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HORSE RACES AND SPORTS.

The following is the programme of horse races and athletic sports, in connection with the annual fair of the Inland Agricultural Association, to be held at Ashcroft Sept. 28th and 29th:

HORSE RACES.

FIRST DAY. 1st Race—Purse, $40 to first and $10 to second; 5-8 mile heats, two in three; catch weights.

2nd Race—Purse, $35 to first and $10 to second; half-mile dash; catch weights; for 2, 3 and 4-year-olds; provincial bred horses only.

3rd Race—Purse, $25 to first and $7.50 to second; quarter-mile heats; catch weights; for provincial bred horses only.

SECOND DAY. 1st Race—Purse, $50 to first and $20 to second; half-mile heats; two in three; for provincial bred horses only; catch weights.

2nd Race—Purse: $30 to first and $10 to second; 5-8 mile dash; catch weights.

3rd Race—Purse, $25 to first and $7.50 to second; trot or pace; free for all; half-mile heats; for provincial bred horses.

4th Race—Consolation purse, $20 to first; half-mile dash; catch weights; for horses that have not won money at this meeting.

Indian races will be run each day for fair purses.

Rules—California Jockey Club.

Entrance fee, 10 per cent. of total value of purse.

Weights to be as follows—2-year-olds 95 lbs; 3-year-olds 105 lbs; 4-year-olds 120 lbs; 5-year-olds and aged 125 lbs.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Baseball, Ashcroft vs. Lillooet.

	PRIZES. 1	2	3
Race, 100 yards, open	$5	$2	50
Race, 440 yards, open	5	2	50
Race, 100 yards, boys under 16; open	2	1	
Race, 100 yards, boys under 12, open	1	75c.	
Race, 100 yards, girls under 16, open	2	1	
Long jump, running, open	3	2	
Hop, step and jump, running, open	3	2	
Hop, step and jump, standing, open	3	2	
High jump, running, open	3	2	
Obstacle race, open	3	2	1
Sack race, open	3	2	1
Three-legged race, open	3	2	1
Bicycle race, ¼-mile, in three heats	5	2	50

Gymkhana races.

Three entries in each event or no second prize. The decision of the judges to be final.

Town Refuse.

EDITOR JOURNAL,—Sir: The time has undoubtedly come when some definite steps should be taken to dispose of the town refuse. The owners of vacant lots object—and rightly so—to their premises being converted into receptacles for rubbish of all descriptions and certainly the river bank is not materially rendered more picturesque by being brought under contribution for the same purpose. A suggestion has been lately made which seems worthy of some consideration, namely, that a suitable person might be found to carry the town rubbish to some available spot beyond the town limits, each householder paying a fair amount for the accomodation. Surely some arrangement will have to be made if the town is to assume anything like a decent and respectable appearance.

I am, Sir, Yours Faithfully,
A. ANSTEY DORRELL.

St. Alban's Vicarage, Sept. 18, 1899.

Westward Ho.

Mr. E. B. Eddy, the great match and paper man, has returned from the west with the impression that in less than twenty-five years there will be more people west of Rat Portage than there are at present people in all Canada, and Winnipeg will be the centre of trade.

Mr. Eddy states that it largely depends upon cheap freights and at present freight rates are not so low as to prevent British Columbia from purchasing from California. From this point freight is cheaper, and despite the duty can be brought from there cheaper than from eastern Canada. Trade in the far west will be taken by the United States unless the railways come to the rescue. Every manufacturer should husband his trade in the west, as it is a field to be relied on.

"Stop the influx of goods from the United States," he said; "it is to the interest of the whole Dominion—to every man—to see that trade should be fostered. It galls me to see goods coming into Canada from foreign countries.—Toronto Star.

Placer Mining in Siberia.

Placer mining on the Lena River in Siberia, as my 12 years' experience in the Russian Government mines in that region shows, is not an inexpensive holiday sort of affair. While any man, on payment of $3.50, can get a permit to go prospecting for pay dirt on the Lena River or its branches, he must be a rich man to do all that will be required of him before he even gets his first spadeful.

Winter in Siberia is always what we call hard in this country. The creeks in the Lena River country are all believed to carry gold in the gravel beds over which they flow. The gold is generally course, and frequently large nuggets are found.

The prospector begins in either October or November. He prefers to start in cold weather rather than to wait for the spring, for a very excellent reason. If he waits for warm weather he would be put to a great expense to get down to the bed of the creek. In November the water in his chosen creek is frozen clean down to the bed. He sinks a sort of shaft at regular distances; then he cuts out the ice until he reaches the bed of the creek. He now cuts or blasts the ground he has reached with so much difficulty in the hope of coming upon the precious yellow metal for which he is in search. If he finds it he marks the edge of the vein and after that the work of reaching the bed of the creek through the ice at other points along the indicated line is continued. This being done, he files his claim and in the spring brings gangs of men and horses to help him carry on the work. First he deflects the creek from the old channel in order that he may work without interuption by the flowing water.

It will be seen that this is a work of expense and difficulty, for some of the creeks are 200 feet wide and 12 feet deep; but it must be done and here is where the judgment of the mining expert comes into play.

The workmen dig down into the ground and are usually divided into gangs of 75 each. They dig out in connected sections, each gang working on its own section, and horses cart the dirt at once to the place designated by the government, where the gravel is to be washed and the gold which it may contain is saved.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

Down From Omenica.

Robert Whitty, the proprietor of the well known pack train which operates from Hazelton to Manson creek, came down with a party to the coast. He said that Colonel Wright's company on Manson creek intended starting their clean up on the first of the month. They had everything in readiness, all the machinery in place and so on, and they expected to make a very good result of the last few years' work.

On the other well known creeks in the district things looked very well, and a good season was in prospect.

The snow fell in August to some extent but immediately went off again.

Passenger List.

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

DEPARTURES.

H T Twiss, C W Eagle, R Bell, F W Foster, McB Smith, for Clinton and north points. J Dunlop and C McCulloh for Lillooet.

Mr. Sandless, traveller for the Hudson Bay Co., special stage.

Chief Justice McColl, Mrs McColl and Attorney-General Henderson special for Barkerville.

ARRIVALS.

Mrs. C M Seeley, James Deacon and R W Harbison, from Quesnelle, Mr. Barnes, Soda creek; J Mathers, 150-Mile House.

Fair Notes.

Kamloops brass band of twelve or fifteen pieces will provide the music. This band is said to be in first-class condition and should provide good music.

A. McRae and T. Gannon have arrived from Vancouver with their fast horses, others are expected, including John Wilson's runner. Messrs. McRae and Gannon propose taking in the Clinton and Kamloops or 150-Mile House races.

Arrangements are progressing for the Grand Ball on the 28th in the town hall under the auspices of the Athletic Association. An ochestra has been engaged.

Committee appointed for the purpose have selected judges for the different exhibits of the Fair.

On Thursday night, in the town hall, Messrs. Graham and Gonne will give a musical comedy and Novelty entertainment under the auspices of the Athletic Association.

Thursday is the day of the great base ball game between Lillooet and Ashcroft.

