line, but so far nearly all mining has been confined to a district of about 2,000 square miles lying between the Fraser river that first flows north and then south. Access is gained by the excellent government road running north from Ashcroft, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, 210 miles to Quesnelle Forks, or 280 miles to Barkerville.

Copper is King.

The exports of copper from the United States for 1897, as per government returns, show in pounds fine copper as follows: Total ingots, etc., 277,255,742 pounds; increase, 18,031,818; matte, 9,064 tons; decrease, 9,430. Reducing the matte at 55 per cent. the total exports of copper for 1897 aggregate 288,422,590 pounds, against a total of 282,008,532 pounds fine for 1896. The value of last year's shipments is returned by the government at $31,796,674 as compared with $30,216,194 for the year 1896. The United Kingdom's exports, 1,076,908 pounds ingots and 9,743 tons matte.

Notwithstanding the increase of the product of the copper mines it is safe to calculate on the increase in price to 15 cents per pound within the next six months. One of the largest copper mines in the country has sold its output for the next three years.

The demand for copper is enormous, and though the producers as well as the consumers are averse to anything flavoring of artificial quotation, yet it cannot be denied that the consumption of copper is in excess of the production, the electrical industry, largely applied to the extraction of metals from their ores, becoming a consumer of no small consideration, which, with progression will demand more of the product. This, of course, will result in the development of copper properties, and with Shasta, Trinity, Mono and Siskiyou counties on the north, and the great copper deposits, yet undeveloped, on the deserts of southern California, this state will reap some benefit thereby.—Mining and Electrical Review.

Edmonton Route a Terror.

It the story that old Jimmie Bourke tells is true, the Spokane route to the Klondike via Edmonton is like the Russian convicts' way to the prison mines of Siberia. Northward bound gold hunters who choose that course this summer to penetrate the magic circle of the Yukon will find the way strewn with skeletons—gruesome mileposts—representing the lives of ill-advised adventurers who went before.

To those who have resisted the allurements of the Klondike craze the individual experiences of men who have risked their lives in perilous overland trips to the land of indelible night are eagerly read whether they are believed or not.

So far as Jimmie Bourke is concerned, he is prepared to say that the much advertised Spokane route is a snare that leads into the jaws of death. He is a guest at the Grand Hotel, having arrived in the city four days ago. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, 72 years ago, but since early childhood has lived on this continent. His grey hairs and beard testify to his long pilgrimage on this sphere, but he is agile and apparently equal to many a Klondike winter. A miner, he has worked in Leadville, Cripple Creek, Butte, and for several years "off and on" as he says in the Treadwell mines on Douglas island, Alaska.

In November last he wrote to friends in Montana that he was going to the interior of Alaska. They advised him to return to Great Falls where they would outfit and together go overland via Edmonton. He took with him a dozen Arctic dogs, and the party of nine, including himself, started for the Klondike.

They had provisions to last eight months and were well equipped otherwise. They succeeded in going about 400 miles north of Edmonton, when they despaired of ever reaching the lakes, lost faith in their compass, and, abandoning the bulk of their outfit, beat a retreat to Edmonton. There was no route, no trail. It was more guesswork than anything else.

On the way back Thompson, one of the party, became exhausted and died. They buried him in the snow as best they could. This was about 200 miles the other side of Edmonton. They met Dr. Brown's Chicago party, which was well equipped, going in about 120 miles from Edmonton.—Rossland Record.

The Meningitis at Skaguay.

Dr. O. B. Estes, of Astoria, Or., who passed through Juneau a few days since on his way south, had this to say to the Alaska Mining Record concerning the ravages of the disease now scouring Skaguay: "When I left Skaguay between fifteen and twenty had died of spinal meningitis, and several others were sick. I did not hear of a single person that recovered. The disease is invariably fatal, and lasts from three to nine days. The sickness so far is confined to an area of four blocks wide and eight blocks long. The disease is infectious, but not contagious. No two fatalities have been known to occur in the same family. It is endemic, not epidemic. There are several people there suffering from the grip. When milder weather sets in the danger will be passed, but there are already many persons leaving, while many more are talking of moving their business away from there.

"The condition of affairs is appalling and the people see the danger that confronts them. The cause of the sickness is a current of air that comes down the mountains and meets the moist and milder air that comes out from the gulches. The effect produces a chill, and may be more accurately described by saying that it is like rushing in about five minutes from an extremely cold to a mild climate. Many persons reported as being frozen to death died from cerebro. spinal meningitis.

"There are between 3,000 and 4,000 dead horses lying within a radius of 12 miles of the town, and when warmer weather sets in, no one can foretell the disaster that may result from the decomposition of these carcasses.

"It would be a blessing and a philanthropic act if some one could stop the frantic rush and induce the people to stay away from there, as they are more liable to meet with misfortune than they are to meet with riches."

Craemer Nearing Death.

