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A GLORIOUS CLIMATE.

Volumes have been written about the climates and health resorts of various countries, some of which, doubtless, are worthy the praise so lavishly bestowed upon them by the ever present reporter. In no mercenary spirit is the following written. It does not require an imaginative mind to relate facts, therefore a few paragraphs descriptive of the glorious climate of this portion of the Province will, it is hoped, be accepted as truth by readers, many of whom, probably, never have had the pleasure of an extended visit to Ashcroft.

Situate about two hundred miles east of Vancouver on the Canadian Pacific railway, in the heart of the Cascades, at an elevation of about 1,000 feet above sea level, Ashcroft stands as a sort of halfway hostelry between the Pacific ocean and the great prairie to the east of the Rocky mountains. Thus, it will be observed, its position is nearly midway between the two extremes of cold and wet of winter. To this advantageous location may be attributed its mild, dry and equable climate.

As a health resort it is comparatively little known outside of British Columbia, indeed, even within the Province this information is very limited. Only those who have had experimental proof of its health-giving properties are aware of the unsurpassed climatic conditions that exist here.

For want of fuller information touching the rejuvenating propensities of our atmosphere those in declining health have sought other resorts and climes afar. Thus it is as true of the health seeker as of the gold hunter who wanders into unknown regions in search of that which, through ignorance he failed to discover, yet in close proximity to well beaten trails and easy of access. Right at the doors of our large cities on the coast people have assuredly stumbled over a magnificent climate, unappreciative of its beauty and health restoring qualities.

The fact is that sufficient publicity has never been given of the unique scenery and abounding wealth of soil and climate that pertains to this section of the Province. Many thousands of dollars would be retained in the country and those annual migrations of climate hunters to foreign places of resort would cease if the large daily newspapers would devote a small portion of their columns to the dissemination of our own climatic resources. In this they would do well to imitate our more enterprising American cousins of the press.

There is an exodus of many British Columbians every winter to California that they may avoid the excessive rains of the coast, who could at much less expense and half the inconvenience find the object of their search in Ashcroft and vicinity. That this district is so easy of access to citizens of Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, Nanaimo and other places, seems to have blinded them as to the pleasure and recuperative properties which this dry, clear and sunby climate afford.

In every man's life there comes a time when the worn frame squeaks and wheezes, when a premonitory feeling of approaching dissolution seizes one, then it is he longs for a change of air and scene, and these, if rightly chosen, will benefit him more than all the pills and squills usually prescribed. To know where to go and how to get there are paramount questions for him to decide. Time and means are reduced to a minimum if he should make Ashcroft the Mecca of his health seeking pilgrimage.

A thousand hills and lordly peaks invite the tourist, the invalid and the explorer to participate in Nature's splendid endowment. The mountains are all easy of ascent as timber does not grow on them. What could be more exhhilarating than to be seated on the back of the nimble cayuse and scamper away over mountain and vale to the reverberating music of many waters leaping cascade and rapid?

Speaking non-professionally it is believed there is no climate in the world better adapted for pulmonic and catarrhal diseases, also for rheumatism, chronic dysentery, liver and intestinal derangements. A number of people here bear testimony of health restored through climatic efficacy, and at present several persons are here from distant parts of the earth for the benefit of health. All speak in terms of warm admiration of the climate and country. The rapidity with which persons acquire flesh is instanced by one man, who, out of sheer gratitude has now become a philanthropist, having increased his avoirdupois ten pounds in four days—in homely phrase, this climate inclines, or leans, to fatten.

The hotels are well conducted and the tables are provided with the best of home produced meats, vegetables and fruit. No finer potato is grown in any part of the globe, not even excepting the far famed Irish "murphies." No fair minded disciple of St. Patrick could make a derogatory comparison of our flowry tubers with those of the Emerald Isle.

One of the popular sports of winter is skating, but up to the present there has not been enough frost to make good ice. A curling club is one of the institutions of the town and devotees of the "roarin' game" are numbered with the more staid and prosperous of citizens. Some objection may be made to the cold here but assurance can be given that it is most invigorating and enjoyable, owing to its extreme dryness. No biting boreas to chill and shiver. Anyone unable to endure the few degrees of frost is over ripe for his ancestral boneyard.

As an abode for those who desire a healthy and agreeable climate the inducements are without rival in the Dominion. Electric light and an efficient water works leave nothing to be desired in these essentials of an up-to-date town. With water and air absolutely pure fevers cannot long exist; the subtle microbe has no home here and deadly bacteria are, as yet, an unknown quantity.

Real estate is now within the reach of the humblest purse though it is steadily advancing, and will continue to do so with the development of adjacent mines, building of the Cariboo railroad and the progress of agriculture. Social conditions are those of peace and good will—the prevailing characteristics those of friendship and equality. The least apprehensive mortal cannot fail to observe the rare conjunction of man's opportunity and the natural elements to make this an ideal winter resort. Whether sick or well, rich or poor, nature invites all to this feast of scenic grandeur and climatic beauty. Those who have been in the dripping moisture at the coast for the past two or three months the inducement is standing for them to "come up out of the rain." A month's sojourn here would prolong the lease of life to all who may give it a trial.

SODA CREEK BALL.

Soda Creek presented a very gala appearance on the evening of the 12th, it being the occasion of the Bachelor's Ball. As the sleighs drove in, loaded with the invited guests from the 150-Mile House, Quesnelle and outlying points, they were greeted with loud cheers.

The feeling of chilliness due to the long drive was soon dispelled by the warm and hospitable welcome given to each and all by the bachelors, Messrs. Bowran, Hodge, Power, Dunlevy, Dupont and Resbach and the patronesses, Mrs, Adams and Miss McLeese.

Shortly after 8 p.m. the gentlemen escorted the fair daughters of Eve to the dancing rooms. These rooms were very prettily decorated with evergreens, bunting and flags and lighted up with Chinese lanterns. By 8.30 p.m. the enlivening strains of the violin floated out and dancing began under the able management of Mr. E. Bowran. The dances followed each other with no tiresome pauses, and they tripped the light fantastic until midnight when supper was served in the dining room by Miss McLeese. Too much cannot be said in praise of the dainty repast which was served on small tables in perfect bowers of green. Appetites, quickened by healthful frolic did justice to the tempting dishes, while merry talk and charming laughter made it one scene of happiness. Supper over, dancing was continued until the wee sma' hours.

Bp Saturday eve all parties had become well acquainted and another very joyous evening was spent until midnight when lunch was served. Toasts were drunk to the Queen, the bachelors of Soda Creek, the ladies etc. A hearty rendering of "They are jolly good fellows" and "God Save The Queen" closed one of the most pleasant gatherings ever held in Cariboo. A feeling of joviality and good fellowship pervaded the place throughout and we hope that the bachelors of Soda Creek will open their hearts to entertain again at some future date, for they are very jolly good fellows.