For the evening of the 29th the Athletic Association have engaged to provide a good entertainment of comedy and slight of hand performances, by professional talent. See the hand bills.

Cornet, violin and piano music at the Athletic Association's ball.

Sports Committee:—Messrs. Gillard, Morgan and Knight.

The curling and skating rink is now an assured fact. Messrs. J. H. Gillard and J. A. Bremner have most energetically planned and financed arrangements to a successful issue. The rink will be built on Bancroft St. next to the fair grounds and so arranged that part of it can be converted into a bath house in the summer.

LIGHTNING CREEK.

Work has or is about to begin on the Consolidated Cariboo Company's mines at Stanley, on Lightning creek, and a description of these properties, known as the Eleven of England group, written about two years ago by a mining man at Stanley may be of interest.

We believe some of the properties spoken of here are about the only placer mines in Cariboo to which crown grants were obtained in early days. For many years past it has not been possible to obtain crown grants to any placer ground in British Columbia, but only leases, granted for a certain number of years.

The ground held by the Consolidated Eleven of England Mining Company is situated just below Stanley, on Lightning creek, and includes the whole of the creek valley lying between the West of England and the Gladstone, as per map. The new Eleven of England lease, which is for ten years, at an annual rental of $75, was taken up in March, 1896, was staked 1,000 feet wide in order to take in the Warren claim at the mouth of Anderson creek; and the only annual charge on the Water Lily, Amalgamated and Bay State claims, which are held in fee simple, is a wild land tax of 25 cents an acre, amounting in all to $8.75.

It is estimated by competent authorities that Lightning creek and its tributaries have yielded between twelve and thirteen millions of dollars, the bulk of which came out of about two miles of the deep ground of Lightning creek, from a little below Stanley up stream; the Van Winkle claim, one mile above Stanley, contributed one and three-fourths millions out of 1,100 feet of ground, and the Victoria, the next claim below, one and one-half millions from 1,400 feet of ground.

The lowest down stream claim which worked the deep ground of Lightning creek is the Castello, whose workings commence about 200 yards below and run under the houses in Stanley. Here the channel corresponded with the surface and was very wide and the gold scattered over a very large area, consequently it failed to pay such handsome dividends as the claims above, although there are acres of ground in it which would pay well to work at the present going wages and cost of living if the water were pumped or drainage brought up. This claim worked down stream from the pumping shaft as far as their drainage to the pump would allow and got pay as far as they went. Below this the deep ground of Lightning creek has not been prospected, although the Gladstone, the next claim below, spent between fifty and sixty thousand dollars in trying to to get in to it, but failed because the wooden machinery would not stand the strain of pumping and they were unable financially to procure iron machinery. The Gladstone is the next claim above the Consolidated Eleven of England Co., and from here down the valley narrows until it is about the same width as where it paid so well above. Davis creek paid well right from where the bedrock pitched off into Lightning creek and has been continuously worked from the time it was "struck" in the early sixties up to the present. On the opposite of Lightning creek, Anderson creek puts in. This little gulch was rich and the Warren claim, at its very rich mouth, had ground which paid as high as 40 ounces to the set of timbers, and were still on big pay when a cave-in occurred, through carelessness, close to the bottom of their shaft and ran up to Lightning creek, which ran very near their shaft at that time and drowned them out. Since then Lightning creek has been working over towards the other side, and as the caved ground has tightened up it would be quite possible to work out this claim if drained.

With two such good creeks putting in on either side it is almost beyond the possibility of a doubt that the deep ground of Lightning creek along there is tremendously rich. The old Eleven of England Co., had very good ground from their No. 2 shaft getting at times as much as 60 ounces per week; in working toward the wagon road they found they were on a bench, as the bedrock pitched away from them and more water was encountered. Heavy pieces of rusty, washed gold were picked up on this slope of the rock, a good indication of what would be in the deep ground, but their shaft was not deep enough to admit of their proving the bottom of this channel, which is undoubtedly the deep ground of Lightning creek. They then sunk shaft No. 1 in solid bedrock at the lower end of their ground to a sufficient depth, as all were agreed, to prove the deep channel, but for some reason or another opened their drift some 20 feet from the bottom and on breaking through into gravel found they were again not deep enough, but decided to run up stream on it so as to gain enough grade to catch the bottom. As they angled a little toward the creek they finally struck the rock on the other side and continued up on the same bench as was worked from shaft No. 2, getting as much as $653.75 in a month from their narrow prospecting drive; but this was not good enough in those days (1877) as wages were high and everything expensive, so they concluded to lay the claim over for a time since when the ground has remained idle.

The present company's idea in buying the three real estate claims adjoining the old Eleven of England ground was to secure a claim large enough to warrant a drain being run up the lower end of their ground and make a sure thing of it.

From a rough survey they find that by repairing the old Myrtle Cogs' drain which is 25 feet deep and making a new drain from there to shaft No. 1, 1,700 feet, the water can be tapped to within 20 or 30 feet of the bottom, into which drain it would be a small matter to pump the bottom water and work the lower end, and by continuing the drain it would eventually catch all the water (the Vanwinkle claim above was successfully worked this way) and by securing the necessary charter, claims above could be made to pay toll for draining. Contracts can be let to responsible men to run this 1,700 feet of drain from five to six dollars a foot.

Shafts No. 1 and 2 are in bed rock and are as good today as when sunk and both have good wheel pits. No 1 being already sunk, and at the lower end of the claim is worth at least $15,000 and hoisting and pumping machinery could be put in now at a comparatively trifling cost.

In conclusion I would add that the reason this ground has lain idle so long is that companies wanted more ground than was contained in the old Eleven of England claim, and above and below was real estate and the owners dead or scattered. Two years ago a tax was put on and the delinquent claims were sold at public auction at Barkerville last April.

QUESNELLE FORKS.

We are advised under date of the 15th inst. that the Golden River Quesnelle Company will start operations in a few days. Their flumes, about 1,600 feet in length, part of which are for carrying off the drainage water from the dam are nearly completed.

At the Cariboo Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Co's. works, work is going on as usual, after a shut down of a few days to change the pipe line.

The Gold Point Hydraulic Mining Co. are again in operation, after having completed a water way to the tank that supplies the pumps. This was made necessary owing to the dam gates being closed by the Golden River Quesnelle Co.

Clinton Assizes.

Chief Justice McColl held court on the 21st inst., Attorney-General Henderson representing the Crown.

In the case of the Crown vs. Mrs. Knappet, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, the prosecution failed to prove the charge and by direction of the judge the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

The Crown vs. John Wilson Jr. The charge being cattle stealing. The jury returned a verdict of guilty with a recommendation of mercy. Wilson was sentenced to two years imprisonment, Judge McColl remarking that had mercy not been recommended the sentence would have been heavier.

The Indian boy, indicted for murder, was discharged, the Attorney-General entered nolle prosequi.

Attorney-General Henderson.

Attorney-General Henderson was in Ashcroft Wednesday night en route to Clinton and Barkerville to attend the Courts of Assize. He informed the JOURNAL, in reply to an enquiry, that he was very busy with routine business since his appointment to office, has been and that his present trip to Cariboo is as Crown Prosecutor. Matters relating to his department will receive special attention.