The work of building the scaffold for the execution of Henry Craemer began last Thursday morning says the Seattle Times under the direction of Sheriff Moyer. Four carpenters are hard at work placing the framework of the scaffold in position. The sheriff states that the framework was not cut out for Tom Blanck, but was framed under his own supervision a year ago, when it was expected that King county would witness a triple hanging. Consequently the scaffold is a triple affair. It was designed with a view of accommodating three men, Carey, Nordstrom and Craemer. Carey had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment and the case of Nordstrom is still in the supreme court.

As the scaffold has a triple drop, the sheriff will use the center drop. The trap door on which the condemned man stands while the noose and black cap are being adjusted is held in place by two pins. These pins are fastened to a rope which runs in pulleys and on the end of a large weight is fastened. When this weight is released it falls, the two pins are released, the trap drops and the victim's neck is broken by a fall. The weight will be held in place by three small ropes. These will be cut at the same moment and no one can tell which caused the drop to fall.

There is a drop of three feet, which is calculated to break the neck of the condemned man. Craemer will be examined by several physicians, who will determine the number of feet for the drop. Opinions differ as to the length of a drop necessary to break the neck of a condemned man. Some place it at five feet and others at three feet. Craemer is a large man, weighing 200 pounds, and three feet is considered long enough.

The rope used will be a seven-eighths inch whale rope. The rope is now being stretched by having one end tied to a rafter and on the other is a 200-pound weight. This is done in order that when the fatal moment comes the weight of the man will not cause the rope to stretch and thus spoil the effect of the drop, and instead of breaking the neck strangulation would result.

The scaffold is being built in front of the jailer's office and between two wings of the court house. At present the scaffold is being erected directly in front of the cell occupied by Craemer. He will be moved to the other side of the jail, in the woman's ward probably while it is being completed, so that the noise of the work will not annoy the condemned man.

The scaffold will be surrounded and covered over with canvas, so that the curious people from the neighboring hills may not witness the execution. Only about a dozen people will be permitted to witness the hanging.

Craemer's life is now in the hands of Governor Rogers and the Board of Pardons. If they should interfere, Sheriff Moyer will at once tear down the scaffold and store it in the basement to be kept for some future time.

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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NOTICE.

A SITTING OF THE COUNTY COURT of Cariboo will be held at Ashcroft, B. C., on Monday, the 18th day of April, A.D., 1898, at the hour of 11 a. m.
By Order,
JOSEPH WM. BURR,
Deputy Registrar
C. C. of Cariboo.
Ashcroft, B.C., March 17, 1898. 40-

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,
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Sealed proposals, properly endorsed, will be received by the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to noon of Wednesday, 30th March, for the right to maintain and operate a ferry across the Fraser river, at a point above the mouth of the Quesnelle river, and within a limit of five miles above and five miles below that place, for a term of five years from the date of the charter.

Proposals must give a description of the size and kind of boat intended to be used, the mode of propelling the same and the various rates of toll proposed to be collected and give the names of two persons who are willing to execute a bond for $500 to secure the faithful carrying out of the contract.

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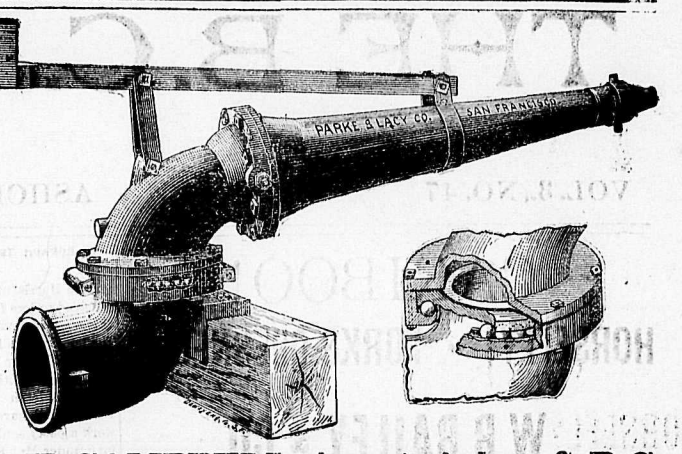

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CLINTON	33
59-Mile House	44
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85-Mile House	68
87-Mile House	72
100-Mile House	83
105-Mile House	90
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117-Mile House	102
125-Mile House	107
127-Mile House	112
135-Mile House	119
141-Mile House	126
145-Mile House	129
150-MILE HOUSE	135
Soda Creek	165
Alexandria	183
Moffat's	189
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CLINTON.

Winter has its magic charms with glittering snow; the whirling of the skater; the chiming notes of the sleigh bells, and the whiteness of the surrounding woodlands; all tendly bestow happiness to humanity. But give to me the gentle balmy breath of spring, with its countless flowers, and the birds sweetly perched on some tender vine, echoing words of love and song; when mother earth wakes from her long and dreary slumber, to clothe once more her bosom with vernal green.

F. W. Foster, jr., met with an accident while out for a ride. His horse fell and rolled on his leg. Fred is limpabout, but he will no doubt be around in time for the spring foot ball matches.

