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Quesnelle Gold Mining Co.

Colonel Underwood, while on his way up to Quesnelle gave the JOURNAL the dimensions of his proposed dredger, already under way at Quesnelle and to be used in dredging that stream. Length of scow 100 feet, beam 26 feet hold 5½ feet. It is to be propelled by two engines of a total capacity of 125 Horse power. Pump 8 inch, capacity 1,500 cubic yards per 10 hours, propelled by engine of 35 horse power. Pump manufactured by the Morris machine works, Baldwinsville, N. Y. The dredge proper is one of Beatty & Sons largest pattern and is being made at their works at Welland, Ontario. The Colonel has had several year's experience in dredging and the plans of the dredger have been very carefully gone over many times. The outlook for this line of work as practically applied has so far been very unsatisfactory in British Columbia and in the west in general There are several plants now in this province that are either laid up or working spasmodically with indifferent success. A new one just built by the B. C. Iron Works will commence work in a month on the Fraser below Yale. The big dredge at Lytton has been idle for many months and has not as yet resumed although it is reported that it will soon begin operations near the mouth of the Thompson. The smaller dredger at Lytton is not working but has at low water done good work. That many places on the Fraser, Quesnelle, Horsefly, Black river, Smoky river, and other streams are rich enough to work to advantage provided dredgers can do one fourth of what is claimed for them by their projectors and owners no one will question. If the Underwood dredger can, as we sincerely hope it may, handle one-fourth of the 3,000 yards claimed for it, or 500 yards per day, even, it will be one of the best paying propositions in Cariboo. Last year to the certain knowledge of the writer who was then living in the vicinity, men made as high as from $2.00 to $8.00 per day rocking on bars, and while we do not think the middle of the stream itself is as rich as the sides, as the run of gold is naturally from point to point along these streams, there is plenty of gravel that will pay from a few cents to a number of dollars per yard. If a dredge can work and raise the gold from the river, 500 yards per day of even 10 cent ground, it will pay well. Work can be prosecuted the year round and the expense is comparatively small. That a bucket or scoop dredge can work to advantage in places we are satisfied. As to suction, it yet remains to be proven. If successful it will open up a vast field for operation and at any rate the work on this line will continue and many well informed men believe will eventually prove successful. The Quesnelle Gold Mining Company have plenty of capital and men of good judgement in charge and that they may succeed is the earnest wish of the miners in general in this section. The company have one advantage at least over most of companies and that is a pleasant place for their headquarters. Quesnelle is the best located place in Cariboo on account of its natural surroundings, long, pleasant days in summer and no flies or insects, which are so troublesome in some parts of Cariboo. The operations of the company, with their Cottonwood interests, the operations of C. T. Laws' company, opposite the town, the French company, and many other local mining enterprises combined with the natural travel through to Barkerville and Stanley country and the fact of its being the point of departure for the Omineca country, which will next season come prominently to the fore, makes Quesnelle a point of much importance and we prophecy an era of prosperity for the business men of that section. That they deserve it goes without saying.

Norton Creek.

Mr. Norton of the San Juan mining company operating on Norton creek, a tributary of Cottonwood river, was in Ashcroft last Monday and left the same night for California, where he goes to enjoy a well merited rest for the winter. "This is the third season," said Mr. Norton, "that continuous work has been done on the San Juan company's ground. We had before this season lost three shafts and many more had in an early day been lost on this same creek by sinking in the bed of the creek, reaching a certain distance and striking soft ground, or as it called in miners parlance, slum." Last fall the company began sinking in the solid rock at the side of the creek and pushed down a shaft 7x4, double compartment, well fitted up, 80 feet, then drifted across to strike the old channel which they had faith was there. After careful work for some weeks and after a blast had filled up their tunnel by breaking through, which caused them to pump out and bulkhead, and start a new drift, they struck gravel, and found about 8 feet of alluvial ground underneath the clay bottom of the creek. They drifted across about 80 feet before striking the opposite wall and are now running up the stream to get out of the canoe where they first struck the gravel. We are glad to be able to record the fact that the present indications for the claim are first class. Mr. Norton showed us several ounces of coarse gold and stated that all of the gravel taken out carried gold but not in the quantity that they expect to find when they get a few feet farther up. A canon rarely carries gold. It requires rough or soft bed-rock to retain it, and above and below canons are the most favorable spots. Many of the old-time miners hold with Mr. Norton that at one time Lightning creek flowed down by the way of Beaver Pass and found its way to the Fraser in this way instead of its present course in joining the Cotton- The gold taken out of Norton creek seems very much of the character of that taken out so bountifully from Lightning creek in years gone by. Should this theory hold good 15 miles of valuable creek bed may yet be uncovered in this section. Considerable ground has been located near the San Juan, principally by Quesnelle parties. This section is likely next season to attract much attention. The experience of the San Juan gives the depth of the old channel and this makes future work in this section or on this creek far easier. Mr. Norton and his associates have shown rare grit in staying by the proposition and we trust its present promise of value may be made good by future work.

Lillooet.

A. W. Smith, M. P. P., Lillooet, was in Ashcroft Tuesday on his way to the coast. Mr. Smith has been a resident of Lillooet for over 30 years and for the past seven has represented the East Riding in the Provincial Parliament. Mr. Smith informs us that work on the quartz proposition on Cayoosh creek is being pushed, three eight-hour shifts being at work on one shaft and another shaft has been started at a few hundred feet away. A large body of quartz has been uncovered and the grade seems satisfactory to Superintendent Hughes. Work is continued to some extent on the gravel banks, but in sinking in what is believed to be an old channel too much water has been encountered to work to advantage and a pump will be put in shortly. Taken all together the outlook for some good mines at Lillooet is encouraging. Mr. Chas. T. Dunbar is at present in Lillooet and with Mr. Bell, of Clinton, who is one of the share holders, recently visited the mines. Mr. Smith discussed at some length the Chinese labor question and expressed his willingness to assist in bringing about if possible the employment of white labor in the mines of the country in general but thinks it is a hard proposition to handle.

Quesnelle Forks.

The Cariboo party having completed their ditch the latter part of August are now running quite a force of men in their mine. I have no doubt this mine will give a good account of itself at the next cleanup. Although the work they are now doing is merely stripping or running off the top. This is a hard, or rather a slow mine to open up, and it will take two or three years to put it in good shape to work to advantage. The ground they are now stripping is no doubt good pay ground but I predict that when they open up the bottom tier they wil then have a face of gravel of about 100 feet in this bottom cut, which I should judge as a miner, would pay them from two to three times better than the ground they are now working.

The Eureka company are about commencing the construction of a small ditch from Deer creek to enable them to thoroughly prospect the mine.

A number of mines now being prospected are about to shut down for the season. I believe they are all well pleased with the prospects, which would go to show the summer of 96 will be a lively summer for hydraulic mining on the Quesnelle river.