He wished the JOURNAL to say, however, that he would be pleased to obtain the views of the residents of Cariboo on matters particularly affecting this district, and that on his return, to place before the government these views and what in his opinion would best serve the interests of Cariboo district.

Being asked what action the Government proposed to take in reference to the petitions sent from Ashcroft asking that this be made a separate judicial district, Mr. Henderson said he was not aware of any petitions in his department to that effect but would inquire into the matter on his return and felt satisfied that the government would consider the interests of the district.

The JOURNAL ventured to suggest that Mr. Henderson's department held another petition, or rather petitions, some of which had been sent to the late government and others to Mr. Semlin's government, setting forth the great need of proper jail accommodation at Ashcroft. Mr. Henderson has promised a personal visit to the jail on his return from Barkerville.

Mr. Henderson said that Hon. F. Carter Cotton, Minister of Finance and Lands and Works, would be in Ashcroft in about a week and make a trip to Barkerville. Mr. Henderson did not offer any forecast of probable legislation at the coming session but stated the government were confident of a progressive and successful sitting.

CLINTON

A meeting of the racing committee was held on Monday evening and it was decided to guarantee the following amounts as purses, although it is confidently expected they will be in a position to considerably augment the same as liberal subscriptions are coming in, but it is impossible to arrive at a definite conclusion until a later date, but as there is no intention to reserve any money all funds collected from the various sources, such as entrance money, gate receipts, booth privileges, etc., will all be divided among the different events:

FIRST DAY.

First race, 1st $40, 2nd $10; second race, 1st $75, 2nd $25; third race, 1st $75, 2nd $25; fourth race, 1st $40, 2nd $10; fifth race, 1st $50, 2nd $15.

SECOND DAY.

First race, 1st $50, 2nd $15; second race, 1st $50, 2nd $15; third race, 1st $50, 2nd $15; fourth race, 1st $40, 2nd $10; fifth race, 1st $25; sixth race, 1st $25.

Curling Club.

The committee appointed to make necessary arrangements for the erection of a combined skating and curling rink, have completed such arrangements, and will report at a meeting to be held in the town hall, at 8 o'clok this evening. All interested in curling are requested to be present, especially those who have already become members, as the details of the curling club's affairs will be considered and settled.

Messrs. Gillard, Bremner and Roberts have energetically handled the duties imposed upon them and it needs only the hearty co-operation of all curlers to insure final success.

A Noted Mining Man Here.

Mr. Toole, a noted Montana mining man, registered on Monday at the Grand Central hotel, Ashcroft. He was here on mining business and expects to again visit this section. Mr. Toole is the representative of the Marcus Daly syndicate composed of Montana capitalists. He visited, last season, in company with Mr. F. C. Lawrence, well known here, the copper properties owned by Messrs. Lyne, Collins and Lawrence on Prince Williams Sound, Alaska.

Speaking of these properties Mr. Toole stated that he did not recommend his company to take up the bond which was $250,000, $50,000 of which was to be cash. He stated that his reasons were that the ledge from which rich samples of copper ore could be found, did not average high enough to guarantee the great expense that would be entailed in attempting to open up the properties, the ledge being submerged at high tide and would require a great deal of work in sinking back some distance and drifting out under the water to open it up. Mr. Toole stated that had the property been as favorably situated as he had hoped for he would have taken up the bond or at least made some arrangement for securing it for his syndicate.

Harvey, Bailey & Co. have just received two large crates of glass and crockery ware; direct from England by sailing ship to Victoria.

Z. Montgomery, of Port Hill Idaho, has purchased J. W. McKinley's ranch near Bridge Creek. He intends to go largely into stock raising and next spring will be accompanied by two younger brothers. Mr. Montgomery left last night for Idaho.

The minister of mines for New Zealand reports that for the year ending March 31, 1899, the gold obtained by dredgers was valued at $848,445. Dividends earned by dredgers are not given separate, $326,000 is given as dividends earned by dredging and alluvial mining companies.

By an unfortunate error in furnishing copy to the JOURNAL for printing the prize lists for the fair the name of one of our most useful members was omitted from the list of vice-presidents. We refer to Wm. Walker of the Bonaparte. No man in this vicinity has done more and few as much to forward the interests of the Inland Agricultural Association as has Mr. Walker.

The ladies of St. Albans church will hold a sale of work in the town hall on Wednesday next. Refreshments will be served during the afternoon and in the evening a social gathering will be held at which a short programme will be rendered. There will be no charge for admission and a cordial invitation is extended to all. Visitors to the exhibition will find the refreshment counter a covenience.

The entertainment given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church, on Thursday, was a decided success. Everybody was delighted with Miss Marietta La Dell, who of course was the feature of the entertainment. Her recitals were received with the greatest pleasure. The ladies orchestra supplied the opening piece and were well received. Mr. Hovey who appeared for the first time before an Ashcroft audience will be gladly heard again. His singing without accompaniment pleased and delighted the audience.

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A TUNNELING MACHINE.

Last night the electric lights were turned on in the Lawrence avenue intercepting sewer and John Ennis' big mechanical mole began burrowing a twenty-foot hole toward Lake Michigan. This new tunneling machine, which just now is the focus of interest for engineers whose specialty is subterranean work, has been tested, and, it is said, found to be a marvel in the way of tunneling in blue clay. It has bored a twenty-foot hole thirty feet below the street level at the rate of 105 lineal feet in twenty-four hours. It did all this without a single hand touching the excavated material from the time it was cut and scooped from the face of the work until it was dumped on the ground.

Farley & Green, the contractors on the work, spent nearly $75,000 on the plant of which the Ennis tunneling machine is the important part. Unlike other tunneling machines, the one which is to bore out the Lawrence avenue sewer tunnel has a cutting shield, which is made up of steel "I" beams. These beams, which number 233 in the great circle, are grouped in sections, yet each beam has and individual action. Each is an enormous chisel, which is forced into the earth by the action of a large "master gear," a seventeen ton wheel which revolves inside the shield.

This master-gear wheel, by means of "dogs," chains and cogwheels, shoves the cutters ahead, so that each revolution drives twelve of the steel beams four inches into the face of the work. The master wheel shoves ahead each "I" beam in succession, until all have bitten into the clay. This makes a steel cylinder, which holds back the encompassing earth while a great knife, sweeping around from the centre, cuts clay shavings from the face. Following the knife are two scoop-buckets, which peel the clay shavings from the earth and automatically deposit the material in a hopper. From this hopper the excavated material is carried back on a canvas conveyor belt to the elevator, on which the dumpcar stands. The earth is dumped automatically into the car, which then is hoisted to the surface.

All this work and more is done by an engine of only 100-horse power, at half speed, and using only thirty pounds of steam. Other tunneling machines require hydraulic jacks to shove the shield ahead, and some of them must have a pressure of 600 tons on the shield.