T. Pennie, of Lac La Hache was in town this week and reports stock doing well in that section.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, of the 70-Mile House where here to witness the grand concert. The Miss Carsons of Pavilion mountain were also here for the celebration.

I am sorry to say that R. G. Miller will shortly retire from Clinton and make his future abode in Ashcroft. Three years of residence in Clinton has gained many friends for Mr. Miller and his retirement is regretfully felt by all. We heartily wish him success and happiness in his future home.

E. Bell has gone on a special for the B. X. to Barkerville. J. N. J.

Back from the North.

Among the people at present in the city is Robert J. Long, editor of the American Citizen and the British American Citizen of Boston. He has been north on a trip in the interest of those papers and a syndicate of eastern United States journals. He will remain here for a little time and will then make another short trip north via Ashcroft. Mr. Long passed through here about two months ago, and the World made reference to his visit at that time. Those who saw him then would hardly know him now, for he is indeed an altered man. He was attacked by the sickness that is now so prevalent in Skaguay, and as a consequence is much reduced in weight, besides presenting in other particulars a somewhat woeful appearance. He states that the accommodation at Skaguay is simply abominable even as early as this much sickness prevails, as the trail is literally lined with dead animals. Law and order had no sway when he was there. Drunkenness, murder and rapine held high carnival. Mr. Long returned by way of Wrangel and stayed off there to test the Stickine route, which, he says, is not as good at present as many would like it to be. The McKenzie & Mann party were working their way up and great crowds were following them. While there an exciting affair took place. A postmistress had staked out certain property, but as she did not live thereon another party of Americans from Montana came along and restaked the lots. This cutfit were reputed to be in the pay of Sir Charles Tupper's organization. The people objected to this and drove the usurpers off, at the same time restaking the property for the postmistress. Wrangel at present is an extremely busy place and no one is busier than C. R. Perry, who is superintending the construction of the C.P.R. wharf. There are thousands of people at present between the coast and Lake Bennett who are unable to get ahead. He expected that they will experience much difficulty getting through. Mr. Long met a number of people who have just returned from Dawson. They say that a number of discoveries have been made which indicate that one of the creeks not thought so much of in the past, are likely to turn out as rich as the greatest bonanzas. Some new strikes of exceeding richness have been made, some of them immensely rich.

A Dangerous Moment.

During the building of a bridge over the Willamette river at Portland, Or., an incident occurred that must have made at least a local hero of the foreman in charge. In a moment of general panic he kept cool, and by an admirable display of nerve, saved many lives and many thousands of dollars worth of property.

The water at the point where the large pier for the pivot span was to be placed was 80 feet deep. A pile foundation was put in to carry the caissons. The piles were over 100 feet long, and were driven from 20 to 30 feet into the ground under the river with a steam pile driver worked on a barge. The piles numbered more than 300, and framed an almost solid square. Then it was found that some of them were superfluous, and were in the way of others. It was necessary to remove them.

This was done by sending down a diver, who drove a spiked ring into the pile to be removed, passed a light rope through it and returned to the surface with the rope ends. A dynamite bomb was then attached to one end of the rope and with the fuse lighted it was dropped into the water. The foreman, who had received the other end of the rope from the diver, then drew in the line until the bomb reached the ring at the base of the pile, where it was held until it exploded and the pile was blown to atoms.

On the occasion now referred to, the foreman, standing on the barge, drew in the rope as usual, but by some accident the spike was pulled out, and the spectators were horrified and terror-stricken to see the foreman holding the spike, bomb and and all in his hands with the smoking fuse burning almost to the cap.

"Run for your lives, boys!" the foreman shouted; and the 25 or 30 men on the barge waited for no second invitation. At first the foreman tried to throw the whole bundle into the river, but, the rope being tangled about him, he was unable to do so. He then coolly but quickly tore the bomb, composed of twelve sticks of giant powder to pieces and drew the cap from the stick in which it was set and dropped it into the river. So short was the time that the cap exploded before it reached the water.

Had he hesitated a moment, the delay would have cost not only his own life, but the lives of many of the work. men, and a heavy property loss of machinery and material, The diver had perhaps the worst scare. There he sat upon the side of the barge, loaded not only with his heavy suit but with 50 pounds extra weight at his waist to sink him when he went below.

The poor fellow did not know what to do. He feared to jump back into the water; if the bomb should be thrown there, the concussion would certainly kill him. Finally he made up his mind to run with the rest, and notwithstanding his heavy load, he is said to have kept up with the procession. It was a close call for many people. The wharf at the end of the barge was lined with spectators, and on the wharf was a small building containing 150 pounds of dynamite, which in all probability would have exploded from the concussion had the bomb been fired above water. One incident raised a laugh, even in so critical a moment. One of the superintendents of the work, when he saw the danger, quite lost his head. He was on the wharf and ran about wringing his hands and crying, "Where shall I go?" Oh, where shall I go?" And the place where he finally crouched was directly behind the warehouse containing the 150 pounds of dynamite—unquestionably the most dangerous spot he could have chosen.