The Inland Cigar Factory at Kamloops is a busy place. About 25 hands are employed in all, 16 of these being cigar makers and the rest strippers and helpers. At the Kamloops factory all employees receive their pay every Saturday night and as it is then past banking hours the results are that on Monday very few of the boys swell their accounts much. It is one of the very best factories in the Province and the earnings of the factory nearly all being spent in the city adds considerably to its prosperity. The men employed are a well informed lot, they work by the piece and are about as independent as printers, often changing locations on short notice or perhaps none at all.

It is reported that the creditors of the well known firm of Eagle & Paxton, of the Onward ranch, Cariboo, have forced an assignment of their property for their benefit. It is believed that with proper handling there is much more than enough property owned by the firm to pay off all obligations in full.

Mr. E. Carew Gibson, of the Cariboo Trading Co., is doing good work in strongly urging personally in Victoria upon our legislators the necessity for a bridge across the Fraser river at Chimney creek. It is much needed and will accommodate several hundreds of ranchers and settlers in the Chilcoten country.

STUART'S LAKE ROAD.

J. E. Knight, Esq., Secretary Stuart's Lake Road Committee, Ashcroft.

Vancouver, 12th Jan., 1900.

Dear Sir,—With further reference to your favor of 25th December, which was laid before the regular monthly meeting of this board held on the 9th inst., I enclose excerpt from the minutes dealing with the matter.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM STEIN,
Secretary Vancouver Board of Trade.

VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE.

Excerpt from minutes of meeting held on the 9th of January, 1900.

Resolved, that this board, having heard the report of the standing committee on trade and commerce, do hereby adopt the same, and that the secretary be instructed to forward a copy of the report to the Provincial Government officials at Victoria and to the members for this city.

"Your committee, having carefully considered the question of building a wagon road into the Omineca country, respectfully beg to report that in their opinion it would be desirable for the Provincial Government to have both the routes in question, viz: Via Quesnelle and via Hazelton carefully gone over and surveyed before committing itself to either route.

From the evidence laid before your committee, it is quite apparent that each road has certain specific advantages over the other.

The advantage of the Hazelton route is, that the long water carriage from Vancouver to Hazelton reduces very materially the cost of getting supplies into the Omineca country, the distance over which the goods require to be packed from Hazelton to Omineca being much shorter than by the other route. The disadvantage of this route as reported to your committee is the impossibility of getting up the Skeena river to Hazelton during the winter months.

The advantages of the Ashcroft route are that the road opens up rich grazing and mineral country for the whole length of its construction, any part of the road which is built opening up that section of the country for settlement, while the Hazelton route is merely the means of reaching the objective point — Omineca. Another advantage the Ashcroft route has, is that goods ordered in the fall can be packed in during the winter months, so that they are at the mines in time to commence work whenever the season opens, which is not possible by the Hazelton route. The disadvantage of this route is the greater expense as compared with the other, owing to the long distance for which goods have to be packed."

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: Since last issue of the JOURNAL I have received for the Stuart's Lake road fund $5 from McMaster & Bever and $5 from Hofercamp & Johnston, making total received $40. J. E. KNIGHT,
Secretary.

F. W. Foster appeared before the Victoria Board of Trade last week and ably presented to the board the necessity of the Stuart's lake road, also urging it to give this road support. Victoria appears to have the mistaken idea that the building of this road will divert the trade to eastern cities. This is hardly the case. Eastern Canada will do no more of the Omineca trade when the road is built than it is now doing, but if the proposed road from Edmonton into Omineca is constructed, it is reasonable to suppose that will be the case. Coast cities are now doing and will continue to do the Cariboo and Omineca trade, and it will be their fault if they lose it. Miners, hotelkeepers and dealers generally in Cariboo prefer to buy on the coast, and have always been good customers of Victoria and Vancouver, and now that there is an opportunity to have something done to advance the interests of the northern interior the coast cities should rise to the occasion and help us out.

The evidence of Col. Wright, manager, of the 43rd Mining and Milling Co., that the route via Stuart's Lake is the best to the Omineca, offers the best of reasons why this road should be built in preference to the Hazelton route. Col. Wright has operated in Omineca for the last three years and after testing both routes unmistakably favors the Stuart's Lake road and has taken all his supplies in this way, in spite of the fact that the Hazelton route is the cheapest. Water carriage is much cheaper than teams; but of what earthly use is it in the Omineca country if by waiting for the season when the water carriage is available much valuable time is wasted at the mines? Probably the greatest drawback to operating in Omineca is the short season and to still further shorten it by failure to build the road that gives the longest possible season, is to defeat the end in view.

We do not know what detailed knowledge of the different routes the Government is possessed of, but as we have already mentioned, no greater proof of the advantage of the Stuart's Lake route can be given than that instanced by the 43rd Mining and Milling Co. Their aim is to get into the country in the most profitable manner possible and did the Hazelton route do this they would advocate the building of the road that way.

Already the material for the Dawson-Quesnelle telegraph line is on the way to Ashcroft and, we understand, negotiations are going on between the Dominion and Provincial Governments to build the line in connection with the road as far as practicable.

The late decision by the Vancouver Board of Trade does not touch upon the difficulties of navigating the Skeena river during the summer season, yet we believe two trips a year is all that can be made under the most favorable circumstances. What position would a mining company be in that was waiting at Omineca for supplies shipped by this route? They would know when they left Vancouver or Victoria but that is the last trace they could have of them until they arrived at Omineca, too late for that season's use. It is not a question of which route can be opened the cheapest, but a question of which affords the most practicable route to carry on the trade, and the opening up of the country.

We respectfully submit the Vancouver Board of Trade should have given its unqualified support to the Stuart's Lake road.

A. W. Smith's, M.P.P., Speech.

Extract from the speech of A. W. Smith, of West Lillooet, in reply to the address from the throne:

"The government had indicated an intention to provide a road through the Kitimaat valley, and as he was always in favor of and in accord with any government policy that aimed to give access to the country to miners and settlers, and thus promote the settlement and the development of the country, he would probably support the government in this measure. He might say that he did not know very much of the particular section of the country which it was proposed to benefit, but he presumed that the government had secured and would lay before the house such information as to the extent and resources of that country as would justify the step they had indicated an intention of asking the house to take.

Of the road to Omineca, he was aware that the character of the country to be penetrated was such as to justify the expectation of large and important development and a considerable increase of industrial population. Large amounts of money were involved in the construction of these two roads, and while he was not prepared to say that they were not roads that should be built, he hoped that in consideration of the necessities of the country the government would be prepared to make the necessary appropriations to permit of short lines of communication being opened up throughout the interior, to facilitate the opening up of the mines by giving ingress to miners and machinery, and also the taking up of land by agricultural settlers who in the absence of these most necessary short lines were prevented to a very appreciable extent from opening up the country. (Hear, hear.)

If while providing for such roads as those referred to in His Honor's speech, involving large expenditures of public money, the government would not neglect the less expensive but equally, if not more important, short lines to which he had referred, they would show themselves alive to the best interests of the country, and in so doing would have his sympathy and active support. (Applause.) It was only by intelligent appreciation of the small wants of the country, as well as the large, that a government showed itself alive in the fullest and best sense to the responsibilities and duties of its position.

