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OUR FIRST PRIZE.

The agriculturalists of this vicinity should be pleased with the showing made at New Westminster last week at the fair. It being perhaps not fairly understood how Ashcroft was scaled down from first place to a tie for first and second with Vernon, the following explanation will make it clear. Before the exhibits were placed in the hall all exhibitors were notified that 100 points would be competed for as follows: 15 for fruits, 15 for vegetables and roots, 15 for grains and grasses, 5 for flowers, 5 for unusual exhibits, and 45 for the artistic display of all products. When the five sets of judges (for there were different ones for each branch of the exhibit) had completed their reports and they had been entered in the judges' books it was found that Ashcroft had scored 76 points, and its next highest competitor 63; but of the 76 points, 45 were for artistic display and 5 for flowers, fruits being our best and scoring 14, vegetables only 6 and grains and grasses only 4; no unusual products. Vernon meantime scored 14-12-13 on products, but only 25 in artistic display. Protests were entered by some of the societies, and the executive scored down the judges' reports, which they clearly had no right to do, so that 22 points were taken off from Ashcroft and 7 from Vernon, leaving as they claimed Ashcroft and Vernon to tie for first and second places and divide the first and second prizes of $350. After Vernon had protested, asking for a scaling down of points, Ashcroft filed a protest against it, but lost the cash deposit and Vernon's protest won. We do not consider it as right under the rulings made for the contest, but probably too large a percentage was first set for artistic display. The directors clearly went out of their way to change the judges' decisions after they had been recorded, and the Ashcroft society have a clear right to sue for first prize and first money. We do not, however, believe such action will be taken, as it would do the Provincial fair much harm to revive the actions of the judges in this respect through the courts. The executive board are a thoroughly good lot of men, but were placed in a difficult position. Vernon, Kelowna and Agassiz each had from three to five tons of exhibits—Ashcroft less than one, and all of the societies, including Comox, made a splendid exhibit. It was perhaps enough that we were not excelled by any other societies having as we did only so small an exhibit compared to others. The first money was $200; 2nd, $150; 3rd, $100; 4th, $75; 5th, $50; 6th, $25. Ashcroft thus gets half of first and half of second, or $175, the balance over and above expenses will be turned in to the agricultural society's treasury. The society desire to heartily thank all who contributed exhibits, and in particular Mr. and Mrs. Clemes, of Spence's Bridge, for some magnificent apples that very materially assisted us in standing so high in fruits.

Europe Wants Gold.

The New York Times' London financial correspondent cables:

One must go back to 1873 to find an advance in the Bank of England rate twice in one week, and to 1866, when the rate rose from 6 to 10 per cent. in less than a fortnight, to discover circumstances equally disquieting to those now coming to the surface. Altogether, apart from the Boer war, which is uncertain, and which, from the first, has been so contemplated by the British Government, ominous weaknesses have been revealing themselves in our credit market for some time past. In the course of another year almost two of these weaknesses would have culminated in another crisis such as that which visits all money markets periodically. Instead of the Baring difficulties we should have had some joint bank failures, a panic on the stock exchange and a general setback. The materials calculated to produce this explosion have been rapidly accumulating for the last five years, but were not ripe for a fire, ordinary conditions prevailing. The Boer brand is calculated to set them all ablaze. Our great safeguard against a credit blizzard has been new supplies of gold from the Transvaal. For three months at the shortest, and probably for six, this supply will be stopped, and at the same time the demands upon us for the metal will be increasingly acute.

Leaving the United States out of consideration, all Europe wants gold because all Europe has overstrained its credit. The band rates on the continent show how the struggle is becoming increasingly wolfish. Both the Austro-Hungarian and German state banks raised their discount rates to 6 per cent last week and the Bank of the Netherlands moved up to 5 per cent. The Bank of France must soon go up also, although it works its note issue with great skill and protects its stock of gold by putting a premium on it by paying out worn coins and in other ways. A point will soon be reached where these tactics must be abandoned for fear the French people should take fright, owing to the convertibility of the notes. At present the Bank of England is still the strongest of all European banks in many respects, because London is a creditor of both France and Germany. Of the German, French, Russian and Dutch bills of exchange, not less than £25,000,000 of our banking resources is currently invested. Hence continental rates of exchange have all moved sharply in our favor this week and still we do not receive gold as fast as it goes away, principally to South Africa.