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Booming the Spokane Route.

A. S. Overmiller, manager of the Spokane Hat Co., is visiting his former home in Orange, N.J., and is doing some good work for the Spokane overland route both in that town and in New York city. In a recent letter to the secretary of the Spokane chamber of commerce he says:

"On my visits to New York I have found that San Francisco has abandoned her efforts to attract Klondikers, owing to the railroad war leading travelers via Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Vancouver. Seattle is quitting, as they have their share and cannot handle more at present. Tacoma is still doing a little, and the Canadian Pacific is advertising Vancouver with moderate success. The principal antagonists are Portland and Tacoma. The former city has permanent headquarters here and advertises in the papers every day. Tacoma has no large office, but advertises every day I have made arrangements with the former representatives of San Francisco and will put in considerable time at their office, and know much good can be done by judicious advertising of the Spokane route. I expect to leave here (Orange) about the 25th inst. with a party for Spokane who will take the overland route to Klondike."

The Corona Case.

If Washington dispatches are to be believed, the Pacific Coast Steamship Company worked a very neat little scheme to secure the assistance of the revenue cutter Perry to take the Corona out of British waters, and, as intimated the other day, it is more than probable that the United States government did not know that they were helping the steamer to evade the customs regulations. The company telegraphed the treasury department for the use of a revenue cutter to convey the steamer down the coast, intimating that no other steamers were available. Captain Phillips, of the Perry, therefore received orders to go north, meet the Corona and take her to Port Townsend, which he did.

The principal object of the company in not bringing the steamer to Victoria it is said, was to avoid her being libelled here by the men who lost their outfits in the wreck. They prefer to fight the case out in the courts of the States.

Copper Going Up.

London, March 19.—There is extraordinary activity in the copper market, especially at Birmingham. Authorities agree that the supplies are manifestly scarce and that the stocks are unprecedently low. Good brands have advanced £2 per ton since January 1. The activity is largely attributed to the projected expenditure of the United States for war material and a possible rupture with the principal copper producing countries.

An odd tombstone has been placed in a cemetery in Lincoln, Neb. It marks the grave of James Jacobs, a butcher, who died in 1881. The deceased was of a roving disposition, so his father had a vallse modelled in marble and placed on the grave. The inscription, in addition to the name, date of birth and death, is "Here is where he stopped last."

Mineral Act Amendment.

Col. Baker has introduced in the Provincial Legislature a bill to make valid a number of certificates of improvement issued, under which Judge Drake recently decided to be a misunderstanding of the mining law. It seems that parties holding soparate claims have been in the habit of joining them in one advertisement of intention to apply for certificate of improvement, when, according to Judge Drake, there should be a separate advertisement for each claim. This decision has made apparently defects in title which have put a stop to many negotiations, and the object of the bill is to remove any such defects, while providing that separate advertisements will be required in future.

C.P.R.'s Big Plans.

While in New York recently Sir William VanHorne is reported to have made the following statement in an interview: The C.P.R. expects at an early date to build three big ocean liners about the size of the Teutonic, and place them on the route between Vancouver and Australia. When this is done a fast line will be established between Quebec and Halifax and Liverpool, reducing the time of passage to 3½ days. The C.P.R. will be able to take a passenger to Euston Station, London, and land him at Yokohama without transferring him to any other line. This, Sir William says, it will be able to do by 1900.

Why a Colored School Was Closed.

Mary Matthews, a nice little girl, lived so far from the school house that she rode a little blue-eyed, confiding mule to the hall of learning. The teacher thought it unwise to allow the animal to graze about unharmed, so he attempted to club it away. The rest of the story is told in these expressive little lines:

Mary had a little mule,
It followed her to school;
That was against the rule,
The teacher, like a fool,
Got behind that mule,
And hit him with a rule,
After that there was no school.

New Game Laws.

A down east editor has drawn up some new game laws which he wants adopted. The following is a summary: Book agents may be killed from Oct. 1 to Sept. 1; spring poets from March 1 to June 1; scandal mongers April 1 to Feb. 1; umbrella borrowers Aug. 1 to Nov. 1, and from Feb. 1 to May 1, while every man who accepts a paper for two years, but when the bill is presented says, "I never ordered it," may be killed on sight without reserve or relief from valuation or appraisement laws, and buried face downward without benefit of clergy.

The Prohibition Plebiscite.

Toronto, March 21.—The Mail's Ottawa correspondent says: It is stated that the government has determined not to push through the plebiscite and franchise bills this session. The liberals, he says, can't agree among themselves as to the details of the plebiscite measure. A correspondent publishes an interview with James McMullen, M.P., discrediting the idea, and vigorously condemning any postponement.