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Still dealing with the subject of mining, the member directed the attention of the house to the effect of the repeal last session of section 8 of the Placer Mining Act; nothing being substituted. This section had provided explicit penalties for mining without first taking out a free miner's certificate, and the result had been as he had anticipated, that a very large number of Chinese and other aliens had done mining all through the past season without the contribution of one cent of revenue to the province. The government could not plead ignorance of the probable effect of this repeal of section 8, for when the matter was under consideration by the house last session, he had crossed the floor of the house and explained to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Mines the effect that the cancellation would necessarily have unless a portion at least was re-enacted.

E. G. Prior & Co., of Kamloops, are filling many orders for farm machinery along the Cariboo road, in Chilcoten and around Ashcroft. Their prompt response to all orders sent them is one of the pleasant features in dealing with them.

The proudest man in town is C. B Deans. He is not attentive to business this week as a little son has arrived at his home.

A song service will be held in the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening.

BARKERVILLE.

At the present time, Jan. 12th, there only about 18 inches of snow in this vicinity and more snow is one of our demands.

Mr. Hamshaw is sinking and drifting for the old channel on Summit Creek and has good hopes of striking rich gravel within the season.

On Coffee Creek, Cochran and Co. are drifting up stream from the bottom of a 46-foot shaft and are in good gravel, a six foot deposit that is said to average 10 cents per pan having been struck on the rim of the creek. It is expected that the bedrock will be rich in gold.

On Stewart, Creek Messrs. Cockel, Melanes and Johnson did well last season and have good ground that they are drifting on, besides having a large amount of gravel in sight. Jack Pinkerton is at work on a bench between the two creeks.

At Mr. Laird's, on Willow River, work has been started pumping out the old workings and it is sincerely hoped in this section that the work may be successful in opening the old bed of Willow River, which is well known, from Mr. Laird's prospecting, to be rich.

On the China claim, owned by the company represented by Mr. Thompson, across the creek and a mile below Stanley, a drift has been run by J. Wendle and men, 145 feet at last report and no bedrock yet. The claim will be worked hydraulically and is beyond question a valuable one.

The Pleasant Valley Discovery claim owned by Messrs. Tagart, Campbell and Kelly, had trouble with a sliding ditch last season and returned between thirty and forty ounces. There is, however, believed to be a good future for this property when opened up properly.

On Lightning Creek, near the Wing Dam, Harry Jones is now drifting for the old channel. Water is causing trouble owing to defective machinery but work is steadily progressing and it is strongly hoped that good gravel will be encountered before many more weeks. The company have done a great deal of work and if they are as successful as it is hoped they will be, they will have a large tract of very valuable ground.

There is talk of Peters Creek being opened up next season. Good results were obtained from Dragon Creek. On Antler much work will be done next season and several other producing properties will be worked on a larger scale than ever before. There are many properties in this section that would, without doubt, prove valuable if proper capital were forthcoming to open them up in good shape.

James Smith, R. D. Moss, Angus McPherson and S. C. Weeks have, through the efforts of Mr. Weeks, who has just returned from a three months' trip to Lancaster, Ont., succeeded in organizing a company to do development work on Two-Bit Creek and other properties near Barkerville. The leading man in the eastern syndicate is Mr. D. M. McPherson, the cheese king of Lancaster, and he has associated with him some Montreal capitalists that will furnish all necessary capital to properly develop the properties above mentioned. The properties are very favorably spoken of by Cariboo miners and the adding of a company to operate in the above section is a fortunate thing for Cariboo in general.

One On Wiggins.

TO THE EDITOR.—The prophecies about the weather reminds one of a story about a weather prophet in the lower provinces.

Professor Wiggins was about leaving by stage coach for another point, when a man loafing about with his hands in his pockets casually remarked, "We're going to have rain today!" The sky was clear and there were no indications of any change and the party quickly laughed at the idea. Before night came sure enough it did rain. Mr. Wiggins saw he must go back and find out how the fellow knew it was going to rain. He went back and found the man next day in the same place and attitude. "I would like to know" said Wiggins, "how you knew it was going to rain yesterday." "That's my business," replied the loafer. Wiggins said he would make it worth his while to tell him, and handed him a $5 bill. The man examined it carefully, put it in his pocket and said: "There's a galoot of a fellow called Wiggins down to Halifax that publishes an almanac, when he says its going to be fine weather you may be sure its going to rain."

OUMTUX.

The Imperial Brewery, under the the management of E. W. Pearse, is making a decided success. The beer manufactured is said by judges of the product to be equal to any made in the Province. There should be a good sale of Kamloops beer in the sections tributary to Ashcroft as the freight rate is somewhat less than from the coast and more prompt shipments can be made.

The Rev. Laidley was taken to Vancouver this morning in care of his devoted wife and Mr. J. B. Bryson. Mr. Laidley is a very sick man and it is supposed a serious operation must be performed before relief can be expected.

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The Arrastra And Its Use.

In small mines, or in opening new mines, where it is not advisable to put in expensive machinery, there is often need of some cheap and simple device *which can be employed in working the* ore until its values are thoroughly tested, or until a stage of development has been reached which will warrant the exploitation of the deposit on a more extensive scale. One of the most efficient devices of this kind which has been employed in our Western mines is the old Spanish arrastra, which has been for many generations in use in Mexico, and South America, and which the early California miners adopted from their Mexican neighbors. The arrastra is a simple device and in most cases can be constructed from material which can be obtained on the spot or without great difficulty; it is a very close saver of gold; it can be operated by animal power if no other is at hand; and it involves only a very small expenditure for construction and operation. It is true that it is somewhat slow in working, but where the quantities to be handled are comparatively small this is only a minor deffect, and is fully compensated for by its other advantages. Its use is and should be generally confined to free-milling ores or those containing only small proportions of pyrites. For outcrop or decomposed surface ores it is generally a most appropriate and convenient device.

In its simpler form—which is also generally the best—the arrastra consists of a shallow circular bed which is paved with very closely set blocks of hard stone. A post is set in the center, usually upon a raised block, and is supported at the top by a rough timber frame in such a way that it is free to revolve. This post carries one or more arms to which drags are connected by chains. One of the arms extends beyond the outer circle of the bed, and to this the motive power can be attached. This power is most usually in the Southwest a mule or burro; in Mexico and Central America one or more peons or Indians are often substituted for the four-legged engine.

The stone bed of the arrastra is usually laid upon a foundation composed of a layer of clay or soil beaten down as hard as possible; where it can be had concrete can be advantageously used for the bed. It should project 2 feet or so outside of the arrastra floor all around in order to prevent any quicksilver which may escape from soaking into the soft earth. Around the bed there must be a curb or wall to prevent the pulp from escaping; this may be of stone or wood as is most convenient. Sometimes the bed of the arrastra is sunk below the surface, and in that case the curb may be simply earth rammed hard. Probably the most satisfactory curb is made of wooden staves. The height will vary from 18 in. to 4 ft., or perhaps more, according to the size and the quantity which it is proposed to treat. The bed should be made of blocks of hard stone fitted together as carefully as possible and evenly laid. The larger the stones the better, as there will be less joints to make. The joints should be filled in with cement where it can be had, or with good hard sand well rammed in. The choice of stone will in most cases be determined by the neighborhood. Granite and quartzite are generally considered good. If possible it is better to have a stone that will not wear smooth by friction but will retain its roughness of surface, as the efficiency of the grinding is less when the stones are worn smooth.