"Bob" Green, who has charge of the night work in the tunnel, said that the machine could work so much faster than the bricklayers that it would have to wait on them. He estimated that with three shifts of eight hours each the brick masons could lay forty feet of five ring wall a day. If this speed is maintained Farley & Green will be able to build forty feet of the Lawrence avenue intercepting sewer each twenty-four hours, a record never approached, it is said. Commissioner of Public Works McGann is interested in the machine. He said if the device did one-half what was expected the subway problem in Chicago would be solved.—Chicago Record

SAN JUAQUIN RECLAMATION.

The principality won for California during the past few years in the lower stretches of the San Joaquin and Sacramento river equals, both in size and promise, more than one of the European states, a work, the importance of which is not realized, perhaps by many not directly interested.

The great productiveness of the vast reaches of "tule lands," in the valley "bottoms" of these rivers, was early appreciated and attempts made to reclaim these lands. Hand levees were thrown up at great expense and other improvements made, the San Francisco banks loaning large sums for the carrying out of this work. The first season of high water, however, would sweep these slight obstructions away resistlessly, and the result was, in every case, loss and destruction to all concerned. After years of an unequal struggle, the attempt to win these lands from the waters were abandoned, except in special instances where the conditions were favorable. The result was severe depreciation in the value of the property, the ruling price even to day for unreclaimed land being only from $6 to $10 an acre. The difficulty of the situation may be better realized when it is understood that the larger proportion of of the tule lands average a foot or more below the level of mean high tide at the edges, or borders, of the rivers and sloughs, while the centres of the islands are perhaps 18 inches lower. When it is also remembered that the rivers frequently rise 10 or, in places, 20 feet during high water, the necessity for strong and substantial levees will be apparent.

California energy has, however, in this, as in many other cases, risen superior to the occasion, and, as in gold saving machinery she leads the world, so she does in dredging, the work of reclamation being now carried out more cheaply in California than in any other country. This has been accomplished by the large size and perfection of detail employed.

Golden Gate Dredger No. 1, the property of the Golden Gate Dredging and Reclamation Company, of San Francisco, we believe, bears the reputation of being the largest bucket dredging machine ever constructed. It is the product of the shops of the Golden State and Miners Iron Works of San Francisco, built according to the plans of the owners, and represents the latest advance in that line to the date of its construction two years ago. The enormous capacity of this machine may be imagined from the size of the bucket, in which a man almost disappears from view. The bucket is 7 feet across, and its cubical capacity is four yards even full, while the weight of its load may be 16 or 20 tons according to the material. This load is lifted at the end of a boom 135 feet long, which swings within a radius of 270 feet, grasping its burden, raising it, swinging to the opposite side and depositing it, in the average record time of 52 seconds.

The exhilaration of standing in the pilot house of this great machine, while in operation, where one man controls every movement of the immense crane, is very fine, especially at night, when the surrounding blackness is accentuated by the sharp outlines of the electric lights with which the dredger is supplied. The triumphant thrill of feeling man's power over the forces of nature is intense.

When visited by the writer this dredger was working on the grade of the San Joaquin Valley railroad, directly west across the tule lands. This work was completed in April last, and the dredger is now engaged in deepening the Stocton channel, under contract with the United States government.

With such great machines, levees are constructed as high as desired, of the solid material raised from the bottom of the river, the base of the levee being usually made 100 feet, and the top from 15 to 25 feet wide. With such an embankment, there is almost absolute security, and the immediate result is seen in the enhanced values of the lands which bring from $60 to $100 an acre. That such prices are not extravagant, however, is shown by the value of similar lands in Holland, which, not a whit superior, but even inferior in not possessing the virgin richness of this new reclamation, are held at hundreds and even thousands of dollars to the acre. That a like valuation lies in the near future for the California lands is indicated by the eagerness with which moneyed men are investing in large tracts, one of the latest purchases being the 4,000 acres cut off the upper, or southern end of Bacon Island by the grade of the valley railroad, just mentioned. O. Y. Woodword, one of the men made rich by the fertility of other reclaimed lands, well known on the rivers for his enterprise, was the buyer of this tract,

The justification for such purchases is found in the exuberant fertility of the reclaimed sections. Two crops a year of potatoes is usual; and the yield is often as high as 300 sacks per acre Pototoe fields of 1,000 acres average as high as 200 sacks an acre for the whole tract. When potatoes sell at $1.75 a sack, as they do this year, the profit may be estimated. Barley gives a return of 30 sacks to the acre (115 pounds to the sack), an instance being quoted of 12 acres on Ryer Island yielding this year 75 sacks to the acre, Wheat gives 30 to 35 sacks to the acre. Beans, corn, garden truck without end, and other crops are grown, the asparagus of Boulden Island being a famous staple, canned and shipped all over the world. Big dairy farms are now being established, while fruit growing is still in its infancy, although the famous orchards along the Sacramento are the wonder of the west, the Bartlet pears being especially fine. Fifty carloads of fruit a day is now, (in the height of the fruit season), being shipped east from the city of Sacramento. The Levee tax for maintenance of these reclamation districts is estimated at 50 cents per acre for the year, while the rentals derived from the lands ranges from $5 to $15 an acre.

To be more explicit, particulars are here given of the Bradford tract, the data for which happens to be at hand. It comprises 2,300 acres, was purchased by its fortunate owners, J. C. Franks, Willis, G. Witter, J. W. Surface, Jacob Surface, and Marshall C. Harris, in June, 1898, as 8 miles of levees thrown up 5 to 12 feet above high water, the lands pumped dry, and leased in 11 lots to as many tenants, houses and buildings, 33 in number erected, and the land planted to crops for this season, or in 8 months time. Although an unusual rapid piece of work, it yet shows the possibilities admirably. Three fourths of this acreage has been planted by the tenants in potatoes, out of which they will make individual fortunes, while the owners will not only make enough to pay for the land, but pretty nearly enough to meet the cost of reclaiming it as well. The potato yield will probably reach 150,000 sacks, and at $1.75 a sack this means a lot of money. Next year's crop will be double, as this year the land is new and stiff.

The magnitude of this principality, as we have called these reclaimed lands, may be realized when it is known that the area of these lands on the Sacramento river is probably 100,000 acres, and that on the San Joaquin in is about 250,000 acres, the latter area having been the more lately recently reclaimed. In addition there is still probably 200,000 acres more land as yet untouched. This gives a total of over half a million acres, or over 700 square miles of soil' than which there is none richer under the sun.

THE DEPARTING PARSON.

To my friend, Rev. W. M. MacKeracher.

Some feller dropped the word last night,
Down at "Poker Bills."
The parson's goin' ter pull up stakes
And quit these bloomin hills."
The boys all looked up sudden-like
At the feller where he sot
And Tommy Roadly dropped his hand
An' fergot to take the pot.

"Yas," says the feller, kinder s'prised
At the way we took the news,
"Year's up, and he's goin' ter shake
This dust from off his shoes.
He's a-goin' away back east," says he—
"Boys," chipped in old George Foss,
"Let's all cash in." And then we fell
To reckonin' up the loss.

"Pop" Lowery 'lowed he'd bet a stack
That the camp'd never see
A squarer parson pull his coat
Er throw a packer's "T."
"Scribed for the 'Claim' when he fust come,
Planked down the good hard dough,
And, ding it boys, I kinder hate
Ter see the feller go."