Victoria society, according to the Province, is considerably exercised, gastronomically, because His Honor Lieutenant-Governor McInnes puts his temperance, or total abstinence, principles into practice by refraining from serving wines and liquors to his guests at the public functions at Carey Castle. "There are many people in the city of Victoria today," says the Province, "who are saying that he (the Lieutenant-Governor) is overstepping the bounds of good taste and showing a lack of consideration as a host, when, in his public capacity, he insists on having the Queen's health drunk in pop or cold water or coffee." Many people all over the province, who think more of adherence to conscientions principles than of the "good taste' even of gubernatorial wines, will admire the courage of Lieutenant-Governor McInnes and his good lady.—Columbian.

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.

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Klondike Horses and Mules. - -

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K. B. McLENNAN,
Care of Wm. B. Bailey & Co.
February 12th, 1898. 41-47

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 50 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase Lot 480, Group 1, comprising 320 acres of pasture land, situated in Lillooet District.
WM. MEASON, JR.,
Dog Creek, B.C.
March 4th, 1898. 45

The "Water Clauses Consolidation Act 1897"

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition will be presented to a judge of the supreme court of British Columbia, at the law courts, Bastion Square, Victoria, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as the said petition can be heard on Wednesday the 6th day of April, 1898, praying for the granting of a certificate pursuant to section 55 of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act 1897" to the undersigned company to enable them to construct and operate a water works system for supplying water to the town of Ashcroft from the Thompson river by pumping, by means of an electric motor pump, 100 inches thereof through pipes to an elevation of about 200 feet to a reservoir and from thence distributing said water through pipes to the inhabitants of the said town of Ashcroft.

This notice was first published on the 26th day of February, 1898.

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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.

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Quesnelle, B.C., Feb. 3, 1898.

FOUND.

ONE BAY HORSE, four white legs, off hind hoof deformed, large white stripe down face, branded on left hip but not plain enough to be made out. Owner can get same at my place at Soda Creek, if applied for before April 15th, 1898, by proving property and paying expenses. JACOB M. COLLINS,
4515 Soda Creek, B.C.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I shall at the expiration of 60 days make application to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land at a point near by and north east of lot 394 G 1, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, west 40 chains to point of commencement. FRED. C. TINGLEY.
Clinton, February 25th, 1898. 54-51

RAW FUR NOTICE.

I, the undersigned representing Joseph Ullmann of St. Paul, New York and London, England, wish to inform my friends and the public generally that I do not intend to travel as heretofore. Those favoring me with shipments of Raw Furs can rely on fair treatment, and prompt returns assured. Write for price list. G. W. BALDWIN,
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SEALED PROPOSALS, properly endorsed will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to noon of Thursday, 17th March next, for the right to maintain and operate a ferry across the Nechaco river at a point where it is crossed by the Telegraph Trail, and within a limit of five miles above and five miles below that place, for a term of five years from the date of the charter.

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

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

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

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

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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23.00		ROSSLAND		18.00
22.30	arrive	NELSON	leave	18.40
10.15		THREE FORKS		8.20
10.55	arrive	SANDON	leave	7.45
18.40		SLOCAN CITY		6.00

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A. L. CLEMENTS,
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E. J. COYLE,
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HORSES.

The undersigned desires to give notice that about May 1st., he will be in Ashcroft with about 20 head of heavy draft horses, also a lot of saddle and driving horses.

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

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In consequence of the late fire, the GLOBE HOTEL has been removed opposite the post office and has the same accommodations as usual. Commercial travelers' trunks hauled to and from station free of charge. A. F. HAUTIER, Prop

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LOAL NEWS.

Mrs. Walter Shaw is now slightly improved after her recent illness.

Chas. Pennie, of Pennieston, spent a few days in Ashcroft this week.

R. Carson, of Pavilion, returned home the first of the week, after a trip to Kamloops.

J. N. J. Brown, proprietor of the Dog creek stage line, spent last Sunday in Ashcroft.

Mrs. Leighton, wife of J. B. Leighton, superintendent of the B.X. stage lines, spent last Sunday in Ashcroft.

R. G. Miller returned from Clinton Tuesday evening and is now employed as bookkeeper for Harvey, Bailey & Co.

T. H. Leeming, representing the Inland Sentinel, Kamloops, was a visitor in Ashcroft for a couple of days this week.

During a slight breeze on Wednesday evening the sheds at the agricultural grounds turned over, but did not hurt anything.

John Clements, a brother of J. H and Milton Clements, arrived in town Thursday morning from Manitoba, and will make his home here.

C. F. Doxat and Mrs. Doxat arrived in Ashcroft from England last Sunday, and after visiting here for a short time left for their ranch at Mountain View.

W. B. and George Bailey were called to their home in Victoria last Saturday on account of the illness of their father, and whose death took place last Wednesday.

The blacksmiths of Ashcroft and Clinton have formed themselves into a union, and have fixed prices for all work, and to protect themselves from too much "jawbone."

Miss L. Wardell will open up dress making parlors in McArthur & Harper's store, and will be prepared in a few days to accommodate the public in all lines of dress goods, etc.

McDonald, who has been in Ashcroft for several weeks, and who was figuring on wiring the houses for the electric lights, left for Nelson Friday night in charge of a constable to answer to a charge of burglary.