In the more elaborate machines the central post is shod at the bottom with iron and carries an iron pin. A cast-iron shoe may be used as a support and an iron bearing also at the top. While these are to be preferred, of course, they are not indispensable and good work has been done with wooden shoes and bearings, which can be worked out very fairly with ordinary tools. The number of arms carried by the post will depend upon the size of the arrastra and the power used. Where a mule is the operator a plain arm to the end of which he can be attached is all that is required. In more elaborate constructions the central post may carry a bevel gear at the top which will mesh with a pinion carried on a shaft driven either be a water wheel or by a steam engine.

The drag-stones or grinders are attached to the arms which project from the post. They are usually stones as large as can be procured, and are of the same materials as the bed stone. The face must be flat and the stone itsself should be nearly flat also and a little wider on the face than on the back, so as to avoid any tendency to turn over while running. Two eye-bolts are secured in the top of the dragstones, either leaded in or screwed into wooden plugs driven into holes made in the stone. Chains or rawhide ropes extend from these eye-bolts to the arms, and should be so arranged that their length can be varied as found necessary. The general custom is to make one of the ropes or chains a little longer than the other, so that the front of the drag-stone forms an angle with a radius *drawn from the center of the arrastra.* The object of this is to secure a better turning over and mixing of the pulp. The stone is so hung that the front end is raised a little from the bottom; if it rested flat it would have a tendency to push aside the particles of quartz instead of drawing them underneath and grinding them. The number of drag-stones varies; in a small machine only two may be used, and sometimes the number is as high as eight, but four is probably the most usual number. A drag-stone 200 lbs. in weight is about the smallest that should be used, and stones of 600 or 700 lbs. each are not uncommon. The diameter of the arrastra, of course varies, 8 feet being about the smallest, while 12 ft, is quite common, and they are sometimes built up to 20 ft. in diameter. For a 12-ft. arrastra the width of the pavement or grinding bed would be 4 ft. or a little over. The number of revolutions where mule power is used is about six per minute; where water power or steam is available they may be run up to about 12 a minute.

After an arrastra has been built it should be run for several days on barren quartz or sand until the running is comparatively smooth, and the cracks in the floor have been well filled up. After it is ready for use the ore is charged in, the quantity varying with the size of the machine, the hardness of the ore, and the fineness to which it has already been broken. Where a rock-breaker is available it will, of course, be used, but where the stone must be broken up by the hammer it will naturally be turned over to the machine in larger pieces. In Mexico the ore for the arrastra is usually picked over very carefully by hand before breaking, in order that as little barren rock as possible may be charged. A usual charge is broken ore sufficient to form a bed one and a half or two inches deep all over the floor. This is spread uniformly over the bed, damped down with water, and the drags started. After the ore has been ground fairly fine, water enough is added to make it rather a stiff paste. When it has been well mixed quicksilver is thrown in; generally sprinkled over the surface of the pulp as uniformly as possible. One accepted way of doing this is to squeeze the quicksilver through a piece of fine canvas, breaking it up into globules. The quantity used is generally about three times that of the gold or silver supposed to be in the ore. It is a very common practice to put it in gradually in small quantities, taking out samples of the pulp from time to time, and panning them out in order to ascertain whether any amalgam is forming. The experienced miner will readily see from the result of this panning whether it is best to add any more quicksilver. The consistency of the pulp is an important point; it should be thin enough to allow the drags to work through it easily and smoothly, but not so thin that the quicksilver will sink to the bottom and collect in the depressions of the bed, where it would do little or no good.

The arrastra is a fine grinder and amalgamator, and does its work well if allowed sufficient time, but it cannot be pushed or hurried. For this reason it is not adapted for large plants where great quantities of ore are to be worked, nor is it suitable for very low grade ores, as its operations are too slow to make such ores yield a profit.

When the amalgamation is considered complete the pulp is drawn off. Arrangements are usually made for this by making gates or openings in the curb; generally there are several at different levels, all discharging into a sluice-box. Water is run in to thin the pulp and wash out the ground ore. As a rule most of the amalgam remains on the bottom of the arrastra; but if the gold is fine the sluice-box should be provided with amalgamated copper plates, or with riffles. Where there are sulphurets in the ore which it is desirable to save, blankets may be used. When the pulp has all been drawn off a new charge is introduced, and the operation begun again. The time required for working one charge varies very much according to the nature of the ore and other considerations; probably from six to twelve hours will be the limit, and the quantity of ore worked will also vary from the same causes.

A partial clean-up is made every week or two, when the arrastra is cleaned out, its contents being removed as closely as possible by scoops and stiff brushes; no attempt, however, is made to scrape out amalgam which may have worked its way down into the cracks, this being left for a general clean-up. The material collected is washed out in pans or a cradle in the usual way to separate the amalgam, and also to recover any sulphurets or other material which it may be thought best to save.

A general clean up is usually made only when the stones of the bed or floor are so far worn out that they have to be replaced. When this is done the stones are taken up, carefully scraped and cleaned to save any particles of amalgam which may adhere to them. The sand on which the stones were laid is carefully panned out, and frequently the hard earth or clay bed is scraped off, and the upper part washed. A new pavement is then put down if work is to be continued. The length of time which a pavement will last is very variable, as may be supposed. It depends on the nature of the stone of which the bed and the drags are made, the nature of the ore ground, and some minor considerations. It may happen sometimes that where a prospector has been engaged in the work the machine may be abandoned altogether. In that case there is at least the satisfaction of knowing *that no very heavy expense has been* incurred in setting up the machine. Time and labor have been lost, of course, but no considerable amount of money.

Many attempts have been made to improve upon the arrastra to increase its speed and to make it a more modern machine in appearance. If old miners are to be believed, these attempts to modernize the machine have not been improvements, and more efficient work can be done with the old style stone bed than with any of the so-called improvements. Possibly this is true, for although many of the principles of the arrastra have been embodied in improved machines, the original device was specially adapted to the condition under which it was used. It has been improved somewhat by the experience of centuries, while retaining the same general character and form which it originally had, and in all probability it will always have a place in mining which can be filled in no other way.

British Columbia Goldfields.