I hear very little of the prospects on the North Fork, although I would think that Keithly point and the old Jim Moore claim now owned by Jas. Mathers would turn out to be good hydraulic mines if properly managed by competent mining men. Both of these mines paid well in the early days for drifting, from two to three ounces to each set of timbers, as the writer can testify. Two competent engineers have surveyed and laid out a road from the Cariboo mines to the Horsefly mines via Polley's lake. I believe the distance will be less than twenty miles from Quesnelle Forks. The route of this road is a level gravel country, in fact has the appearance of an old river bed. A force of men are now clearing and grading this road. With a good road from the 111-Mile post to Horsefly to connect with this road and a road down the Quesnelle river to the mouth of Quesnelle. There will be a number of other mines located on this route, there are quite a number of auriferous gravel banks on the Quesnelle river not yet located.

PIONEER OF PIONEERS.

Savonas.

Savonas is noted for the fine location it enjoys at the foot of Kamloops lake and the scenic beauty is great. Mine Host Ferguson keeps a hotel which he conducts in an admirable manner and John Jane has a full and complete stock of merchandise. He does a large business with neighboring ranchers and stock men. A road is nearing completion from Savonas to summit lake, about 25 miles southerly and towards Nicola. On the north side of the lake and about 4 miles from the outlet is the cinnabar mine recently opened up by Col. Lightner and associates. The ore is being retorted and quicksilver produced and there is every evidence that the mines are to be a permanent and paying institution. The ore is said to return about five per cent in quicksilver. The works are only a few yards back from the lake and the mines are about 500 yards further back. Several locations have been made a little farther up up on the same side of the lake, of ledges that carry copper, silver, and a small amount of gold. Very little development work has been done, but enough to justify some investigation. Some locations for cinnabar have also been made in the hills about 5 miles north of the Lightner mines.

South of Savonas several miles a number of mineral locations have recently been made, and those who know say that the ore appears to be in place and of good value and quantity.

A number of good ranches are in the vicinity of Savonas and there are considerable shipments of stock and grain from the vicinity.

The French company on Quesnelle river have reduced their force to an engineer's corps and are arranging their plans for next season's work. It is unfortunate that their water supply has proved less than was expected. It is claimed by old-timers that the streams are lower in Cariboo this season than for 30 years on account of the early and copious spring rains melting the snow from the mountains several weeks earlier than usual.

The Fader Gold Dredger.

Mr. J. Fader the inventor and patentee of the dredger bearing his name that has been operating on the North Fork of Quesnelle river for the past three months, was a passenger down on the B. X. stage last Tuesday, To the JOURNAL Mr. Fader said that his business to the coast was in connection with ordering machinery for two steam dredgers which he would soon have in operation on Quesnelle river, having secured a lease to a portion of that stream. He went from Ashcroft to Tacoma to examine a part of the proposed machinery on which Mr. Thompson, his partner, has an option. One dredger will be manufactured in the states and one in Ottawa, the company's headquarters. He expects to have his machinery here within three weeks and be in active operation shortly thereafter on the Quesnelle. His engines will be of 150 horse power and the buckets of sufficient capacity to carry a little over one yard of gravel. Mr. Fader says he has dredged successfully three cuts across the North Fork, one 7, one 12, and one 17 feet wide and from 5 to 12 feet in depth, that the gravel taken out has run by actual washing in sluices not less than 30 cents and not higher than $7.50 per cubic yard. The company have done all of their work with horse power and used buckets that were of one-third of a yard capacity only. No boulders have been found so far in their operations that have given them trouble to handle. The action of the current with their power was sufficient to move them without trouble. So far with only their prospecting plant they have made the work pay all expenses and with their regular size dredger, which they will shortly have at work, they expect to handle, easily, 400 yards per day. This amount per day will pay well with only 10 cent gravel. They expect to have with each machine a centrifugal pump to raise water from the river to the sluices. The plant, engine, &c., will be placed on a platform and so arranged that they can move it down stream easily. The plan of working is always with the current or down the stream. Any gold thus dislodged is supposed to lodge against the lower side of the cut in the bed of the stream. The machine is easily handled and comparatively inexpensive, about $3,500 being sufficient to put one in place for work on Quesnelle river. The Fader company expect to commence work in the stream between the mouth of Beaver river and the French company's ground. Fader and Thompson are the sole owners and patentees for the United States and Canada for this machine. The simplicity of construction, cheapness and cost of working would naturally commend it to men looking for dredging propositions. To wish that the continued work may be as satisfactory as the prospecting plant seems to indicate is to wish well for the country in general.

Lytton Notes.

The F. R. M. & D. Co's large dredge having been strengthened by hog chains is ready for work. Manager Mccaskill informs us that he expects to commence operations shortly.

Mr. and Mrs Jas. Pierson left last Sunday on a visit to Victoria. We trust the trip may benefit Mrs. Pierson who has been in poor health lately.

A. Stevenson returned from Spence's Bridge Monday.

Charles Robson left for Manitoba last week to look after his farming interests there.

Mr. Anthony left for Kootenay Monday night to accept an official position on the Kaslo & Slocan railroad.

We trust to shortly be favored with another visit from the "Barber."

Thos. Earle expressed his exhibit of fruit to the Victoria fair Monday. As usual we expect Mr. Earle's exhibit to excel all competitors.

Our provincial officer, D. G. Sutherland, returned last week from an official trip to Spence's Bridge.

Nurse Hester, of the St. Bethlehem's Hospital, left Sunday for Vancouver to attend the marriage of her sister.

Chas. Lual, (Dutch Charley) is prospecting in the vicinity of the Nekia mine, preparing for extensive operations on the return of the Hon. R. Tallamache, who is heavily interested in the above named mine.

Mr. Campbell-Johnston, M. E., arrived Monday night. He will investigate and report on the digging of the large ditch to be used in working the VanWinkle mine. It will cost in the neighborhood of $40,000.

We are pleased to know that the Lytton Orchestra has secured the town hall at Ashcroft for a grand social dance on the evening of October 2nd. The excellent music furnished by this combination is a sufficient guarantee for a good time.

"Sam" Adler, the genial host of the Globe Hotel, has received a consignment of limburger cheese direct from Germany. Evidently he does not want any boarders.

Work on the new telegraph line to Lillooet is progressing rapidly and the repair gang is now in the neighborhood of Cache creek. The repairing to Hat creek must be done so as to take the new work along. When the wire gets to Lillooet all will be complete and the "tick, tick," will commence. We would like to have a message over that line and hope the operator may be able to tell us the Bonanza owners have struck it richer than they ever dreamed of doing. The new telegraph wire will be a great convenience to the Lillooet people, and also to Ashcroft.

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Cariboo Will Be A Busy Country Next Year.