M. D. McKee, Presbyterian missionary at Ashcroft, will leave in a few days to take up his studies at Manitoba college, Winnipeg. Mr. McKee will preach his final sermon here tomorrow. It is not yet known who will take his place.

J. J. Mackay who has made his home here for the past 10 years leaves Monday with Mrs. Mackay for Vancouver where they will reside in future. Mr. Mackay will be greatly missed in Ashcroft, as he has always taken an active interest in the town and its welfare. His many friends, while sorry to lose him, wish him every success in his new home and business.

Fred W. Valleau, recently appointed gold commissioner for the Omenica district, arrived from the coast Sunday night and left on the stage next morning for Quesnelle and from there in company with a few Indians will proceed to Manson creek over the trail. Mr. Valleau is a good man for the position, being fully qualified in every instance, and a better man could not have been selected. He has spent the last three seasons in that vicinity and knows well the needs of the district.

James H. Falconer, deputy supreme chief ranger for the Independent Order of Foresters, arrived in town yesterday and will on his return from Clinton and Lillooet, where he will plant branches of the order, organize a court of the order here. This is one of the largest and wealthiest fraternal and benefit organizations in the world. A high court will be established in B.C. after the supreme court meeting in August at the Foresters temple, and Ashcroft should be represented.

James B. Uren came down from Clinton Thursday and went up to Savonas the next day on a business trip. Mr. Uren is interested in a soda and borax mine on the Dog creek road about 12 miles from the 59-Mile House. The property is a lake of about 15 acres and on the top of the water forms the soda, from 6 inches to 2 feet in thickness, and as fast as it is taken out the space is again filled within a few hours. It is said that an English company will investigate it this summer, and probably take it off the owners' hands.

Considerable work has been done lately on the Dalhousie Bay mineral claim at Basque ranch, and owned by M. P. Stewart, A. L. Clements, C. B. Deans and J. B. Bryson. Mr. McLaughlin, who is an experienced miner, had charge of the work and is very well pleased with the prospects of the claim. The tunnel is in about 15 feet and the ledge widens and improves as work progresses. The ledge is about five feet wide at present. Recent assays give $23 in gold and free milling. A company at Vancouver will send a man up in a few weeks to inspect the property. There are several other claims in that vicinity all held by local parties.

Dr. Furner, of Kamloops, spent Thursday in Ashcroft.

C. B. Deans manager of McArthur & Harper's store at Ashcroft, spent a couple of days at Kamloops this week.

It is reported that over 400 river boats are being built at Quesnelle under contract for parties going up the Fraser river to the Peace river country.

C. W. Eagle, of Onward Ranch, arrived in town Tuesday evening and spent a couple of days in town, leaving Thursday evening for a short business trip to San Francisco.

George Mitchell, provincial constable at Clinton, brought down a prisoner from the 150 Tuesday evening and took him to Kamloops where he will reside.

Professor Odlum, of Vancouver, who recently made a tour of the old country lecturing on British Columbia, will go overland to Cassiar and the Klondike via Ashcroft. He expects to start about April 2nd.

Irwin Bleau returned to Loomis Thursday last from his trip to the reservation. He did not remain long, as he has since returned to Nelson, where he will go into business.—Palmer Mountain Prospector.

F. W. Foster arrived from Victoria Thursday morning, after spending the winter there. He will remain some time in Ashcroft before proceeding to Clinton. Fred Foster came down from Clinton to meet his father.

Napoleon Page and party left Ashcroft Friday morning with ten horses for the northern country. They will go along slowly and camp at the best grounds, and expect to leave Quesnelle as soon as the travel is good.

J. M. Mackinnon, R. Hamilton and W. M. Mackinnon, of Vancouver, came up Sunday evening and went over to Lillooet next morning, to visit the Golden Cache. W. M. Mackinnon will be the consulting engineer of the company and will reside at Lillooet.

Oliver Harvey, senior member of the firm of Harvey, Bailey & Co., has moved to Ashcroft from Enderby, where the firm has been conducting a branch store. Mr. Harvey has purchased the residence of J. J. Mackay. T. Lawes, from Vernon, accompanied him and is working in the general merchandise store.

Albert Gerrard & Co., practical watchmakers, opticians, and manufacturing jewelers, have opened up a place of business next door to the telegraph office, and guarantees all work entrusted to them. They are also agents for DeKeyser's amalgamators and DeKeyser's anti-cyanide plates for saving fine gold.

H. Main, who arrived last week to take a position in McArthur & Harper's store here met with a rather nasty accident last Thursday morning. While assisting around the store he stepped on a board with a nail in it, which entered the sole of his foot about an inch. He is able to limp around slightly but has suffered considerably.

E. G. Neal of Midway, Pa., Charles B McGuire of Pittsburg, Pa., and party will leave in a few days for the northern country. They are well outfitted and have good horses, the party are workers and will succeed if there is any chance for it, and of this there is no question, for the rich but practically unexplored fields lying east of Lake Teslin, mines will be found that will rival Klondike.