The Colonial Gold Fields Gazette says:—With regard to the British Columbia mining industry, a retrospect of the year's progress is far from encouraging. The prospect of a revival of interest in this industry among English investors has been completely spoiled by the mischievous legislation of the Semlin Government which came into office last year. The Eight Hours Labor Law has stirred up discord between employers and employed, and in some districts, notably the Slocan, mining operations have been suspended as a result of the Act. The motives which prompted the introduction of this measure are best known to Mr. Semlin and his colleagues, but it is a notorious fact that there was no demand for legislative interference between the miners and the mining companies, and that the law has worked untold harm to the mining industry. Locally its effects on trade have been disastrous, and it is impossible to estimate the lasting mischief it has made by shaking the confidence of American, Canadian and English investors. It is to be hoped that the law will soon be repealed, and that capital and labor will once more be able to work in harmony. The Alien Law was conceived in a dog-in-the-manger spirit, and has not only inflicted a severe blow to the trade of Victoria and Vancouver, but has greatly retarded the development of the Atlin goldfields. Incidently, too, the measure, aimed as it was against Americans, was responsible in some degree for the unbending attitude of the United States on the Alaska boundary question. The policy embodied in the popular phrase, "Let 'em all come," is that best suited to the development of a new mining country, provided that the "aliens" are law-abiding and industrious. No exception could be taken to the American miner's in either of these respects, and their exclusion from British Columbian soil has done the Province more harm than good.

Although the mining industry has but little to thank the British Columbia Government for, private enterprise has not been idle. Additional railways and smelters have been provided in the more promising districts, and the cost of shipping and smelting the ore has thereby been considerably reduced. The opening of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway early in the year was the most important event in 1899, and smelting charges have been reduced to a minimum as a result of the cheapness with which coke can now be conveyed from Fernie and other points to the principal smelting works. Ore, which formerly could only be treated at a loss, can now, thanks to the opening of the railway, be made to yield a handsome profit. Another railway which will greatly facilitate mining operations is that which is being built in the Boundary country. This district is one of the most promising in the Province and its immense bodies of fair grade ore will sensibly swell the gold output in the near future. Although no statistics are as yet available concerning the output of the precious metal for the year, it is at least gratifying to note that, so far as Rossland is concerned great activity is being employed in opening up mines. Happily the labor troubles, rampant in other camps, have not spread to Rossland and we find that the total quantity of ore shipped from the mines around that town for the eleven months and twenty days ending November 20th, was 155,000 tons, valued at about $2,635,000. Of this output the Le Roi has shipped about 81,000 tons, the War Eagle 55,000 tons, the Center Star 12,000 tons, and the Iron Mask 5,000 tons. The total shipments for the year will probably amount to about 185,000 tons. The official return for 1898 was 111,282 tons, so that the output from the Rossland mines for the current year will exceed by 73,700 tons, or over 66 per cent., the output from the same mines in the previous year. So far as ore tonnage is concerned, this is a satisfactory record of progress, but it remains to be seen what the smelter returns will show as to value.

The Atlin district, despite the extraordinary muddle over mining titles, is fully maintaining its early promise. As a result of the year's operations, duty has been paid on 26,500 ounces of gold, a result which is more than satisfactory for a young goldfield which has had to combat official blundering. The visit of the Lieut.-Governor to the Atlin goldfields, and his favorable report on their prospects, did much to restore confidence in the district, and as the climate is healthy and mining conditions are not arduous, Atlin seems destined to take a permanent place as a contributor to the gold output of the Province. The Yukon goldfields are *not within British Columbian territory,* but it is permissible here to say a passing word on the prospects of this field. The Yukon has survived the prejudice created by the exaggerated stories with which it was introduced to the investing public, and has now settled down into a sober, well regulated, and industrious mining camp. Of the numerous companies floated with English capital but few have been successful, but those which have survived are operating successfully, and, although it is too early to predict the permanence of these northern fields, it is now known that the gold exists in situ as well as in the form of alluvial, and it is within the range of probability that the Yukon Territory has a future before it as a quartz mining district. Meanwhile, however, improved methods of winning the gold from the frozen gravel are being brought into use, and steam thawing has been resorted to with successful results. The discovery of large copper lodes in the neighborhood of the White Horse rapids is an important event of the year. Dawson City has been placed in telegraphic communication with the coast, and the most difficult portion of the route to the goldfields has been circumvented by the construction of the White Pass and Yukon railway. Dawson is, therefore, no longer the isolated city of two years ago, and the large sums of money which have been voted by the Dominion Government towards opening up the country suggest that those who know the district are satisfied as to its permanence as a gold producer.

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"It isn't unusual on large clocks to see projecting from the base of the long pointer and in line with it a rod with a ball at the end, this rod being perhaps a third as long as the big pointer. This rod and ball act as a counterweight for the big pointer, which, without a counterweight, would in its movement around the dial bear unevenly upon the arbor or shaft which carries it. On great clocks and often on big timepieces indoors this counterpoise is placed inside the dial out of sight on the arbor.

"The heavier the pointer the greater the weight required in the counterpoise; the greater the weight the more friction on the arbor, and the more friction the greater the power required to drive the clock. By the use of aluminium pointers these drawbacks are reduced to a minimum."—Washington Star.

It Shrunk.

There is a learned man in Michigan who would rather have a rare specimen from the animal, vegetable or mineral kingdom than a high political office. Working for him is a sympathetic son of Erin who professes as much interest as though he knew all about these things, a bit of shrewdness that nets him many favors. The other day he went rushing to his employer with a letter stating that it was from his brother Mike, a coal miner in Ohio, telling how they had dug out a serpent turned to stone 50 feet long and as thick as a barrel.

The savant never stopped to read. He took the first train and reached the little mining town by the shortest route. The next evening he was back and only grunted when his eager employee greeted him.

"Did yex find the schnake?" ventured his man.

"Yes. The snake in the case is that brother of yours. He's the greatest liar unhung. His serpent 50 feet long and as thick as a barrel was the petrified root of a tree 13 inches in length and half an inch in diameter."

"There's no loirs av our name, sor. It must be the thing shrunk, sor, after they put it in the sun."—Detroit Free Press.

Lincoln's History of Himself.

"In the papers of the late Charles Lanman," says the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record, "there is an autobiography of Mr. Lincoln written in his own hand. Mr. Lanman was editor of The Congressional Directory at the time Mr. Lincoln was elected to congress and, according to the regular custom, forwarded to him as well as to all other members elect a blank to be filled out with facts and dates which might be made the basis for a biographical sketch in The Directory. Mr. Lincoln's blank was returned promptly, filled up in his own handwriting with the following information:

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He Needed a Shave.

He had been out so late the night before that he did not know at what hour he had come home. When he awoke, he was curious to learn just how "rocky" he looked. He accordingly reached out for the silver backed hand mirror that lay on the table beside his bed.

Instead of the mirror he got hold of the silver backed hairbrush. Not recognizing his mistake, he took the brush up and gazed at the bristles for a moment. Then he felt of the silver back and then stared back at the bristles.

"Good heavens," he murmured at last, "but I need a shave!"—San Francisco Argonaut.

South American Revolutions.

Whenever the South Americans desire a change of administration they hoist a flag on a pole and march into the main street of the city. If the crowd becomes too formidable to be overcome by a military demonstration, the administration capitulates, and the outs take the place of the ins. It is often the only way of changing the administration, because the ins have the military and can carry elections to suit themselves.—Baltimore American.