The truth is that no market can spare gold either to us or to the United States. To protect themselves, therefore, foreign bank rates must go further up and the Bank of England is bound to follow. The open market recognizes this probability and quotes 5⅛ to 5¼ per cent. for January bills, so as to drive business direct to the Bank of England.

The immediate prospect is one of greater ease. Call money has fallen to from 3 to 4 per cent. and discount rates have sagged, until 4¾ per cent. is the true working figure.

Trouble is likely to arise among the Scotch banks over whisky. They have locked up many millions in it and cannot escape without disastrous liquidation.

Meeting of Canadian Mining Institute.

At the September meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute some very good points were made about economies in management by Mr. John E. Hardman, Montreal, the president, and by Howard West, New Denver, B. C. In an exhaustive paper on mine accounts, Mr. Harman laid great stress on the necessity of increasing, if possible, the ratio between laborers who are producers and those who are consumers. Producers, to adopt the names employed by Mr. Hardman, are those who mining turn a mere prospect into an ore producer and furnish the output which develops the mine into a dividend payer. Consumers, on the other hand, are not employed directly this way. They produce nothing, but aid in various ways in getting ore shipped to the smelters and markets. The conclusion is that in all mines a greater care to reduce the expenses of labor that consumes while it produces no ore and to increase the ratio between producers and consumers would be profitable. This ratio allowed to trespass beyond a certain limit which, of course, varies with value in each particular case causes a mine to cease being self supporting and lands its promoters in financial difficulties. The reduction of the ratio, therefore, between non-producing outlay and the outlay that produces the marketable ore is an object that every manager ought to have always before him as one aim. The smaller the proportion of consumers such as nippers, trammers and surface men the more profitable the mine; the larger the proportion of producers such as stopers, developers, etc., who directly produce material from which revenue or income is derived, the more profitable will the mine become.

Mr. West, dwelling on the need for checking smelter assays, and introducing into the method of concentrating to check waste, spoke also about an even more important economy. This is in the matter of secondary products of the mine. It seems that smelter men have been in the habit of ignoring as waste much valuable zinc blende and even charging more if the ore had much of it. Slocan, with them is a silver or lead district, and must not have its ore treated for anything else. Their thick-headed obstinacy in this matter has had much to do with the failure of many mines. As a proof that attention to such secondary products would be a real economy and a source of income. Mr. West mentions the case of the Bosun mine which has disposed of its zinc contents at a great profit. Several carloads of ore for which a market could not be found on this side were disposed of in London and are probably the first case in the history of the Slocan where actual payment has been made for any mine's zinc contents. The ore in question averaged 45 per cent. metallic zinc, 1.5 per cent. lead and from 50 to 80 ounces of silver per ton. As being an exception to American smelters, there are certain works on the Manchester ship canal which encourage the zinc producers and enable them to effect this desirable economy.

These are a very few of the subjects treated of at the September meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute. They are important and they were well put. The Institute's discussions cannot fail to be of the utmost value to Canadian mining industry.

The annual meeting of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of New Westminsterr took place last Thursday evening. Officers were elected as follows: President, T. J. Trapp; vice-presidents, D. R. Ker, J. D. Roberts, and T. G. Earl; treasurer, G. D. Brymner; secretary and manager, W. H. Keary. The directors for interior points were chosen as follows: Armstrong, Donald Graham; Ashcroft, Dr. Reynolds; Kamloops, C. T. Cooney, F. J. Deane, M. P. P., M. Sullivan; Kelowna, C Smith; Salmon Arm, A. J. Palmer; Shuswap, J. P. Shaw; Vernon, C. B. L. Lefroy. It was decided to hold the next exhibition on October 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1900.

CARIBOO.

At the 83-Mile House, on Monday night, it was zero weather, but everyone hopes for a long spell of good weather yet.

The new firm at the 150-Mile House, the Cariboo Trading Co., are taking a hold in good shape and will do their share towards developing the great natural resources of the upper country.

A well authenticated report from Keithley creek is to the effect that the Vieth company have struck it very rich in their long tunnel, and the future of that section is now assured.

At Quesnelle Forks the Cariboo mine will make a good wash up. The manager now has, for the first time, his water system in good shape. All ground handled hereafter will be virgin ground, and while the output will be increased every year for some years to come, next year it will more than double any year as yet. The wash up to be made will depend on the length of time the cold weather holds off, but with the $30,000 or so now on hand at the mine, washed up some weeks ago, it will be a nice big bunch.