"Doc" Rogers chipped a bean and said:
"The proper thing ter do,
Afore the parson packs his quilts
And strikes for prospecks new,
Is ter give the cuss a good send-off,"
"I'm in on that says Pete,
We'll 'pint Dave King the poet,
An' th' hull durn gang 'll treat."

Well, Sunday night we gathered in,
At the old Hotel Slocan,
Fer er reg'lar old time blow-out.
We trotted out our man
And made him lisun to the truck
Our poet said he'd writ,
Which, if my memory serves me right,
Was 'bout like this to wit:

"We've watched you purty close, young man,
Since you dropp'd yer pack down here
And stated in a sermont
That you'd come to stay a year,
But we felt a mite suspicious like,
As folks is apt t' feel,
When a 'varsity chap' from away down east,
Sets in to take the deal.
"Them days the gang didn't take much stock
In missionary chaps,
And we sort 'er steered eround you—
There's where we lost, perhaps—
Fer we couldn't see how a beardless kid,
That had just got out 'er school,
Could preach and live in a mining camp
And stick to the Lord's eighth rule.

We've heerd tell since, that when you sot in
The game was a-running low;
The church debt loomed up mighty high
And the spirit didn't flow;
The Sunday night collections, them days
Was 'bout as slim
As the Sunday mornin' attendance
Which was almighty slim.

"But it wa'nt long 'til it eround
That yer preachin' wa'nt bad;
That them that didn't hear ye
Might some day wish they had;
That you struck out from th' shoulder
And layed down the good old facks,
That every man's religion
Is recorded in his acts.

"That the man who has a ready hand
To help his feller man,
Has struck the pavstreak of God's love
An' can save it in a pan.
You didn't seem ter give a—er—
That is, you didn't care,
How rough an' tough a man might look
If his heart beat on the square.

"That charity is a kingly grace,
If it assays what it ort—
The kind that thinks no evil thing
And hears no bad report—
And though you were young and chipper-like,
It didn't take long to see
That the heart that beat beneath yer vest
Was purty middlin free.

"'Long 'bout spring 'o the year you come,
You struck your pick one night
In a mighty powerful sermont
That made them see the light,
And it wa'nt long till half the gang
Was a-goin' to church, by gum,
And a-fillin' up your button box
Wen the thing eround em come.

"Then 'Scotty' led, and it wa'nt long
Till 'Sandy' follered suit
The gang couldn't a-been more 'sprised
Had it heerd old Gabriel toot,
'Doc' Rogers took a hand 'bout then,
And the boys nigh lost their grip,
When the three was 'lected deacons,
But they never raised a yip.

"We've seen yer, day by day, go on
In the way yer ought ter go,
Runnin' yer tunnel to tap the ore
On th' ledge that we well know
Is th' one we all must look fer
If we ever strike it rich
On the mountain over yonder,
Er up, I don't know which.

"No use ter say now what you've done,
Since yer dropped yer pack down here
And stated in a sermont
That you'd come to stay a year;
The record's writ in a higher place:
But we'll say right here and lieu,
That you've got the gangs best blessin's
To carry away with you."

† † † † †

He went away; we've heerd tell since,
He's savin' souls—Quebec Province.

DAVID W. KING

Kaslo, Slocan Mining Camp, 1896.

Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, will be held as follows: Clinton, September 21: Richfield, September 26; Nanaimo, September 27; Victoria, October 4; Vancouver, October 10; New Westminster, October 17; Kamloops, October 17; Nelson, October 17; Vernon October 24; Donald October 31.

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They never engage in lawsuits, take no oaths and no active part in politics. They do not believe in war, and divorce is unknown among them. Twice a year each congregation has a love feast, in which the members wash each other's feet and salute each other with the kiss of fellowship, men kissing men, and women women. Until recently the taking of interest for money loaned was not allowed among them. They are an agricultural people, and as Pennsylvania and the other eastern states have become more thickly settled the Dunkards have gradually removed to more western states

Helena In the Old Days.

A little group of old timers were talking about the palmy days of wide open gambling in New Orleans. "It used to be pretty lively, I admit," said one of the veterans, "but the only sure enough Monte Carlo this country ever saw was out in Montana. I'll never forget the first time I struck Helena. It's a good sized, handsome city, and I took a stroll down the main street looking at the stores. Pretty soon I was struck cold by a monster sign of 'Licensed Gambling House' right over the door of one of the finest places in town.

"In less than a block I ran across a dozen other signs of the same kind, and then I began to ask questions. I found that the law required all gaming places to put up such boards. They had to be 15 feet long and 2 feet wide, with plain white letters on a black ground. The original bill didn't specify the size, so some of the houses had signs made about half an inch long, that you'd need a microscope to read, and that's why the particulars were laid down so exactly. The gambling shops were sandwiched right in between groceries and shoe stores, and one of 'em was next door to a church. It looked funny, I tell you."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Wonderful Hairdressing.

Hairdressing in Zululand is an important feature, both to the bride and bridegroom, and the attention paid to the coiffure of the pair would shame the performance of a west end hairdresser who arranges a bride's locks and fastens the orange blossom chaplet.

A cone shaped erection, for instance, is the lawful coiffure of a Zulu wife, and this cannot be legally worn till the marriage rites are duly completed. Save for the all important cone, the head of a Zulu bride is closely shaved, an assagai being used for the purpose, while as soon as a youth is of marriageable age his head is shorn to leave a ring around the scalp and then liberally besmeared with fat and ocher, without which unguents no Zulu would feel fittingly decorated for his bride.

When the bridegroom elect has been shorn of all his hair save the wool on the crown, which is trained in a circular shape and some four inches in diameter, a ring is sewed to this gum and charcoal. In this the Zulu thrusts long snuff spoons, needles and small utility articles and is very proud of his ring, which is the badge of manhood.—Cassell's Magazine.

A Conscientious Sentry.

Washington, hearing that the colored sentinels could not be trusted, went out one night to ascertain if the report was correct. The countersign was "Cambridge," and the general, disguised, as he thought, by a large overcoat, approached a colored sentry.

"Who goes there?" cried the sentinel.

"A friend," replied Washington.

"Friend, advance, unarmed, and give the countersign," said the colored man.

Washington came up and said, "Roxbury."

"No, sah!" was the response.

"Medford," said Washington.

"No, sah!" returned the colored soldier.

"Charleston," said Washington.

The colored man immediately exclaimed, "I tell you, Massa Washington, no man go by here 'out he say 'Cambridge.'"

A Dutiful Little Girl.

"Such a lot of people live in our 'ouse," she told me, "17 of us; two ladies live in the cellars!" And her mother always went once a week to call on a lady who lived in the "workus." "Please 'm, father calls mother such wicked names," she suddenly informed me one day, and out came a string of dreadful epithets. "Hush," I interrupted, "you mustn't tell me those things." "Please 'm, he does," she persisted, "and we all want father to die, if mother didn't 'ave to pay for the coffin"—so pathetic and doubtless so true. —Mrs. Merrick's "With a Palette in Eastern Palaces."