The Old Man's Retort.

"You don't have any ruins in this blawsted country," said the British scion to his future father-in-law.

"No," said the old man, "we don't. And you won't have any left in England if your noble army of titled paupers can marry enough rich Yankee girls to put new roofs on your old castles."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Her Way of Getting It.

Wife (earnestly)—George, dear, I have prayed so fervently of late for a tailor made gown that I feel it would be flying in the face of Providence not to go and get measured at once.—Brooklyn Life.

Also Anxious About It.

"I would like to know," said the gruff old father to the young man who had been calling with considerable frequency, "whether you are going to marry my daughter?"

"So would I," answered the diffident young man. "Would you mind asking her?"—Chicago Post.

Accounting For the Shortage.

"Brimble seems to have a good deal more money than brains."

"Yes. All he inherited from his father was the money."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Quicksands Hidden Under Clay.

Curious but dangerous freaks of nature frequently found in the deserts of Arizona are called sumideros by the Mexicans and Indians. They are masked pitfalls of quicksand that occur in the dry plains and are covered with a treacherous crust of clay that has been spread over them in fine particles by the wind and baked dry by the sun.

The peculiar properties of the soil retain all the moisture drained into them after the infrequent rains and allow it to be filtered to unknown depths, so that a man or a horse or a cow or a sheep that once steps upon that deceptive crust instantly sinks out of sight beyond hope of rescue. The sumideros are on a level with the surface of the desert. There is no danger signal to mark them, and their surface cannot be distinguished by the ordinary eye from the hard clay that surrounds them. They occur most frequently in the alkali covered flats and are often 15 or 20 feet in diameter. Sometimes they are only little pockets or wells that a man can leap across, but the longest pole has never found their bottom. A stone thrown through the crust sinks to unknown depths, and no man who ever fell into one of them was rescued. They account for the mysterious disappearance of many men and cattle.

Four Courtship Sundays.

The four Sundays of November are observed as fete days in Holland. They are known by the curious names Review, Decision, Purchase and Possession and all refer to matrimonial affairs, November in Holland being the month par excellence devoted to courtship and marriage, probably because the agricultural occupations of the year are over and possibly because the lords of creation from quite remote antiquity have recognized the pleasantness of having wives to cook and cater for them during the long winter.

On Review Sunday everybody goes to church, and after service there is a church parade in every village, when the youths and maidens gaze upon each other, but forbear to speak.

On Decision Sunday each bachelor who is seeking a wife approaches the maiden of his choice with a ceremonious bow and from her manner of responding judges whether his advances are acceptable. Purchase Sunday the consent of the parents is sought if the suit has prospered during the week. Not until Possession Sunday, however, do the twain appear before the world as actual or prospective brides and grooms.

English Secret Service Money.

The term "secret service money" is usually applied to a fund placed at the disposal of ministers to be expended at their discretion in promoting or protecting the interests of this country. These moneys consist of a sum of £35,000 annually included in the estimates, in respect of which ministers are only required to make a declaration that the moneys spent have been expended "in accordance with the intentions of parliament."

As ministers are required to give no account of their stewardship, it is obvious we have no means of knowing how these moneys are expended. The reader, however, who carries his mind back to episodes within his knowledge, such as the collapse of the Fenian conspirators or of their later development, the "Irish Invincibles," will have little difficulty in realizing how indispensable a fund of this kind is to the protection of a state and of understanding the infinite variety of uses to which it may be applied.—Chambers' Journal.

Slighting the Waiter.

It was at a railway refreshment room. The passenger was hungry and in a hurry.

"Please pass me them pertaters, mister," he said, addressing an elegant gentleman who sat next him.

The latter slowly focused his gold eyeglasses on the speaker. "Did you think that I was one of the waiters?" he asked icily.

The others held their knives and forks suspended in midair, expecting to see the man shrivel up, but no such phenomenon took place. He turned and beckoned to the nearest waiter.

"George, come here, please."

"What is it, sir?" asked George.

"I wanted to apologize to you—that is all. You see, I mistook this party here for you, but I hope you won't be offended at it. Now pass me them pertaters, and we'll go on with the rest of the meal."—London Tit-Bits.

A Question of Degree.

Judge A.—Well, Uncle Zeb, where are you going?

The Benedict—I wuz jis' going to de cote, suh, to see you, suh, and get a remorse from dat yeller limb dat I married the yarder day.

Judge A.—Why, see here, that won't do! Didn't you promise me that you would take her for better or worse and all that?

The Benedict—Yas, suh, but den she am a sight wuss dan I took her fur.—Harper's Bazar.

Saved.

Nodd—Blinker had a hard time the other day. His head clerk is in the habit of giving him checks to sign, and Blinker, who has every confidence in him, always does so without question. This day his wife filled out one, and the clerk took it in. Blinker signed it.

Todd—Ruin him?

Nodd—No. It was for such a large amount the bank wouldn't cash it.—Detroit Free Press.

In Luck.

"You think you know all about women, don't you?" asked the newly married boarder.

"No," replied the savage bachelor, "and I am mighty glad I don't."—Indianapolis Journal.

The Dean In His Nightshirt.

Hugh Pearson always spoke of Dean Stanley as the most absent minded man in the world. He was driving once with him into Palmero. He complained of feeling cold, and as Stanley had his traveling bag with him he advised him to put something extra on. He did so, and both resumed their papers. A loud laugh from some boys suddenly roused Pearson to the realization that Stanley was driving through the streets in his nightshirt, which he had put on over his coat in pure absence of mind.

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THE ASHCROFT JOURNAL.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1900.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

And still no ice for skating or curling.

Fred. Foster of Clinton, made a call at Ashcroft this week.

H. E. Leslie, C.P.R. agent, visited North Bend Thursday.

W. C. Eagle, of Beaver Lake, spent a few days in town this week.

M. Dumond made a short visit at Lillooet this week on business.

Mrs. C. B. Deans' mother, Mrs. Shortreed, is visiting her daughter.

Mr. C. R. Doxat is again out, after having a serious throat trouble.

Mr. Weeks will leave Ashcroft on Monday for his home at Barkerville.

Miss Eva Crook of Victoria, a sister of Mrs. H. L. Roberts of Ashcroft, is visiting her sister.

Ric A. Fraser, editor of the Lillooet Prospector, was in Ashcroft the first of the week.

The new houses of Messrs. Elliot and Knight add much to the appearance of Bancroft street.

The JOURNAL is in receipt of a calendar from McRae Bros., of the Stanley Park stables, Vancouver.

The Western Canadian Ranching Co. shipped two carloads of prime beef cattle to the coast Thursday.

A. W. Smith, M. L. A. for West Lillooet, in a speech before the House, spoke in favor of the Stuart's Lake Road.

A carload of insulators for the Quesnelle-Dawson telegraph line, mentioned in another item, arrived this morning.