There can be no question at all in the minds of those at all informed on the subject that Cariboo will be a very busy country next year. Among the many projects to be carried on next year is the tunnel in Antler creek, that will involve a large outlay of money, work on Lightning creek, if arrangements are made, as now seems probable, work on Norton creek, on Hixon creek, on the Laws claims opposite Quesnelle, on Beaver mouth, on the Montreal company's ground, on the Fishback hydraulic, North Fork, and on the Maud and 20-Mile claims, all of which and many more will be opened up next year. At a safe estimate 1,000 more men will be employed next season than have been in 1895. If only white laborers would be employed it would add immensely to the prosperity of the northern country and to the richness of the province as well. Prosperity to Cariboo means much to British Columbia. There is a vast country to be settled up and wealth in cattle and agricultural products as well as in mines to be added to the province. Chinese labor should be discouraged to the greatest extent possible. Those applying, as nearly all large companys do for favors of some kind to the government, should be bound down to the employment of white labor so long as it can be procured at prices reasonable and just as can be done in any part of Cariboo.

The Ashcroft Fair.

The Inland Agricultural Association propose to hold Oct., 1st 2nd, and 3rd, a fair that will be entertaining and instructive. While they have not gotten out flaring posters, offering several thousand dollars worth of prize money that they never intend to pay, good purses will be hung up and some good horses will contest for the same. The agricultural showing will be second to none in the province. The people of Ashcroft and vicinity will do their best to make it pleasant for their visitors and will add to the already good reputation of the managers of the exhibition. Programs of sports will be issued daily and athletics will be one of the features. We expect to see some good sprinting, for which liberal purses will be given. The Indian races will be good. The track is already in good repair and the lovers of horse racing will be given good sport. The Lytton Orchestra will have dancing on the night of the 2nd and it is expected also on the night of the 1st a ball will be arranged. The time of the year is such that good weather may be looked for with confidence. Come all who can and help celebrate.

We apologize to our readers for the amount of space given over to the so-called international yacht race. The fiasco was due entirely to the fact that Lord Dunraven was unprepared to win the race.

The chance of men finding much gold in nuggets and becoming suddenly rich has to a great extent vanished. To continue the necessary supply of gold to carry on the ever-extending commerce of the world, a vast industry of the first importance, aided by many sciences is needed to gather out the infinitely small scattered portions of gold as they exist in nature. The product in gold of the industry which has recently sprung up will relieve the straitened financial condition of the world; and as it can now be procured with an industrial and scientific certainty the result to the world will in the near future be very great.

The bankers and money lenders may hold the key to the bank's gold, but the geologists hold the golden key to the earth's storehouses of the kingly metal, and although it cannot be counted up like gold in the bank, they can be relied upon to survey the new gold fields which may yet be found. If this be done the still potent survivals of Mediæval or Oriental superstitions, ever ready to delude again and again the ever gullible public, will definitely die out. Men cannot nowadays keep slaves to work their gold mines as of old. Industry must be set off against industry; our future gold gotten by well directed industry will represent the result of honest men's toil. Gold so obtained will reach a steady value; it will help to keep the countless mills of many different industries in continuous motion and thus bring benefits to many people in all parts of the earth.

The German bimetallists seem disposed in consequence of the declaration of Mr. Balfour, recently made in the British house of commons, to make a demand for independent bimetallism. This is the only true policy, if we are to have bimetalism at all, for an international agreement seems out of the question at present. Such an agreement will only come as the result of independent action by one or more nations. The adoption of bimetallism by the United States would have more weight in bringing this desirable end than anything else.—Western Mining World.

The reports of the increase in traffic on Mexican railroads do not harmonize with the jeremiads on the effect of silver upon the business of the business of that republic. The facts may not squar with some theories, but most people prefer facts when they come in the shape of substantial prosperity. The observations of President Diaz as to the effect of the depreciation in silver are especially interesting. The decline has been, he says, of benefit to the general industries of the country.—Western Mining World.

What has become of the Oklahoma gold boom? A month or so ago there were extraordinary reports regarding it. We are told that in the western part of the territory, particularly among the hills about the head waters of Boggy and Turkey creeks, a short distance southwest of Arapahoe, immense gold finds had been made. It was no uncommon thing for men to be walking about Guthrie with "shot sacks" full of the precious yellow stuff. The town of Arapahoe was almost deserted at one time, and at the mining camp a new town called Golden had been started and in six days had a population of 2,000. A weirdly interesting fact in connection with Golden was that on one of the hills near it a number of skeletons and the lead remnants of a long deserted camp were found. A stone in this old camp had on it, rudely cut, the words: "Gold found here in 1870." Who were the ill-fated miners who discovered Oklahoma gold in 1870, and then died? We shall probably never know. But it is certain that most of those who have made the mad rush to the new gold diggings will be as much dissapointed as those lost miners of 1870 were. Perhaps one out of every hundred will remain at the diggings and do reasonably well. The rest will become disgusted and go away to some other booming place. Then Golden will settle down to developing quietly and normally, like all other American mining towns. No doubt there is money there for those who stick to legitimate business. But the boarding house keepers and grocers will get quite as much gold as the miners do.—Western Mining World.

Mining Stock Dealings.

"Mining stock dealings furnish too many opportunities for swindling," are the words contained in a letter from an eastern financier, who deals largely in railroad stocks. Let us see how the opportunities exceed those furnished by railway stock dealing, taking familiar facts for a basis of comparison. The biggest mining stock deal that ever took place on a Colorado mine was the deal in the Robinson stock. The mine was stocked for $10,000,000, and the par value is $50 a share. The highest price the stock reached was $13 87 per share, and not much was sold at that price. The total number of shares traded in was less than 3,500,000, at prices ranging between $2 and $13, representing a total value of about $18,000,000, or an average of less than $6 per share. The biggest deal that ever took place in Colorado railway stocks was in the Rio Grande. In defiance of the fundamental law of the state, stock was issued to the amount of $73,500,000. The par value of shares is $100, and it was pushed up to about $113 a share. Afterward it fell to $2 50 a share. Most of the trading in the Rio Grande was done near the top price, and there were more than ten times as many shares sold during the active deal as were sold of the Robinson. Taking the highest and lowest prices of the Rio Grande stock upon which to base the calculation of losses, they were more than sufficient to buy every stocked mine in Colorado, and pay for all the gold and silver they ever produced.

It is simply nonsense to talk about mining stock dealing furnishing better opportunities for cheating than other kinds of stock dealing. All statistical facts disprove the statement, and the common knowledge of mankind bears witness to the fact "that for ways that are dark and mysterious and tricks that are vain" no mining stock dealer has any advantage over the dealer in railway shares.

The New York Central flyer last week eclipsed the world's record having made the distance from New York to Buffalo, 440 miles in 7 hours. This gives the Central Hudson the championship. It beats the time of the Empire State express one hour and forty minutes and knocks nearly 45 minutes from the latest English record, 450 from Euston to Perth in 7:45. The flyer passed into the train shed at Buffalo amid the cheers of hundreds of people who had gathered to witness the actual finish in the wonderful record breaking performance. Charlie Hogan, the pilot of engine 903, was surrounded by a crowd of eager people who congratulated him on the run from Syracuse, 149 miles in 141 minutes. Hogan modestly said he could have done it in 10 minutes less time but for the the heavy head wind he encountered on the run in from Batavia. The train consisted of a combination smoking and baggage car, two coaches and the private car Maraquita, the whole weight of which was 358,310 pounds.