Financial Poetry.

An unusual album was presented to Willis Clark, brother of Lewis Gaylord Clark, the poet, on one occasion, with a request for "some rhymes."

Mr. Clark was at the house of a farmer, and the man's daughter had turned an old account book into an autograph album in which were inscribed the names of her various friends and relatives below appropriate sentiments.

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This world's a scene as dark as Styx			
Where hope is scarce worth	2	6	
Our joys are born so fleeting hence			
That they are dear at		18	
And yet to stay here many are willing			
Although they may not have	1		

A Free Translation.

A certain family built a seaside cottage and painted Sans Souci on the gate. Soon afterward a tall, lank young fellow stopped in passing and scrutinized the name carefully.

The people in the house wondered what could be the trouble, but when he repeated the examination the next day and the next they wondered still more. Finally he went by when one of the children was working in the garden.

"Hello!" said the youth.

"Hello!"

"Nice place you've got here!"

"Yes, we think so."

"What do you call it?"

"Sans Souci."

"Well, what does that mean?"

"Oh, 'without care.'"

"Well," said the youth after some deliberation, "I'm blest if I can see how you make that out. I've studied French some myself, with the grammar and the dictionary, and I can't translate it to make any sense. Now, there's sans—that's without; sou—that's a part of a cent; ci—that means here."

"Oh, well, your translation isn't so far off!" said the son of the house. "Not a cent here!"—Kansas City Star.

Waring and Moltke.

A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men, and a flash of humor is doubly valued from the serious minded.

A few days after the late Colonel George Waring's appointment as commissioner of street cleaning night fell with a presage of snow. Toward 3 in the morning the storm broke violently, and a gleaming mantle soon covered the streets. The gallant colonel rose, arrayed himself in his long military cloak, pulled his visored cap down low and set forth to inspect the first work of his white winged myrmidons. Meeting one of his trusty lieutenants, the latter exclaimed, "Oh, colonel, as your soldierly figure came on through the storm, you reminded me of Moltke inspecting his lines on the morning of Sedan."

"Yes," replied the colonel gravely. "He was another Waring."—Harper's Round Table.

One of Those Embarrassing Questions.

"If I ever marry, it shall be to a woman of fine intellect."

"Huh! Wouldn't you rather have a wife who thought you a great man?"—Indianapolis Journal.

The First Silk Hat.

An old journal, dated Jan. 16, 1797, gives the following amusing account of the wearing of the first silk hat in London: "John Hetherington, haberdasher, of the Strand, was arraigned before the lord mayor yesterday on a charge of breach of the peace and inciting to riot, and was required to give bonds in the sum of £500. It was in evidence that Mr. Hetherington, who is well connected, appeared on the public highway wearing upon his head what he called a silk hat (which was offered in evidence), a tall structure having a shiny luster and calculated to frighten timid people.

"As a matter of fact the officers of the crown stated that several women fainted at the unusual sight, while children screamed, dogs yelped, and a younger son of Cordwainer Thomas, who was returning from a chandler's shop, was thrown down by the crowd which had collected and had his right arm broken. For these reasons the defendant was seized by the guards and taken before the lord mayor. In extenuation of his crime the defendant claimed that he had not violated any law of the kingdom, but was merely exercising a right to appear in a headdress of his own design—a right not denied to any Englishman."

The Vanishing Weasel.

As I lay stretched on the bank at the foot of a great maple I saw a weasel run along in the brush fence some distance away. A few seconds later he was standing on the exposed root of the tree hardly a yard from my eyes. I lay motionless and examined the beautiful creature minutely, till suddenly I found myself staring at the smooth, greenish gray root of the maple, with no weasel in sight.

Judging from my own experience, I should say that this is the usual termination of any chance observations of either weasels or minks. Occasionally they may be seen to dart into the bushes or behind some log or projecting bank, but much more frequently they vanish with a suddenness that defies the keenest eyesight. In all probability this vanishing is accompanied by extreme rapidity of motion, but if this is the case then the creature succeeds in doing something utterly impossible to any other warm blooded animal of its size.

Mice, squirrels and some of the smaller birds are all of them swift enough at times, but except in the case of the humming bird none of them, I believe, succeeds in accomplishing the result achieved by the weasels.—Popular Science Monthly.

Not Raised In Florida.

Among the interior decorations of a restaurant not many squares from city hall are a number of artificial palms. The palms are as natural in appearance as if they had been grown instead of manufactured and probably not one person in a dozen among the restaurant's patrons is aware of their artificial character.

An afternoon or two ago an elderly couple, evidently from the rural districts, came into the restaurant and took a seat. They gave their order and then began to look around.

"That's a handsome palm, Henry!" exclaimed the woman, pointing to the largest specimen. "I wonder if it grew that big in here?"

"Of course it didn't," replied the man, with a look of superior wisdom. "It was raised down in Floridy. That's where they all grow, and then they are shipped up here."

Just then one of the restaurant's attaches approached the palm with a dampcloth in his hand. Taking hold of one of the leaves he yanked it from the stem and began to rub it vigorously with the cloth. When he had cleaned the leaf to his satisfaction, he replaced it and pulled another. By this time "Henry's" face was a study, as was also that of his companion.

"I guess that plant didn't grow in Floridy, after all," the woman managed to whisper. "What do you guess, Henry?"

And "Henry" allowed that he guessed the same thing.—Philadelphia

Quite Sure of It.

Stern Parent—Mabel tells me that you have proposed to her. It is proper for me to ask if you are in a position to marry?

The Suitor—Oh, you needn't be worried about that. I am in a position where nothing short of matrimony will get me out of it, so far as I can discover.—Boston Transcript.

Four Ugly Beasts.

There are four beasts in the world that can give long odds in the way of ugliness to anything else that lives.

One of them is a monkey, a grewsome looking beast called the bearded saki. This is so utterly grotesque a beast that it would scarcely be safe to let a child or nervous person see it. The ugliness is not of an amusing kind, but of an evil, sinister nature. The beast has a sort of beard and a countenance unlike anything else in shape and lines. The monkey itself is not particularly savage, but is so hideous that the natives of its country, South America, say that no beast of prey, however hungry, will tackle it. Even a hungry jaguar would starve in a cageful of sakis.

Then there is a tree climbing beast that is as queer a nondescript as one could hope to see. It has a sharp face and long, jointed fingers and is called the aye-aye, from its cry. This looks like one of the most appallingly weird of all those strange beasts one sees in nightmares and cannot get away from; but, like the sakis, is of a gentle disposition. It lives in South Africa. A full grown aye-aye looks like a blend of jackal, pig and monkey. Then there is the Tasmanian devil of the antipodes, which is as savage as it is ugly, and, lastly, a species of Asiatic ground rat called the bund.

How Banks Use Their Millions.

Many people wonder how banks use all the money deposited in them and how they manage to pay interest thereon and yet come out at the end of the year with a big profit on the business.

What they do is trade with the money. To the depositor they pay between 1 and 2 per cent, but the money they lend brings them in 3, 5, 6, 7 and even 8 per cent.