Peter Ryan, City Registrar of Toronto who is largly interested financially in in this section, arrived in town this morning.

A number of town people joined in a surprise party at Mr. O. H. Evans' Wednesday night and had a very pleasant evening.

The Federal Life Insurance Co. have a notice in another column of this issue. They are doing a large business in this Province.

A large number of insulators for the Quesnelle Dawson telegraph line are now in transit to Ashcroft and it is expected that the wire will soon be here.

J. B. Hobson, manager of the Cariboo Hydraulic, has so far improved from his late injury that it is expected he will be down by the first of the month.

John Shields is reported to have gone on east to Winnipeg to meet Mr. Peter Ryan, the president of the Ashcroft Water and Light Co., and both will shortly be in town.

W. B. Bailey & Co., the Cariboo forwarding agents, have loaded, during the last week, a good many teams with machinery and supplies for different Cariboo points.

A. C. Foster, formerly instructor in the saddlery department at the Williams Lake Mission, has opened a harness shop at the 150-Mile House under the firm name of Foster & Co. H. P. Horan takes his place at the mission.

Visitors from Ashcroft always call to spend a pleasant hour at the Kamloops House, no matter what the subject may be, weather or mines, you will always find some one to discuss the subject. Mr. Herod's place is always doing something whenever there is anything doing in the city.

Stuart Henderson made a quick trip to Onward Ranch, near the 150-Mile House, this week. By Special B. C. Express Co's. team he left Ashcroft last Sunday night at 7.30, reached the 150-Mile House at 4.30 Monday afternoon and arrived back at Ashcroft on Thursday. To travel 270 miles in four days and transact important legal business is pretty good work.

Friends of C. Pennie will hear with regret that he is seriously ill. Dr. Williams has been in attendance upon him nearly all of the week. On Monday he was somewhat improved and his medical attendant came home, but the next day he was taken worse and Dr. Williams has been with him most of the time since. He has a serious heart trouble with other complications.

Passenger List

The following is the list of passengers arriving at and departing from Ashcroft.

DEPARTURES.

Miss Pocock, Father Chappani, Sister Johannis, Mrs. Mundorf, Miss McQuarrie, Hop Wo.

ARRIVALS.

J Morrison, W Taggart, T Hunter, Sister Felix, Sister Frances.

By special stage. Taaffe, Allice and Sandells.

A pleasant party was given on Thursday evening at N. DeKeyser's residence

As will be seen in the legal notice published in another column George Veith is the assignee in the Eagle-Paxton case at the Onward Ranche.

We are requested by Dr. Curry, dentist at Kamloops, to say that he will visit Ashcroft soon professionally. Further notice of the date will be given in the JOURNAL.

The second annual dinner of the Sons of Scotland will be held at the Ashcroft Hotel on the 25th inst. Tickets can be had from any member of the committee.

The Cosmopolitan House, P. Bernhardt proprietor, is doing a large business; the tables are well furnished with eatables and are neatly and tastily kept. The "Cos." has a large number of resident boarders which of itself, speaks well for the house.

W. F. Allen, the wholesale boot and shoe merchant, of Vancouver, returned last night from a business trip through Cariboo. He traveled by team from Stewart & Crozier's stables driven by Mr. Crozier.

There is liable to be trouble for some one if a little less noise is not made on the arrival of No. 2 train from the west. Detective Jones, of the C. P. R., says it is not the regular hotel runners that are to blame.

A letter from Stanley, Cariboo, states that the proprietor of one of the hotels is evidently preparing himself for the Rough Rider Brigade for South Africa and to get into proper practice is doing good work shooting strange dogs that are very annoying around the village.

The B. C. Assay and Chemical Supply Co., of Vancouver, are making a special effort to introduce the celebratted Ralston Stills, for distilling water. They are very simple and not expensive and will quickly and easily purify water. Write them for a circular if in any need of such a still and you will soon be using absolutely pure water at trifling expense.

The ten stamp mill from the Hamilton Manufacturing Co., ordered by R. T. Ward for the Brett Brothers' properties on McGillivray Creek, is on its way, or a portion of it, to Lillooet. The mill building for twenty stamps is being erected by the Brett Bros. by contract. Ten more stamps are, it is reported, to be added to the mill, making twenty stamps that will be at work by June 1st.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Currie writen from Clinton regarding the communication published last week re the new freight organization and requesting us to publish the constitution etc., and stating that the name of one of the committee, Mr. Smith, was omitted from our report. We will very willingly publish any information of this kind that is furnished us by the society. The report of last week was furnished us by the secretary and if any names were omitted from the committee last furnished it was no doubt a mistake that he will correct later.

Alien Exclusion Made An Issue.

Victoria, Jan. 17.—Although it had been hoped and anticipated that the debate upon the Speech from the Throne would be disposed of by the middle of this week in the local legislature, the passage of that interesting document seems as far away as ever—and it is now altogether improbable that its consideration will terminate in a division of the parties much before Saturday. Yesterday the government adhered to the tactics pursued by their side of the house on Tuesday, declining (with the single exception of Mr. Helgesen) to contribute to the debate, or to attempt a refutation of the opposition statements and arguments. The speakers of yesterday, in consequence of this policy of silence initiated by the government, were almost wholly drawn from the opposition ranks, and included Mr. McBride, who had the floor at the opening; Mr. Richard Hall, of Victoria; Mr. Clifford, of Cassiar, and Col. Baker, of Southeast Kootenay, who moved the debate's adjournment. In closing his remarks, the senior member for Cassiar presented as an amendment to the amendment, a second want of confidence resolution, based upon a condemnation of the alien exclusion law (which it will be remembered Mr. Clifford was the only member to actively oppose at its passage). The other noteworthy features of yesterday were the presentation of a petition from the mine owners of the Rossland camp, urging the repeal of the eight-hour law as having been proven ill-advised by the test of experience, and the declaration by the Attorney-General (in response to an interrogation by Mr. Joseph Martin) that he would be prepared in the course of a day or two to disclose the nature of the proceedings that will be initiated against the Kamloops Standard for its gross attack upon His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

A petition was presented by Mr. J. M. Martin, from the War Eagle, Le Roi, and twenty-one other mining companies of West Kootenay, urging the repeal of the eight-hour clause in the mining act, and stating that it had operated injuriously to both miners and owners, had not been asked for by the persons most interested (viz., the miners), had operated to the exclusion of capital, was unconstitutional in its interference with contracts between employers and employed, and discriminated unjustly against the mining industry particularly concerned.