To Invest in Our Mines.

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—Messrs. Leon Norman, Fred Mastes and J. H. Clemes, three English gentlemen, representing several syndicates with a large amount of British capital at their back, are in this city en route to British Columbia. They bring letters of introduction from the High Commissioner and leading officials of the government. The gentlemen will proceed to the coast on Monday for the purpose of looking into mining prospects in British Columbia and reporting on them as a possible field for the investment of British capital.

Zip Wyatt's Funeral.

South Enid, O. T., Sept. 8.—Zip Wyatt, who is believed to have stolen more cattle and horses and been in more train and bank robberies, and committed more murders, and cost the government more money and the lives of more officers and citizens than any other outlaw who ever lived in time of peace, was burried at public expense today in Enid cemetery. There were only three persons present, the man who made the coffin, the drayman who conveyed the body and the man who made the grave.

We commonly think of gold as the most valuable of metals because it is the most precious of metals produced in sufficient quantity to be in common use. There are, however, several much more valuable metals than gold. Gallium, for instance, is quoted at $3,000 an ounce avoirdepois. Traces of it occur in some zinc ores, tons of which must be worked to obtain a trifling amount. Gallium is a remarkable substance. At an ordinary summer temperature of 86 degrees fahrenheit it becomes like liquid mercury. The latter becomes solid at 39 degrees below zero. Most costly of all metals save only gallium is germanium, which is quoted at $1125 per ounce. Rhodium is worth $112 50 per ounce; ruthenium $90 per ounce; osmium $26 per ounce, and palladium $24 an ounce. The last is about equal to gold in value. These metals are of no great commercial value. Most of them are mere curiosities at the laboratory, having been discovered originally by accident, incidental to the analysis of ores. It has been suggested that some of them might be coined but the supply of them is too uncertain. That was the difficulty with platinum which the Russian government minted in the first half of the present century. Irridium is utilized to some extent for making instruments of delicacy which should have the property of not corroding. It is obtained from iridosmin, a natural alloy of irridium, osmium, rhodium, platinum and ruthenium.

The following in a letter of inquiry from Snohomish, Washington, may be of interest to others. 1st. What route to take to get into the mining country, Ans. By way of Ashcroft, 205 miles east from Vancouver. 2nd Can a pack horse be used in getting in and along the rivers? Ans. Yes except some parts of the extreme northern part of the country. 3rd. Are the winters severe? Ans. Quite cold, clear weather and not a bad place to winter in. 4th. What time does the season open up? Ans. From April 1st on. 5th. About what does it cost to live? Ans. Board at Quesnelle, Barkerville, 150 and Quesnelle Forks, is about 1.00 per day, provisions in proportion. 6th. Is gold coarse or fine. Both qualities. 7th. What can a man ordinarily make a day Ans.? Wages and from $2.00 to $2.50 per day. Mining in the section spoken of is hydraulic or drift and no scale of what a man can make a day can be given. There are plenty of creeks to sink on with a view to bottoming to try to find pay gravel. It costs some money and one must have experience to do this, also there is plenty of country north not yet explored where it will require nerve and some means to reach, where you may come out fixed in a couple of years and you may come out "broke" and candor compels us to say that there are many of the latter to one of the former. Barkerville, at the end of the wagon road is 230 miles from Ashcroft and is in the midst of the richest section of country in Cariboo. A copy of the JOURNAL is sent to such inquirers about the country. The questions asked above and a thousand others are answered every month.

Alberni,—The excitement is growing space, a large number of claims have been located on Yellowstone creek and many licenses taken out by new prospectors. The stage was crammed today and several persons who could not get seats in the stage came in by buggies and carriages from Nanaimo.

The noted prospectors, Joe Drinkwater and Bill Poole, stole away like shadows the other morning. They are thought to have gone down the canal to a new find there.

An assay of rock from the Lizzie claim on Yellowstone gave $193. Another assay of rock from the same creek gave $69.

Adam Ross, the well known quartz expert and George Brown are back from Coleman and Granite creeks. Ross does not enthuse over Coleman, but says that the Star of the West on Granite Creek is a grand proposition.

Rock from a ledge within five miles of town assayed as low as $1.50 and as high as $60 to the ton.

EDITOR MINING JOURNAL, Dear Sir: When you was up the road lost May I subscribed for the MINING JOURNAL and paid you in advance the sum of two dollars. Since that time I have received three numbers of your paper, each correctly addressed. What became of the other numbers? Have they like the ancient traveler "fallen among thieves" on the way? Just now I am not anxious that other people should enjoy the JOURNAL at my expense. I am not in the philanthrophy business. For that reason I wish you would discontinue sending the MINING JOURNAL to my address, and strike my name off the list of subscribers. If the paper is stolen, to do this will deprive the thief of his booty. Hoping you will act without delay. Yours Respectfully, WM THOMAS, Dog Prairie, Cariboo, B. C.

The paper has been sent regularly and correctly addressed. If as Mr. Thomas says, some one has sniped it they had best beware for the future.

The Tacoma Ledger revives the text from Deuteronomy, "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth to man, for all that do so are an abomination to the Lord." He overlooks the fact that according to one edition of the Bible Adam and Eve made themselves breeches, and the more pertinent fact that men did not wear bloomers.

Jack—How did you come out of the game last night?

Sam—I didn't come out. I staid in. Come along and have something on the proceeds.—Detroit Free Press.

NOTICE.

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon at

The Court House, Ashcroft, October 23, 1895.
The Court House, Lytton, October 24th, 1895

By order JOS. WM. BURR,
Dep. Registrar County Court.

Ashcroft, September 14th, 1895. sept 14

NOTICE.

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for leave to lease 40 acres of meadow land for hay cutting purposes, starting at the east end of 130 Lake.

A. B. Whittingham.

Aug. 31, 1895.
Date of first publication Sept., 7. 1895.

TABLE

Showing the Dates and Places of Courts of Assize Nisi Prius, Oyer Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery for the year 1895.

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Kamloops	Monday..7th October.
Vernon	Monday..14th October.
Lytton	Friday....11th October.
New Westminster	Wednesday..6th November.
Vancouver	Monday..11th November.
Victoria	Tuesday..19th November.
Nanaimo	Tuesday..26th November.

NOTICE.

A COURT OF ASSIZE and Nisi Prius, and of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, will be held under the provisions of the "Supreme Court Act," as amended by the "Supreme Court Amendment Act, 1894," at the Town of Clinton on Wednesday, the 18th day of September, proximo, in lieu of the Court of Assize appointed by the said Act to be held at the said Town on the 26th day of September, 1895. By Command

JAMES BAKER,
aug 31 Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office, 22, August, 1895

NOTICE.