The Gold Point mine is reported as doing remarkably well, some rich ground having been struck.

The Newell dredge is also reported a success.

Messrs. Cotton and O'Hara have just completed a trip to the various points of interest or to the most important ones. We understand that arrangements have been made whereby the Barkerville hospital is to receive $2,000 annually from the government, out of which a resident physician will be paid $1,200, with an allowance of $200 per year extra for medicines, the citizens of Barkerville undertaking to make up any deficiency that may be created. Dr. Callahan, of Quesnelle, has been offered the position, but has not yet decided, we believe, to accept, as his numerous Quesnelle friends object very greatly to allowing him to leave Quesnelle, and are considering ways and means of inducing him to remain with them, where he has lived for the past seven or eight years enjoying the confidence and esteem of all.

Mr. Lee has closed down the Pittsburg dredge, after a trial run on the Fraser, and has returned to Pittsburg to meet his company to consider further operations.

The Seeley dredge is working steadily and is reported as making money.

The Hall dredge has been laid up for some time for repairs.

Work around Barkerville this season has done much to improve the mining outlook for Cariboo, and next season will see more companies in operation than for many years past. Some changes will be made in the Cariboo Gold Fields' operations. Just what is not yet known. Their ground is rich but they have not moved as much as it was hoped they would be able to do with their hydraulic lift—100 or 110 feet is a long way to raise gravel by water force.

The steamer Charlotte is still making regular trips, but will soon be laid off. Within the past few days a new channel through a difficult shoal in the river has been found and less trouble is now being experienced.

P. C. Dunlevy, one of Cariboo's oldest and most respected citizens, is in poor health. He is at the 150-Mile House and his friends hope for a speedy improvement in his condition.

Mr. Oleson, a native of Sweden, who has not seen his brother, Mr. Andrew Oleson, of the Australian ranch, for 48 years, is on the stage now en route to the Australian ranch. Think of two men, brothers, in the neighborhood of 70 years of age, that have not met for 48 years. Andrew Oleson, the last of the Australian quartette, will be urged by his brother to go home with him to spend his last years with his two brothers and an unmarried sister, who all reside on the old homestead in Sweden, where Andrew was born.

A Swell Dresser.

Johnny Jones—My paw's got more money'n yours has.

Tommy—Well, if your maw wore as good clos' as mine I bet he wouldn't have, for I heard paw say so.—Ohio State Journal.

Heavy Gold Shipment.

According to Skagway papers received by the Cottage City, the heaviest single shipment of gold dust that ever came up the river and over the White Pass road, reached Skagway on October 1. Eleven boxes containing the yellow metal were unloaded from the baggage car and conveyed to a place of safety, awaiting the arrival of a steamer to take it to the Sound. The value of the shipment is about $800,000 in round figures, and it is from the Canadian Bank of Commerce, coming up the river on the steamer Governor Pingree.

Needed Improvements.

An extract from a Barkerville letter under date of October 2nd, says: "Mr. Cotton just left. He was very well received here, as is everyone who comes to see us. Politics was not mentioned. Our hospital matter has, I think, been satisfactorily arranged."

Another letter from a business man says, in part: "I am pleased to note the efforts the JOURNAL is making to secure more liberal road appropriations and the construction of a telegraph line to Quesnelle Forks and Horsefly, and we all heartily agree that the improvements advocated are much needed. The people of Chilcotin also seem fairly reasonable in their request for a bridge across the Fraser river, and Mr. Cotton was asked when he was here how many men would have to be drowned in crossing before the necessity would be admitted and the bridge constructed. We hope you will be able to secure some assurances from the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and the Minister of Finance that some, at least, of these needed improvements will be speedily undertaken."

Dyea Tunnel.

Mr. E. McEnay, who has just returned from a visit to Dyea, informs the Alaska Miner that the Chilcoot Pass tunnel is sure to be constructed. Work has already begun on the road, and a pack train is in operation. Engineer Flood, formerly of the White Pass & Yukon railway, has charge of the construction work, and the tunnel will only require to be 1,100 feet in length. The prospect of Dyea becoming a British port is what is stimulating the enterprise.

Harvest Festival.