For instance, they give loans on all sorts of securities, such as railway debentures, government stock, public company shares, dock warrants, bills of lading, etc.

They also lend money on the security of houses and land, but not to a great extent, as repayments are slow.

When a couple of substantial business men or farmers or professional men back a bill, the bank often lends without any security at all, but now and again they have heavy and ruinous losses on these loans.

All banks, however, have large sums of money constantly lying idle, for they must keep sufficient cash at the various branches to pay checks and even to be more or less prepared for panics. Still, the difference between the 1 or 2 per cent they pay and the 3 to 8 they receive on millions of dollars leaves them an immense profit on the year's business.

Two Dangerous Trades.

File cutting and glass polishing are the two trades in which the operatives are constantly subjected to the slow and stealthy growth of industrial disease. The danger in their case is even more alarming than in those which have been previously dealt with, as the power which daily menaces them is that most pernicious and treacherous evil, lead poisoning. In the case of file cutters the mischief is contained in the bed upon which the file is placed for cutting. This is composed of metallic lead, for, although other substances have been tried, it is declared that none of them give the desired amount of resistance without resilience obtained by a lead bed.

Glass polishing is dangerous in that the powder with which the edges of cut glass are treated contains 60 to 70 per cent of oxide of lead. Here, again, the same remedies are demanded, and fortunately they are not so difficult of attainment. In both these cases the poison pursues its victims with a malice as relentless as it is appalling, which kills or maims as surely as does any explosion or accident by violence.—Fortnightly Review.

A Life Worse Than Death.

It is said that Dr. Tuffier of the Hospital de la Petie, Paris, succeeded in bringing a man to life temporarily. The man operated upon was Jean Soulie, who had been pronounced dead. Dr. Tuffier, it is alleged, in the presence of a large number of students, took the body, and, after the application of several recognized methods of proving the total extinction of life, exposed the man's heart, and, holding the organ in his hand, pressed first one side with the finger and then on the other side with the thumb, and, keeping it up continuously, caused an artificial action, and after a time there were unmistakable evidences of life. It is said that the man answered one or two questions put to him. It was impossible to maintain this artificial action very long, and the man sank back to his second death.

Foolishly Sensitive.

"Yes, we lost the doctor's trade in a very unfortunate way."

"How was that?"

"Why, we have a mechanical duck in our stock of novelties that runs by clockwork. The doctor came in the store just as one of our young women wound the thing up, and at the very moment the doctor came opposite it the duck gravely bowed to him and said, 'Quack, quack!' The doctor is so foolishly sensitive."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Easy Plan.

"That young man," said the citizen, pointing to a sharp featured youth across the street, "has made fame both for himself and this his native village."

"As to how?" asked the stranger.

"Simply by sending telegrams of congratulation or condolence, as the occasion called for, to prominent persons." —Indianapolis Journal.

A writer in The Electrical Review inclines to the opinion that as the electric motor superseded the horse car so the perfection of paving will ultimately do away with rails and current altogether and automobile vehicles rule supreme.

Economy.

A west Philadelphia young woman, on the ground of economy, induced her betrothed to waive the formality of an engagement ring and to give her the money, $100, instead. After they had been married six months she informed him that she had invested the money in a life membership in a woman's suffrage society.

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"How's that, Dick?"

"Teacher says I'm the worst of all the bad boys in school."—Philadelphia

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Freight left at Soda Creek for the steamer will be stored free of charge, also freight by steamer for points beyond Quesnelle will be forwarded free of charge for such forwarding. Fare each way, $4.50; freight per ton, $10.

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Clinton	32
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83-Mile House	68
87-Mile House	72
100-Mile House	85
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108-Mile House	93
111-Mile House	96
115-Mile House	100
117-Mile House	102
121 Mile House	106
122-Mile House	107
127-Mile House	112
132-Mile House	117
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137-Mile House	122
141-Mile House	126
144-Mile House	120
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Stanley	267
Barkerville	280
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Finny's†	28
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1899.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

C. B. Deans, of the Ashcroft Trading Co., visited Kamloops this week.

Latest styles in millinery at Foster's on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next.

J. H. Clements' young child has been seriously sick of late but is now much improved.

Everyone invited to our Fall Millinery Opening on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next. F. W. Foster, Ashcroft.

T. McCosh, merchant tailor, has just received a shipment of tweeds, vestings and overcoatings direct from Scotland. Mr. McCosh is calling on his Clinton customers this week.

F. W. Foster is opening this week in the dressmaking and millinery department, a shipment of dress goods, ribbons, hat trimmings and other goods, attractive to the ladies, that has just been received from England.

Courts of revision for the purpose of hearing and determining any or all objections against the retention of any names on the register of voters, will be held on November 6th, at 10 a.m., in the court house at Clinton, Lillooet and Ashcroft.

The curling and skating rink is being put in shape and will no doubt give satisfaction to young and old for the season. It is expected next season there will be bathing in connection with the grounds arrangements to this effect having been made with the Water Co.

Mr. J. B. Harbison of Pittsburg, registered at the Grand Central Hotel. Mr. Harbison is a member of the Hamshaw & Youngs company operating on Summit creek. He expressed himself well satisfied with the work done and the outlook for the future he considered very promising. He left for the east on Thursday.

Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, will be held as follows: Clinton, September 21: Richfield, September 26; Nanaimo, September 27; Victoria, October 4; Vancouver, October 10; New Westminster, October 17; Kamloops, October 17; Nelson, October 17; Vernon October 24; Donald October 31.

The Ashcroft Water, Electric and Improvement Co. are being delayed in their pumping operations at Boston Flat, owing to the inability of the manufacturers to deliver the pipe. The manufacturers claim that pipe material is so largely in demand they are unable to obtain a sufficient supply to fill the company's order as agreed.

H. Pim, general manager of the Canadian Electric company, at Vancouver, registered at the Ashcroft Hotel on Wednesday. Mr. Pim consulted with the Ashcroft Water, Electric and Improvement Co. in reference to the proposed addition of electrical machinery, which the company contemplates adding to their plant, thereby enabling them to furnish power and light for mining purposes.

Messrs. McKinnon and Noel came over from Lillooet on Thursday bringing the proceeds of the Bend Or mill and some splendid samples of quartz. The amount of gold was variously given out by different parties, some saying $13,000 was realized from the twenty days run others placing it at $3,000, the true amount of the output is probably not known as yet outside of the owners. It is also reported that champagne flowed freely at Lillooet when they arrived down from the mine.

Mr. R. T. Ward, of Horsefly, visited Ashcroft this week and left with the bank of B. N.. A a substantial amount of gold from the Horsefly gold mine. Mr. Ward left the same day to inspect the Brett group of mines near Lillooet. Senator Campbell was down 346 feet at the time Mr. Ward left and making about four feet per day, water giving no trouble. The Horsefly gold mine has so far this season, up to August, shipped $25,000, their expenses having been only about $8,000. Mr. Deasey, the foreman, says that it will take two years to properly open up the property. At present the mine is looking remarkably well.