Whereas Louis Peterson, Peter Peterson, and the late Peter Peterson or his executors, having failed, after proper notification so to do, to pay regularly levied assessments on their respective interests in the San Juan Mining Company of Cariboo, B.C., this is to give notice, that their respective interests will be sold in 14 days from date of publication, if the assessments are not paid, at the Occidental Hotel, Quesnelle, B. C. The above named interests will be sold by public auction to the highest bidder. GEO. GILMER.

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Little Dick's Mine.

How did I happen to become interested in mines? asked a well known mine owner in a group at the Hotel Spokane last evening after each of the others had told their story. Well it was all on account of little Dick. When pressed to tell the story he continued:

Dick was one of the most visionary persons I ever knew. Why that little fellow could see turkey tracks in the snow and be perfectly positive he had eaten a good, big Thanksgiving dinner. I met Dick rather unexpectedly, and under laughable circumstances. When the Siocan country first began to boom I concluded to visit Kaslo and it was in that, then booming cosmopolitan town, much more American than English, that I first met Dick. I had just started to go through the door of a saloon inward as he started to come out, and as you see I am quite a heavy person and he was the reverse, we came together forcibly and he went sprawling on the floor. He quickly regained his feet and asked my pardon. The situation was too ludicrous, I burst out laughing and invited him to have a drink. He accepted the invitation readily and poured out a drink of Canadian whiskey that would have swamped most men.

He inquired my name and when he found I might buy a good prospect he took me over in the corner to talk to me, so confidential, so full of self assurance, that even if I was sure he was lying to me I could not have disbelieved him. He was truly a character; scarcely five foot high. As he walked he threw out his chest and puffed himself out with an air of great importance. His head was always erect, with ears standing out from his head as though he heard some one invite him to have a drink, but was not quite sure of it. As he walked his arms swung gently back and forth held out at the shoulders so that they did not touch his cloths in the gentle oscillation. He talked to me of mines—the great prospect he had. He needed money to develope them and only wanted a gentleman in with him.

I admit he flattered me and made me believe I was the gentleman he wanted. He told me of the girls down in Spokane who were stuck on him, and after one of them, Katie, he had named his best mine. He talked so much about the 'Katie' that I finally consented to visit the great to be 'Katie' but was called back to Spokane rather unexpectedly. Dick bought tools and powder and hired men. The $500 was honestly spent in developement—there never was mineral enough on the claim to pay for the tools alone.

My first notice of the matter which almost in the same sentence, informing me of the worthlessness of the Katie, bristled all over with the wonderful wealth to be secured from his latest location, the 'Alice,' and like the 'Katie,' it was worthless. The Jessie was next and $500 more was sunk. Then for some time I heard nothing of little Dick.

One night—it was in the summer—I was sitting on the lawn with my wife and a number of neighbors, when I saw the most sorrowful looking object I ever saw. His clothing would indicate a tramp. but the walk, the very bearing of the individual bespoke a prince in manner and a millionaire in wealth. There could be no mistake in the person. I knew at once it was my partner, Dick. I invited him into the house, and from a handkerchief old with age and dirt, the ragged little fellow produced a piece of rock which he placed in my hands. His eyes sparkled and he showed all the actions of joy, for now he was sure he had found a truly rich mine—the hope, the object of all his life. It was beautiful quartz. When I had shown pleasure he informed me that it was on the Colville resevation and that he believed he was watched. He wanted me to go back with him, I readily consented, and the second morning we left for Marcus. The trip from there to the mine was a day and a half. He appeared nervous all the time and said he believed a half-breed, with whom he had trouble, was following us. We camped toward the second night at a spring, and from there we walked only a short distance to Dick's wonderful find. It was wonderful truly—the finest vein of quartz I ever saw. You could crush it with a hammer and pick out the nuggets; indeed I started to do this, an occupation so fascinating that when he went down to make camp I did not go with him. It seemed to me that he had scarcely left my side when I heard the crack of two rifles so close together that they sounded like one, I hastened down to the camp and there, half sitting and half lying on the saddle, with rifle in hand with a bullet hole through his heart, was the faithful little Dick, and scarcely a dozen rods away behind a fallen log, cold in death, lay the half-breed he feared. With revengeful spirit he had followed us. Dick's trained eye had detected him. Neither had been to quick for the other—both shots had counted.

A little mound of dirt and a stump with the name roughly carved upon it, in the heart of the Colville reservation, is all that marks the resting place of the faithful but visionary Dick. He had sought with a will, had hungered and toiled many a night, laying down with no pillow save a turf of grass, and no cover than the starry heaven. His life like that of hundreds of other prospectors had been devoted in determined search of the golden vein. He died with gladness in his heart for he supposed that he had struck a rich find, and unless the angels in heaven have whispered in his ear that it was only a pocket, he knows it not.

Pleasures of Prospecting.

"Its the prettiest work I ever did," said an old time prospector. "It's the fascinationof it when you've struck it pretty rich and you see your gold right in front of you, when you are piling it up every hour of the day, with a nugget now and then as big as a bullet to cheer you, and then when evening comes you find it worth hundreds of dollars, just picked out of the earth you know—well, I tell you there is nothing like it. Then when you don't strike it you can always think you are going to strike it next day; and it is just as exciting hearing the other men tell in the evening what they pulled out during the day as if it was your own. I've gone for months at a time without making a dollar, and without a cent in my pocket, but the excitement of the work don't give a man a chance to realize how hard up he is."

The mining boom at Cook's Inlet has played out and there are over 200 miners stranded in faraway Alaska, so says a recent dispatch. Not only have many of the men no means with which to get home but there is no way by which the majority of them can get home this winter. Wild stories of a great boom in that part of Alaska were told last winter, and this spring saw the fitting out of numerous expeditions for Cook's Inlet. The steamer Chehalis took 25 men from Puget Sound, and the schooners Ellwood and Prosper and sloop Mars also took parties from Seattle, Tacoma and Port Townsend. The boats there now cannot accommodate one quarter of the miners.

"It depends where the miners are along the shores of the inlet," said a man who belonged to the Alaska Commercial company's office. "If they have remained on the east side they can readily reach our trading posts at Kenai and there are two or three canneries on the Kenai and Kusilof rivers, but if they have gone up on the west side they are very likely to have a hard time unless they are provided with guns and ammunition.

Many men will undoubtedly find work on the Arrow lake extension of the C. P. R. line from Wigwam to Arrow lake The road branches off at Revelstoke.

That parasytical excrescence of Society, the "tin horn," like the crow, which scents out the carrion which it preys upon, is here at Revelstoke again. No sooner is a work of any magnitude commenced than these good for nothing loafers, who are too lazy to do any honest work, hie themselves to the place, wherever it may be, there to prey upon the earnings of the men who do the work. It is widely known that railway construction is to be carried on in this neighborhood for some months, and the tinhorn is among the first to put in an appearance. As yet he is not numerous, but what there is of him is very much in evidence. The police should give him his quietus now at the start.—Kootenay Mail.

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The Court House, Clinton, Tuesday 29th October, 1895.