The Boer War.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir. Mr. Spencer Wilkinson in a contribution to the National Review upon the moral factors in the Transvaal war, draws an apt contrast between the meaning and purpose of Great Britain and the meaning and purpose of the two Republics. "The Boers are fighting," he says, "for their right to exclude British settlers from their body politic, which Great Britain, with infinite pains, has for a century been building up around them, a structure under the shelter of which their states have grown up. Great Britain is fighting to maintain the structure, and to assert the right of her people to a place in the Boer States corresponding to that given to the Boer or Dutch inhabitants of the British colonies. That the Boers were never in earnest with their negotiations about the franchise was clear before Mr. Chamberlain—and after him Sir Edward Grey—declared their belief on the subject." Then having glanced at the wrongness and the wickedness of the Boer policy in attempting to involve the Basutos, Mr. Wilkinson continues: "The historian will ask, not only what were the rights and wrongs of the movement, but what each of the two states stood for in the world. The answer will be that the Boer stood for ignorance, for prejudice, for race hatred and for mis-government, and that Great Britain stood for fair play, for freedom and for justice. These are the broad issues and if, as I believe, they are here truly stated, our people may, in all sincerity, go to battle with the old cry, 'God defend the right.'"

A. ANSTEY DORRELL.
St. Alban's Vicarage, Ashcroft.

Pioneer Society's Dinner.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: In the Inland Sentinel of the 12th inst. was a paragraph which, purporting to be a report of the Pioneer dinner, was really a cowardly attack on the chairman. I wrote to the editor a letter, which I asked him to publish in Tuesday's issue, but as he did not do so, I shall be much obliged if you will insert a copy in Saturday's paper, for every pioneer whom I have heard mention the matter has said that such an unjustifiable attack should not be allowed to remain unanswered.

Yours truly,
JNO. R. WILLIAMS.

[COPY.]

The Editor of the Sentinel—Sir: I am sure that your notice of the above event in Friday's issue, where you say that the small attendance was due to Mr. Cornwall having "gratuitously insulted" Senator Templeman and Col. Gregory two years ago, was read with astonishment and disgust by every member of the society.

I was present at the dinner two years ago and can assure you that Mr. Cornwall did not insult either of the gentlemen named.

Senator Templeman on that occasion was making a strong political speech, a thing I have never heard anyone else attempt to do on the six occasions I have attended these dinners. Mr. Cornwall, as president, rose and reminded Mr. Templeman that, as the society contained members of both political parties, politics were always barred at their meetings. Mr. Templeman received the information with very bad grace and muttering something about not being aware of the rule, brought his speech to an abrupt conclusion. That Mr. Cornwall was perfectly justified in interfering and that he did it very mildly, is shown by the following extract from the Victoria Times, Mr. Templeman's own paper.

The extract occurs in a leader written in consequence of the disturbance of the Rossland banquet by Mr. Joseph Martin and others, and is as follows: "Lynching would not be too severe punishment for the miscreant who dares to introduce the inflammatory subject of politics at a social function. It is prima facie evidence of want of sense and of a total absence of good taste."

Col. Gregory not being destitute of sense or good taste did not have to be called to order.

Of the members of the Pioneer Society who were in the habit of attending but were not there on this occasion, Mr. Semlin, W. Wilson and Mr. Arthur Martley, were detained by business, others were prevented by illness or absence from the district; and on going through the list of members who usually attend, Mr. J. B. Leighton is the only one of the absentees whose absence was not, to my knowledge, caused by one of the above reasons.

In conclusion I can assure you that if anything would secure a full attendance of the pioneers it would be the knowledge that Mr. Cornwall would preside; for there is no man in the country more respected and liked by those who know him as well as do the members of the Pioneer Society.

Yours truly,
JNO. R. WILLIAMS,
Physician to the Yale-Lillooet Pioneer Society.

The following extract is the portion of the Kamloops Standard's article that is so severely censured: "After the weary waiting a covered vehicle drawn by two remarkable specimens of equine architecture, came floundering through the mud. The thing in gold lace—Lord Aberdeen's hideous legacy to a Province that sold him a ranch at about seven-two times its market value—climbed cumberously down, and the overstrained springs of the carriage twilled themselves with a grunting squeak of content that was almost human. The guard did a proper 'present arms' which same was imperfectly acknowledged by the gold laced and bewhiskered monstrosity; after which the obese and shining form clambered up the steep stairway to the spot where it is supposed to perform with dignity the duties of its office."

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The Ashcroft Trading Co. are giving liberal discounts in certain lines in order to make more room for new goods. They carry a very fine line of fancy biscuits.

A late order from the post office department permits of a limited quantity of newspapers being sent to Dawson City. Mail matter of any kind can now be sent to Bennett City.

W. J. Massey, wholesale liquors, and Fred. Roth, traveller for the Inland cigar factory, registered at the Cargile House on Wednesday. They left the following day by team from Stewart & Crozier's stable for a trip through Cariboo.

NOTICE.

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

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

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

And further take notice that a meeting of the said creditors will be held at the office of Turner, Beeton & Co., 00 Wharf Street, Victoria, on the 8th day of February, A.D. 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated at Ashcroft, this 19th day of January, 1900.

STUART HENDERSON,
Ashcroft,
38td Assignee's Solicitor.

NOTICE.

The following are the rates at which freight will be hauled from Ashcroft:

Barkerville, 5½ cents per pound.
Stanley, 5.
Beaver Pass and Wing Dam, 4¾.
Cottonwood, 4½.
Quesnelle, 4.
Quesnelle Forks, 4.
Beaver Lake, 3½.
Alexandra, 2½.
Horsefly, 3½.
Soda Creek, 3.
115-Mile House and 150-Mile House, 2½.
Above the 100, 2¼.
100-Mile House, 2.
83 and 87-Mile Houses, 1¾.
59-Mile House, 1½.
Clinton, ¾.

Half cent extra rate for furniture, ¼ cent for any lot of freight under 500 pounds, ½ cent for machinery in single pieces exceeding 6,000 pounds.

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Agents Wanted.

For "Story of South Africa" by John Clark Ridpath, LL.D., Edward S. Ellis, M.A., J. A. Cooper, Managing Editor of the "Canadian Magazine," Toronto, and J. H. Aiken, of London, Ont., who has returned this week from 12 years' traveling in South Africa for us. We are the only Canadian publishers who have had a branch in South Africa for 10 years, giving us an immense advantage in procuring photographs and material. Our authorship, letterpress and engravings are superior, and Canadian contingents better illustrated than in any rival work. So sure are we of this that we will mail free for comparison our prospectus to anyone possessing a rival prospectus. Circulars and terms free. Apply to World Publishing Company, Guelph, Ont.

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NOTICE.

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

NOTICE.

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

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

Dated the 6th day of January, 1900.
DENIS MURPHY,
3915 Solicitor for Administrator.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the 43rd Mining and Milling Company of Cariboo, Limited Liability, will after the expiration of thirty days after the publication of this notice change its office or principal place of business from North Bend, in the Province of British Columbia, to the City of Vancouver, in said Province, the Company having obtained the necessary consent of the Shareholders to such change.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1899.
(Signed)
JOSHUA WRIGHT,
W. A. JAMIESON, } Trustees.
WM. C. McGILLIVRAY.
3914

MINERAL ACT, 1896.
(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

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

Where located—Near Agassiz.

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

Free Miner's Certificate No. , intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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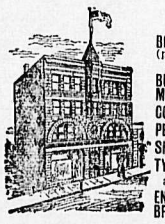

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