Messrs. Harvey, Bailey & Co. are doing a large outfitting trade with the numerous arrivals, of which there are 400 or 500 getting ready for the northern gold fields. F. W. Foster is outfitting large parties for the Peace and Findlay river country, and McArthur & Harper are rapidly getting in line for the large trade that is falling to them. The hotels are all filled to overflowing. The horsemen are selling horses and the blacksmiths are busy, and both men are getting good prices. Isn't everything all right for Ashcroft?

H. W. Jones, R. L. Stone, R. H. Matthews, G. F. Haltman, S. Shaw and G. E. Richardson arrived this morning at Ashcroft to outfit for Teslin lake. They will be joined in a few days by another Chicago party of four or five. They are a bright looking lot of young men and will stand as good a chance of success in the gold fields as any parties leaving here. One thing is certain and that is that those who leave by the overland route will get there, while by other routes a large percentage cannot by any possibility this season.

An accident to a west bound freight train occurred early Wednesday morning near Port Hammond which delayed traffic for a few hours. The following is the statement furnished by the C.P.R. of the accident: "Conductor E. Richardson's west bound special, engine 751, driver L. King, struck a mud slide one mile west of Port Haney at 24.55 o'clock, derailing the engine and eight cars of freight. Fireman A. Hepburn was killed. The engineer and other train hands escaped without injury. Damage to rolling stock is not serious, and the line will be clear for traffic tomorrow (Thursday) morning about 2 o'clock."

R. H. Campbell, of the Miocene company at Horsefly, is at present in New Westminster, and will leave shortly for the Horsefly country.

An Ohio party of four, J. Grenlock, S. E. Cross, J. Real, Cleveland, and J. K. Booth, La Porte, will leave in a few days for camping ground on the Fraser river for a couple of weeks, after which they will strike out for Teslin lake. They are a bright party of young men and have a splendid outfit of horses. They are everyone of them workers and already have their horses well broken. Their heavy supplies are delivered to them at Hazleton and Glenora.

AT THE HOTELS.

CARIBOO EXCHANGE.—L Newson, J Malters, W Drury, W Dawson, W Edmundson, Toronto; A R Barwick, Lower Nicola, Dr C B Woodley, J L Hartsfield, Kingston, N C, A V Shea, Richmond, Va, T A Shea, H W Flournoy, Jacksonville, Fla, James Plasket, Alexandria, Fla, Gilbert C Peck, Washington, D C, H C Topp, F Lewis Marshall, S W Marshall, Portsmouth, Va, John J Shields, M A Long, E C Peck, Frank W Troupe, Los Angelos, Cal, J Severance, C Jordan, B J Signor, C House, Wm Patterson, D Terreter, Fred Biers, G B Hart, Frank Frances, John Kearney, Thomas Whalen, Holyoke, Mass, J. Grenlock, L E Cross, J. Reehl, Cleveland, J K Booth, Laporte, O, D S Gamble, J D Toes, J Hilton, B Hancock, Virginia city, C F Thome, Flagstaff, D. McDonald, D Meikle, San Francisco, Roger Pocock, S. Arthur Carter, J. Jeffcock, S A Sheppard, H Swinburne, S F Boddem Whetham, London, Eng, H A Lanback, J J Caple, P W Caple, Egan, S D, Daniel Shore, W B Morrison, W M Ford, W M O'Neill, Minneapolis.

CARGILE HOUSE.—G B Grant, F Francis, J D McMasters, Alexandria, Ont, S C Weeks, Amherst, N S, James Pratt, Woodstock, Ont, H S Cockrell, R W Simpson, Angus, Ia, M A Goethe, M T Haney, J Strandwold, San Francisco, Albert Johnson, Bonaparte, John McLean, James Forbes, John Stanley, J Reider, city, J M Teaff, Seattle, W H Dorman, Salem, James Hume, Portland, H Wood, Vancouver, James Campbell, Cache Creek, Geo Wilson, Kamloops, T Welsh, W H McNeil, John Lequer, Quesnelle, M Burns, H Byrnes, W Horning, Clinton, Jay Pratt, St Paul, Minn, D A Fenton, 150, James Cole, city, F Pitcher, Victoria, J P Glending, H S Sharmer, Simdon, A J Cunningham, A Gerliner, Huntingdon, Dan Morrison, P.E.I., M A Rowland, Albert Sweeney, Grand Rapids, Wis.

ASHCROFT HOTEL.—F T Schooley, Thos Allen, F W Foster, Victoria, J C Conlin, M E Davidson, G H Lundy, Toronto, C H Norris, D Boudream, Boston, Rev Father Lejacq, Williams lake, R G Miller, Jas H Uten, F W Foster, jr., Clinton, C W Eagle, Onward ranch, G Mitchell, 150, G Dunn, S L Roll, C Talbot, J Los Angelos, E L Fischer, Haywards, Cal, C Johson, San Francisco, Wm Anderson, Sackville, N.B., D Gillies, South West, Dr Farrer, Kamloops, R W Clark, General Kinchant, Vancouver, T Blackwood, Winnipeg, J M Polland, Chicago, Mrs Hall, Horsefly, Jas H Falconer, Victoria, P F Richardson, W E McCormack, Lillooet.