The Court House, Lillooet, Friday 1st November, 1895. By order,

F. SOUES, Registrar County Court.

Clinton, August 14, 1895. aug. 17

Sittings of the County Court of Cariboo will be holden as follows, viz:

Richfield, Thursday, October 3rd., 1895
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ASHCROFT LOCAL NEWS

J. G. Collins is expected home from Calgary next week.

The B. X. Company received a car load of oats from the coast this week.

Miss French of Clinton, and Miss Bayliss of Chilcotin were down passengers on the last stage.

The ball at the town hall Monday evening was well attended and enjoyed by the young people.

The first load of supplies for the Quesnelle Gold Mining Company went forward yesterday in care of that prince of teamsters, Jack Gillis.

The crew of the work train stationed at Ashcroft are an exceptionally quiet and orderly lot of men and we shall be sorry to have them moved on.

Several heavily laden pack trains left for the upper country this week. One of Cataline's animals dropped dead just across the bridge on Monday.

Joseph Burr and James Newland have formed a solemn compact neyer to go out with a newspaper man again, and we have solemly pledged ourselves also to reform.

Mr. Wm. Boyd announces that his family consists of a "king full", three boys and two girls and Mr. Walter Shaw can beat him on the call, as he has four queens.

A dispatch says that D. McGillivray the Vancouver contractor, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the Arrow lake branch of the C. P. R. and that work will commence at once.

J. J. McKay and family returned last Tuesday from their trip to New Brunswick and other eastern points. They report having had a very pleasant time. The people of Ashcroft are glad to have them return.

Fonk Song Long, a prominent Chinese merchant from Quesnelle Forks, returned last week from a three weeks visit to Victoria, whither he had gone to purchase and lay in a winter's supply of goods for the Forks trade.

Mrs. and Miss Chenhall, of Clinton are visiting Mrs. Evans, of Ashcroft. Johnnie Tait, Mrs. Chenhall's grandchild, whose parents are both dead, has been brought up from Oroville to live with his relatives at Clinton.

Three more carloads of pipe for the Whittier gold fields concessions arrived and were unloaded by Mr. Higgenbottom this week, making 13 carloads which have been received here. We understand the pipe and fixtures will soon start north on freight wagons.

L. M. La Pointe, the cattle buyer of Vancouver, is stopping for a few days at Ashcroft buying and shipping cattle. He states that by paying fair prices and honorable dealing he is endeavoring to build up a business with the stock raisers of the vicinity. He will ship from Ashcroft tonight.

John Boyd of Cottonwood has purchased of John McLean the Occidental Hotel at Quesnelle. This favorite resort has been under lease to Perkins & Bowron for the past two years. It will be conducted in future by Boyd Bros., sons of John Boyd. They take possession the 1st of next month.

The farmers of the vicinity will be interested in learning that there has been a reduction of rates on hay, grain and vegetables from Ashcroft and other stations along the line to the Kootenay mining districts. Thomas A. Oliver, agent at Ashcroft will supply the tariff rates upon application.

If people like the salmon which are now running in the Thompson they should, after catching, carry them home and eat them, but they should not throw them up on the banks of the river to decay and befoul the atmosphere. We do not suppose the fish mind being killed but it is not nice to see them laying around.

The Lytton Orchestra will give a grand social ball in the town hall, Ashcroft, on the evening of Oct., 2nd, the second day of the fair. It is predicted that a large crowd of people will meet the Lytton Orchestra and dance away the evening. The Orchestra is reputed to be the best this side of Vancouver, and deserve a liberal gathering.

It is proposed to organize a quadrille club in Ashcroft and give dances every two weeks during the winter. The idea is a happy one and meets general approval.

Quite a snow fell on the higher levels night before last, and a consequence was quite a coolness in the atmosphere.

Mr. O'Hara's new residence on the Cariboo road is nearing completion. Saunders and Burgess are doing the carpenter work.

Eleven freight wagons loading at one time this week was a scene presented to the beholder on the streets. The stuff was all for Cariboo and up country points.

Professor Geo. W. Bloomfield, welter weight of British Columbia, will give a club swinging entertainment on the night of October 1st at the town hall, Ashcroft. They say he is a "swinger" from afar, and also a clever boxer.

On Wednesday, Sept., 18, 1895, at Clinton, B. C., by Rev. Turner, Mr. Wm. Clark and Mrs. Gillespie of Lac La Hache, were married. Their friends and acquaintances join in good wishes to the happy couple.

Phil Grinder, late proprietor of the Dog creek express and stage line, has sold out for a fair consideration, to Geo. Hurley, of Clinton, who will run it from now on. Mr. Hurley is well known and liked and we will predict, will give the west road people a good service.

From the size of the coal pile here it is inferred that the work train will be here for some time yet. The work along Ashcroft neighborhood has been of a very permanent and solid character. Where necessary, solid rock walls have been built and in many places heavy cedar cribbing has been laid, in the shape of bulkheads, and filled in with rock and gravel.

Mr. Andrew Walters has an elegant garden and orchard at the old mill and the apples and grapes are the best this office has sampled this year. So far we have had no visible evidence that any other rancher in this section raises any fruit at all, except the apples we received this week from Chimney creek. Mr. Walters sent a great many boxes up the Cariboo road.

The Chinaman who recently resisted arrest and was shot in the hip by Officer Bain near Beaver lake while endeavoring to escape, was this week tried at Clinton and sentenced to four years imprisonment for his offences, the first of which was house breaking. His wound is not serious but simply served the purpose of disabling him until the constable could disarm and capture him.

Doctor Sanson of Clinton, was down on Wednesday to meet a brother from Australia who comes to Clinton on a visit. The doctor says hunting and fishing are fair in the vicinity of Clinton but recommends the country around the 70-Mile House as the best field for duck shooting. The doctor admits that a few weeks ago he was a coal baron.

Some fellow who was mad himself because he was not on his way to get married, reversed the wheels on the buggy of a young couple going down to Clinton to have the matrimonial knot tied. It is said the couple drove from the 108 to the 83 before they found out that the large wheels of the buggy were in front. This, if so, verifies the old adage that "love is blind."

As good butter as is made anywhere in the Province is found along the Cariboo road. Many of the ranchers make a specialty of butter making and make a first class article. Among others, the Blue Tent, will compare favorably with any other make. We know whereof we speak for we have been supplied from the dairy of Mr. John Wright for the past three months and no better butter can be made than is sent out from this well known stopping place the 127.

Business on the C. P. R. is much better than a few weeks ago. It is said that in the city of Seattle the business of the C. P. R. is greater than that of the Great Northern and yet the latter is supposed to have been built in to Seattle with the especial intention of helping out that thriving city in its fight for life against the N. P. and its rival, Tacoma. The business of the Ashcroft office for the past six months is over $10,000 in excess of the corresponding six months of 1894 and this does not include the freight on large quantities of pipe and machinery shipped here from the east and prepaid.

The Dominion Mining company to whom the engine and dredger spoken of last week in the JOURNAL as having machinery at this place, have not yet decided what to do. There are four of the party waiting here at the present time and the machinery has not been unloaded.