The irrigation cases of interest to farmers living along the Thompson river above the C. P. R. near Ashcroft have, we believe, been settled. Mr. Cambie, representing the railroad accompanied by Mr. Hill, this week visited and conferred with the owners of the ranches and presented to the same his views of safety to the track. We understand from Mr. Cambie that the railroad officials are anxious to cause as little damage as is possible to the farmers, and only a comparatively small area of ground is prohibited from irrigation and that arrangements have been made that will prove satisfactory. Under the peculiar circumstances to all interested parties, so far as the ranchers are concerned and particularly in the case of Henry Parke we trust the government will do what is evidently right and just and make good any damage caused by a defective title, for if a crown grant is not absolute proof of title, what is?

Ladies should not miss Foster's millinery opening next week.

When in town next week for the fair call at Foster's and see the fall millinery.

F. W. Foster has returned to Clinton after a few days spent at his Ashcroft store.

Ashcroft's staple product—potatoes—are in demand on the coast at fair prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts returned home this week from a visit to Vancouver and Victoria.

Stewart & Crozier, liverymen, added to their stock a very neat and handy delivery wagon.

Lady visitors to the exhibition will have a chance to see the "newest" things in millinery at Foster's.

The Rev. Pritchard, who has been attending the Presbytery at Kamloops, left Ashcroft on Wednesday for Quesnelle.

Police Officer Sayre will look after Govt. Agent Burr's department during Mr. Burr's attendance at the assizes at Clinton.

Charles Browne, of the Harper ranch is shipping grapes to the coast. Mr. Browne states his vines are bearing heavily.

Several cars of water pipe, from the Armstrong & Morrison pipe works, of Vancouver, have lately passed through Ashcroft bound for Kootenay.

Rev. P. D. Muir, of Ashcroft, was the unanimous choice for Moderator at the meeting of the Presbytery held in St. Andrew's Church, Kamloops, last week.

Thomas Maxwell, teamster, was badly injured near the 150-Mile House having been thrown from his wagon. Several ribs were broken and he was otherwise seriously hurt.

Commercial Hotel, Vancouver, is a first-class place for business men to stop. Its situation is of the best being in the centre of the wholesale and retail portions of the city.

Nineteen men are now busily engaged haying on Hon. C. A. Semlin's ranch at Cache Creek. J. B. Leighton who visited the ranch on Tuesday says Mr. Semlin will have a magnificent crop of hay.

S. Hemans, now resident at Cache Creek, took to the coast cities five cars of beef cattle. Two cars going to Victoria, two to Westminster and one to Nanaimo, shipped by John Wilson from Savona.

Donald G. Kennedy of Arlington, Wash., is staying in town a few days before proceeding to the 158-Mile House. Mr. Kennedy will make arrangements for his family who will follow him shortly, and they expect to settle permanently near the 158-Mile House.

More machinery has arrived for the New England Dredging Co., operating near Quesnelle Forks. As stated in the JOURNAL some time ago, this is a bucket dredge. The buckets are entirely different from anything now being used in this country for gold dredging.

The completion of the addition to the C. P. R. freight shed gives 1,000 square feet more floor space for freight making the entire building cover 2,300 square feet exclusive of ticket, express and telegraph office, Mr. T. Crossen, who is in charge of the freight department, derives great satisfaction from this addition as the crowded state of the warehouse will no longer be necessary.

Wm. Holden, general agent for the Federal Life Assurance Co., of Hamilton, Ont., whose head office for British Columbia is 1363 Robson St, Vancouver, is registered at the Cargile House. Mr. Holden has just returned from a 30 days trip through Cariboo in the intersts of his company. He thinks the Cariboo road could be improved and more particularly the Forks Quesnelle road.

The miserable cur, in the Lake La Hache Valley, that robbed the blind man, Prof. Cooper, of $35 by breaking open his wagon in the night has the satisfaction of knowing that his neighbors would very willingly ride him on a rail, tar and feather him or administer any other sort of punishment with great pleasure if only they were certain of the man. Prof. Cooper says the accusing of the boy that travels with him without a shadow of proof was an outrage. The end is not yet in this matter.

Courts of Revision and Appeal, under the provisions of the Assessment Act, will be holden at places and dates as below, viz.:

At William Wormald's hotel, Stanley, Lightning Creek, on Monday, October 16, at 10 o'clock a. m. The Government Office, Quesnelle, Tuesday, October 17, at 3 o'clock p. m. A. D. McInnes' Alexandria, Thursday, October 19, at 11 o'clock a. m. McLease's Hotel, Soda Creek, Friday, October 20, at 10 o'clock a. m. 150 Mile House, Saturday, October 21, at 3 o'clock p. m.; and at the Government Office, Barkerville, Thursday, November 9, at 10 o'clock a. m.

See ad. of Clubb & Stewart in this issue.

Mrs. H. E. Leslie visited North Bend, her former home, this week.

The Customs House has been removed to the JOURNAL printing office.

The Bailey Brothers will hunt ducks in the 70-Mile House country after the fair.

Miss Crease, of Lytton, who has been visiting Mrs. H. Cornwall, returned home on Wednesday.

The hotel Metropole has an advertisement in this issue, it is a good hotel to stop at when in the city.

Henry P. Horan, of the 150-Mile House is a Coroner within and for the Province of British Columbia.

Coroner's Inquest.

Coroner Clark held an inquest on the body of the suicide, killed on the C. P. R. track last week, who, from letters found on him is no doubt Joe Brenner, a German, formerly of Portage La Prairie. The evidence clearly showed that the unfortunate man committed the act while insane and a verdict to that effect was found.

Police Officer Sayre of Lytton says Brenner came to him some time ago and said that the boys had told him that he, (Officer Sayre), wanted him. He appeared to believe he was wanted by the police, but as he was quiet and harmless little attention was paid to him. He wrote two letters and gave them to the section foreman to be handed to Government Agent Burr. They are written as follows:

MINE FRIEND,—I make an assertion that I have never done anything, wrong, never, never have I done; God knows that I am innocent, such unprincipled people I have never seen. Portage La Prairie. JOE BRENNER.

MY DEAR MOTHER,—I am as innocent as a child. I have been a British subject from Manitoba.

His remains were interred in the Ashcroft cemetery by the authorities. Only a few cents were found in his pockets.

A Smart Boy.

A good story is told of the crown prince of Germany Soon after Bismarck's retirement the emperor and empress were at dinner with their elder children and some eminent statesmen when the prince suddenly broke out with:

"They say, father, that now Prince Bismarck has gone you will be able to tell the people to do just what you like all by yourself You will enjoy that, won't you?"

More Diplomacy.

"I tell you my wife knows a thing or two. The people who inhabit the neighborhood into which we have just moved look at us with awe."

"How did she manage it?"

"Engaged two of the biggest vans in town to move us, when all our goods might have been transported in an express wagon without overloading it."—Chicago News.

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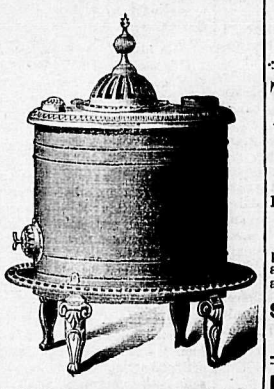

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