LAC LA HACHE.

Quite a goodly number of our young people met at Mr. Wright's, of the 127-Mile House, on Friday evening, where a very enjoyable evening was spent. Notwithstanding the bad roads, nearly every house in the valley was represented. Dancing commenced at an early hour and was kept up until the early hours of the morning. Mr. I. R. Nason discharged the duties of floor manager in such a manner as won the approbation of all.

J. Wright sold a fine drove of horses for Klondike trade recently. Parties desiring pack horses would do well to visit Lac La Hache as you can buy anything from a cayuse to a heavy draught horse as cheaply here as any place in British Columbia. Peter Hamilton and Joe Heatherington are breaking a number of cayuses to packing.

The aparajo factory at the 108, of which Joseph Stevens is manager, is running full blast. Pressure of work has caused Mr. Stevens to double the number of employees. During the absence of Mr. Stevens in Ashcroft, Moffat Hamilton is discharging the duties of manager.

Lac La Hache, March 21st, 1898.

I.O.F.

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MR. J. H. FALCONER, D.S.C.R.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment:

14th March, 1898.

Frederick William Valleau, Esquire, to be Stipendiary Magistrate within and for the counties of Nanaimo and Cariboo, Gold Commissioner, Government Agent, Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works, and a Collector under the "Revenue" and "Revenue Tax" Acts for that part of the province known as the Omenica Land Recording District.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date we intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease 160 acres of land on the Chilcotin River near the Ross & Henderson preemption, Cariboo district, for the purpose of cutting hay thereon. ROSS & HENDERSON.

Alexis Creek, B.C., March 21, 1898.

Horses for Klondike

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He Did Not See Them.

A story is told of a certain politician whose education was somewhat defective, and who in particular was not a "born speller." He became prominent, and his correspondence therefore took on a certain importance.

One day a particular friend came to him and said, "Look here, William, you must have a secretary write your letters and never undertake to write any yourself."

"Why?" asked the public man.

"Because people are laughing at your letters, and they will do you harm."

"Why do they laugh at them?" in astonishment.

"Because you make so many mistakes in spelling."

"Mistakes in spelling?" exclaimed the great man. "Nonsense! I read my letters all over after I write them, and I never find a misspelled word."

He had not yet learned that, although to a certain extent a man may safely be "a law unto himself," no one can be a dictionary unto himself.—Youth's Companion.

Boots and Bottles.

When Sir Tatton and Lady Sykes were in New York, some years ago, they staid at a hotel. It was Sir Tatton's custom to put his shoes outside his door on going to his room for the night. These shoes were enormous and had soles that seemed to be about 3 inches in thickness. So famous did they become that guests at the hotel used to take their friends up stairs "to see Sir Tatton's boots." Sometimes a dozen persons could be seen in the corridor inspecting the shoes. Lady Sykes was famous on her side for her fondness for champagne at breakfast.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Had Evidence.

Colonel Hawkins—Uncle Mose, I hear you and your wife had a little dispute again last night. Which came out ahead this time?

Uncle Mose (dubiously feeling a lump on the back of his head)—I'ze powerful glad to say dat I kim out ahead, boss, but she mighty nigh overtook me. Yes, sah, she did for a fac', an I'ze got de necessary evidence on my pusson to prove it.—Harper's Bazar.

Told You So.

The unexpected never happens. There are always people around who knew things would turn out that way.—Chicago Record.

Throats and Electric Lights.

The difference in the condition of the throats of public speakers and singers since the introduction of the electric light is most marked. They have less irritation and less weariness during and after their performances. This is accounted for on the theory that gas and other flames dried out the atmosphere and consumed atmospherical elements necessary to the best condition of the organs. In addition to this, the temperature is more even, and there is less danger from air currents. Where any great number of gas jets are used, the air at the ceiling of a room has the vitality totally burned out of it and is heated to a very high temperature. An open door or window letting in fresh air creates violent agitation in the air, sometimes sets gusts of air whirling through the room, especially at the somewhat raised portion where the performers are situated. A specialist in throat troubles thinks that what is known as singers' sore throat may become much less frequent when electric lights are universally adopted.—New York Ledger.

How She Used Them.

Chollie—Maud has to wear glasses. The oculist said she had been using her eyes too much.

Charlie—I should say so! You ought to have seen her at the dance the other night. She was just surrounded by men all the time.—Harper's Bazar.

A Dramatic Episode.

"The outgoing tour," Mr. Barnes Tormer explained, with his usual cheerfulness under the usual circumstances, "was headed by me, and the return trip was footed by everybody."—Indianapolis Journal.

A Remedy.

"Yes," said Quiggles, "I have a good deal on my hands just now."

"So I perceive," replied Fogg. "Why don't you try a little soap and water?"—London Fun.

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