PERSONAL.

Gen. Hay, a retired officer, formerly in command of a division of British troops in India, returned on Tuesday from a trip to the upper country taken for recreation. The general expressed himself as having had a pleasant time.

A. H. Brigham, a Californian and mining man of wide experience, returned on Tuesday from an extended trip through Cariboo. Mr. Brigham, says Cariboo will be a great gold producer, and that he is more than pleased with the showing made at the Forks and other places. He pronounces the Victoria company's property good and predicts a bright future for many hydraulic propositions on Quesnelle River. He will return in the early spring, and will, we trust, become permanently identified with the country.

Mr. James Haddock, Mrs. Haddock and Arthur Haddock returned Tuesday from a two week's outing, camping, hunting, fishing and enjoying themselves in general. They spent the most of their time in the vicinity of Pavillion mountain. A few chickens and grouse, four geese, plenty of fish and a fine lot of ducks were bagged. We can speak for the quality of the latter as can quite a number of families in town. While we cannot well spare Mr. Haddock from Ashcroft, if he will bring us as fine a brace of mallards as he did on his return, we will consent to his having another vacation in a reasonable length of time.

The JOURNAL acknowledges the receipt by down express, of a box of apples grown on Chimney creek about 20 miles from the 150-mile House, on the Isnardy ranch. The fruit is of excellent flavor, good size and will compare favorably with the apples of any country. A sample of those apples should surely be on exhibition at the Inland Fair at Ashcroft, to convince the unbelieving that such fruit can be grown at that altitude. We are also informed that tomatoes and other vegetables ripen and thrive in that locality. Dr. Hugh Watt of the 150-Mile House has our thanks for forwarding the fruit.

T. G. Holt, manager of the Victoria property at Quesnelle Forks, came down on Tuesday and went on to the coast in the evening. To the JOURNAL Mr Holt said that "work would have continued for some time on the Victoria company's claims but they could not work to advantage by reason of a lack of water, which is lower this season than for the past 20 years. The company has done considerable work the past season and prospected by hydraulicking to some extent, but were not able to get back as far on their ground as they hoped, earlier in the season, to be able to do. Work will be resumed by the company in the early spring." Mr. Holt stated that there was no misunderstanding of any consequence about the end lines of his company's ground, as has been stated. The general opinion among mining men seems to be that the Victoria company has some very valuable ground.

Mr. E. B. Herman, of the well known firm of Garden, Herman & Burwell, civil and mining engineers of Vancouver, returned on Tuesday from a summer's surveying and engineering work in the vicinity of Quesnelle Forks. Mr. Herman is one of the owners in the property recently purchased by Judge Fishback and associates of Seattle from J. M. Buxton. By reason of the length of time spent in the country and his means of securing information, he is well qualified to speak with authority of the mining outlook. He has visited and surveyed the Maud company's ground, the 23-Mile creek ground, run the ditch survey for the Pierson company on the north fork, for the Duck creek company and much other work in his line. He is thoroughly impressed with the wealth of Cariboo mines. He considers the Cariboo as great a mine as the world can show and incidentally spoke of the courtesy of the superintendent, Mr. J. B. Hobson, who, he says, on every occasion, does everything in his power to entertain and instruct mining men who visit that section. This, of itself, is no more than any mining man ought to do. Cariboo is in this respect, fortunate, as information on mining matters rightly sought is in nearly all cases courteously given. Mr. Herman expects to spend the next season at Quesnelle Forks, and in connection with other unfortunates who have to ride over the so-called road from the 150 to the Forks, registered the usual protest against its present condition, and the cry of the Forks people is, "Repair the road from the Forks to the 150-Mile House and make it not only passable, but good. Our business demands it.

A Query.

EDITOR JOURNAL: —Would you kindly state in your next issue the difference in the cost of constructing a telegraph line from Lillooet to Ashcroft, a distance of 63 miles, and in the construction of one from Lytton to Lillooet, a distance of 39½ miles? Yours, etc.,

"NEVER REST."

Editorial Comments.

Having located to a certainty the sea serpent in Bellingham Bay and the citizens of Whatcom having all agreed that he is actually in the bay, it is with a feeling of pride that the people of Kamloops can refer to the ghost, which now prowls around the city on the lake. Even a well known railroad engineer has added the weight of his assertion to that of the others who have seen his ghost ship and he declares he has "seen im."

The "World man on the wing" who recently discovered the Trail Creek mines, passed through Ashcroft en route home to Vancouver last week. Mr. Wilkeson is a great rustler and may decide to "discover" Cariboo yet this year.

The break in the price of silver which has been predicted in certain quarters for some time past has not arrived, but, on the contrary, the price has been very steady, and even shows some tendency to increase under the pressure of orders from the east. The demand for shipment is reported greater than for some months, especially for China and Japan, while the usual purchases for Indian account have been well maintained. Moreover, the new supply of the metal is evidently smaller than it was last year, as production has been reduced, not only in our own country, but from other important sources. The great Broken Hill mines, in Australia, to the condition of which we have heretofore referred, will apparently send out only a limited amount for some time to come, and it is doubtful whether their production will ever again reach the point at which it was maintained for several years prior to 1884. There is every indication that the price will not fall below the present figures, and that the tendency will be rather to higher ones.—Mining & Engineering World.

Of Kootenay, the B. C. Commercial Journal says:

It was, we think, a happy circumstance that Hon. Clarke Wallace, the controller of Dominion customs, should have been in the Kootenay country at this particular time. He admits that the province is the wealthiest in natural resources in the Dominion, while he further says he believes that an era of prosperity is setting in which "will make British Columbia the envy of the world." Now that he is upon the ground, he will be able to satisfy himself as to what changes in the fiscal policy are required, and admitting, as he claimed, that the present government at Ottawa is progressive, it will be for him to prove it by securing the adoption of the necessary orders in council or the passage of the legislation that the condition of the country require.

And the controller of Dominion customs said all that in spite of the fact that he had been in no other mining district in the province.

A rumor has lately been promulgated in the states that the Cleveland Administration was about to issue an other lot of bonds to pay salaries with. The feeling of all classes of people across the border is that Cleveland is drawing very near the danger line in his attempt to pose as a great reformer. The gold syndicate may have made Mr. Cleveland believe that it is right to pile up enormous indebtedness in time of profound peace, but there are great many people in the United States who now firmly believe that he gave himself as a tool to a combination which is preying on the institutions of that Government. Monometalism can never supercede bi-metalism by virture of right and the cutting off of silver as a money metal, by the U. S. government, can well be characterised as a crime against the Commonwealth.

A good many mining men are coming down, which makes it lively for the stage line, but also a great many people who intended to come out have determined to winter in Cariboo, and we commend their good intention. Cariboo is not a bad place to winter in by any means, and most men who decide to stay will have employment of some kind, either working for themselves or the various companies.

Freight Shipments.

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

Sept 14, Jean Caux, Quesnelle ... Forks	10,860
Sept 14, Owng Tai, Quesnelle Forks	8,600
Sept 16, A McRae, do do	17,800
Sept 16, S Tingley, 108 m h and way	16,400
Sept 17, A Foccault, Quesnelle.... and Soda Creek	9,380
Sept 19, W H Keatley, Lillooet	3,370
Sept 20, J D Gillis, Quesnelle	8,540
Sept 20, J Lenahan, Quesnelle	8,600
Sept 16, A McRae, Big Lake	1,954
Sept 17, J Gannon, Clinton	3,646
Sept 18, R Cummings, Lillooet	2,000
Sept 19, C Haddock, Clinton	3,000
Sept 20, R Walker, Quesnelle	7,000
Sept 20, R Walker, Soda Creek.... and Alexandria	5,000
	105,744

During the fair a series of foot races and athletic sports will take place. Professor Geo. W. Bloomfield who is also a sprinter, has agreed to run a foot race, provided a suitable purse can be raised. We are informed that the purse has been raised and that other sprinters will compete for it. These foot races will be quite an addition to the other attractions of the fair, as the men to engage are well known for their swiftness.

Moses Pigeon, a prominent rancher and stock raiser from Dog creek, is in town on business in connection with a sale of steers to Mr. La Pointe of Vancouver. Mr. Pigeon is one of the old timers in Cariboo and has one of the finest ranches on the west road. He will return home Monday.

The social which was advertised for last night came off in the town hall and was a very decided success. The entertainment which preceeded the lunch was unique and we must say some features of it were exceptionally interesting. Rev. Hunter surprised his friends and admirers by reciting a couple of numbers which took well with the audience. Rev. Turner told of an experience he had in Cariboo some years ago when attempting to boil ten pounds of rice in a two gallon pot! The choir sang and some instrumental music lengthened the programme to adequate proportions. The lunch served by the ladies was elegant and much credit is due the promoters for the pleasant manner in which the evening passed off.

The Kings and Queens.

The Queen of Hearts was making tarts,
The King, with awesome air,
And in a tone that shook his throne,
Said: "Cooking for the Fair?"

The Queen of Spades in black arrayed,
And driven by the King,
Drove down the track, around and back,
And speeded round the ring.

The Queen of Clubs, threw out her suds,
And curled her raven hair;
The King with glee said: "Come with me,
We'll visit Ashcroft Fair."

The Diamond Queen and King will sing,
The pack will all be there.
Come one, come all, this gleesome fall,
And celebrate our Fair.

Lac La Hache.

Practically no dry weather this week. The rain is excellent for fall ploughing.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan, of Bridge creek, were visiting their friends on Friday and Saturday last.

The Hamilton boys, on foot the other day, treed a lynx and shot him.

The horse racing enthusiasts are working hard to have the races a success on the 16th and 17th of October and we feel sure they will surpass anything that has taken place in that line in the valley or neighborhood. The programme for the first day contains a Colonial race, ½ mile, colt race, 600 yds. for colts under 4 years; Gentlemens saddle horse race, shooting match for turkeys.

For second day, Lac La Hache Derby, ½ mile; farmers purse, 400 yards; consolation race, 400 yards, Pony race, 300, yards; shooting match; also, athletic sports, 100 yards foot race open to all, 100 yards foot race, open to amateurs only; running hop, step and jump, standing jump, wheelbarrow race, &c.

The committee, Messrs. A. I. McKinlay, Isaac Ogden, T. C. Pennie and E. D. McKinlay, will spare no trouble nor exertions to make the races suitable to all competitors and enjoyable to the spectators. Be sure and note the date, 16th and 17th October.

The freight receipts at Ashcroft station for the week ending September 20, 1895, were 414,940 pounds.

NOTICE.

COURTS OF REVISION UNDER THE ASSESSMENT ACT FOR 1895.

Courts of Revision and Appeal under the provisions of the above act will be holden for Cariboo District at times and places as below, viz:

BARKERVILLE POLLING DIVISION—
Richfield Court House, Saturday, 12th October, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m.

LIGHTNING CREEK POLLING DIVISION—
Stanley, Monday, 14th October, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m.

QUESNELLE POLLING DIVISION—
Government Office, Quesnelle, Wednesday, 16th October, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m.

KEITHLEY CREEK POLLING DIVISION—
Mclnnis', Alexandria, Thursday, 17th October, 1895, at 11 o'clock a. m.; and at McLocse's, Soda Creek, Friday, 18th October, 1895, at 10 oclock a. m.

WILLIAM'S LAKE POLLING DIVISION—
150 Mile House, Saturday, 19th October, 1895, at 3 o'clock p. m.

JOHN BOWRON,
Judge Court Revision.

Richfield, 11th September, 1895. 19-21

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that I, James Young, have withdrawn from partnership with L. Saunders, the partnership having been known under the name of Saunders & Young. Each party to the partnership heretofore existing will jointly collect all accounts and pay all bills of the old firm. JAMES YOUNG.

Ashcroft, B. C., Sept. 20, 1895. 20-21

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NOTICE.

All persons having accounts against the late John Gordon who died at Clinton, B. C., Aug. 19, 1895, send in the same to J. M. McLuckie within thirty days of the date of this notice to P. O. Box 266, Vancouver B. C.

Dated this 23rd. day of August, 1895. 16-20

NOTICE.

An examination for efficiency in the practice of assaying, under section 12 of the "Bureau of Mines Act, 1895," will be held during the month of September.

For the ordinary certificates candidates will be required to pass in practical assaying for for gold, silver, lead (dry assay), copper and iron, and also to answer such ordinary questions relating to the practice of assaying as the examiners may think fit.

A fee of $10 is payable for the ordinary certificate.

For full particulars apply to the Minister of Mines, Victoria.

JAMES BAKER,
Minister of Mines.

28th August, 1895. 17-19

150-MILE HOUSE.

This is the great distributing point for the Horse Fly, Quesnelle Forks, Williams Lake, Chilcoten, Antler and Keathly creeks and points up the Cariboo road. There is a large newly built and furnished hotel, blacksmith shop, telegraph office, post office, etc. Doctor Hugh Watt is located at this point and does an extensive business, going many miles in every direction.

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We have this week added to our Stock of DRY GOODS and MEN' FURNISHINGS a Completely Assorted stock of

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1st. Running race for Colonial bred horses, one half mile, weight for age. Entrance fee $10, with $....added.....

2nd. Running race, Colonial bred horses, Quarter mile dash. Entrance fee $10, with $..... added.....

Thursday, Oct. 3, 95

3rd. Trotting race, Colonial bred horses, mile heats, best 2 in 3. Entrance fee $10 with $..... added.....

4th. Running race, open to all, half mile heats best 2 in 3. Entrance fee $10 with $..... added.....

5th. Saddle horse race, half mile dash. Entrance fee $5, with $....added.....

6th. Consolation race, half mile dash Entrance fee $5, with $..... added.....

Second horse to save entrance fee in all cases.

Indian horse races will be run each day after the regular program for which liberal purses will be offered.

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The management will spare no expense.

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