Among the different festivals of the English church, harvest Thanksgiving services have held a prominent place in the minds of church people for years past. Last Sunday was set apart for this annual offering of praise and thanksgiving for God's mercies vouchsafed, in the return to us of the fruits of the earth. S. Alban's church, under the skilful hands of Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Rowlands, Miss Shaw, and Mrs. Warren, was tastefully decorated with grain, fruit, vegetables and flowers, contributed by Mrs. Cornwall, Mrs. Parke (Cache Creek), Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Haddock and Mrs. Leslie. The morning service began with the hymn, "Come, Ye Thankful People Come." Other hymns being, "We Plough the Fields and Scatter," and "The Sower Went Forth Sowing." The service throughout was of a bright, jubilant character. The evening service began with a representation of the festival hymn, and psalm 136 was sung, instead of the psalms for the day. Mrs. Rowlands presided at the organ at both services. Among special prayers used a beautiful collection was taken from the American prayer book. The Vicar officiated and preached at both services, the texts being Jer. V. 24, "He reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest"; and S. Matt. VIII. 30, "* * * Until the harvest." Good congregations assembled both morning and evening, and the collections amounted to $11.15.

KAMLOOPS SEWAGE.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: When the Hon. Mr. Semlin was interviewed in Ashcroft some time ago about the Act passed to give Kamloops permission to pollute the Thompson river with its sewage, he made light of the danger of infection to which he was exposing the people of Ashcroft and Savonas, and the utmost we could get from him was "Well, gentlemen, I will lay your views before my colleagues, but they are not my views."

I have just had brought to my notice a case which shows that the danger is very real in spite of the opinion of the Premier, who is also chairman of our political Board of Health.

The case is briefly as follows: In 1892, with a view to improving the navigation of Black river, a sluggish stream into which the sewers of Port Huron had for a long time discharged, dredging operations were commenced and the deposits of sewage matter were loaded into scows and dumped into the swift current of the St. Clair river. In exactly the time required for the polluted water to reach Detroit, sixty miles below, and for the incubation of the typhoid germ, a very bad epidemic of typhoid fever broke out in Detroit. Considering the great volume of the Detroit river, the purity of its waters in their ordinary condition and the fact that Lake St. Clair, with its wide area and low velocity of flow, lies between the two cities, this case of typhoid infection is one of the most remarkable on record.

You will see that the fact of a lake, very many times larger than Kamloops lake, intervening between the place of pollution and the place whence the drinking water was taken, was no protection.

I hope that when the man who thus proposed to risk the health and lives of the people of Ashcroft and Savonas, for the sake of getting a few votes for a political supporter, next comes up for election, the voters will remember this.

Yours truly,
JNO. R. WILLIAMS.

John Webb, of North Bend, is registered at the Ashcroft Hotel.

On Tuesday last the Department of Public Works gave a contract to J. A. Seybold, of Ottawa, for 165 tons of wire to build a telegraph line from Quesnelle to Atlin, making direct communication with the Dawson and British Columbia telegraph system.

Passenger List.

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

DEPARTURES.

Seymour Baker, W B Bowron, Mr Oleson, Mrs Hamshaw & 3 children, Mr Palmer, Barkerville; R W Cumming, Mr Sage, Mr Grant, Mr Mackee, Mr Trethewey, Lillooet.

By special stages—F Wilson and Mr Baker; Mr Emerson.

ARRIVALS.

Mr Sandels, A G Lea, O A McKinlay, J W Black, W S Geary, G Simpson, H Fitzsimmons, Miss Stringer, Geo Mundorf, Mr Gayet.

By special stage—Hon Mr Cotton and D O'Hara.

Rev. J. N. Brunton, of Ottawa, will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church to-morrow.

Reports from the Cariboo Hydraulic are good. It is said very rich ground has been found in the workings of late.

Several cars of potatoes from J. C Barnes', W. Bose's and Hon. C. A. Semlin's ranches are being shipped this week.

John Webb and Fisher Williams left last evening for the duck country south of Savonas to get the rest of those ducks and geese.

W. B. Bailey & Co. are pushing out freight as rapidly as possible. Bad roads have made many teamsters tired of the business this season.

Early frost is likely to disarrange some of the miner's arrangements this season. It was reported as zero some days since at certain points in Cariboo.

What a pity those pumpkins were not at Westminster. Their assistance would have made it rather difficult for the directors to reach the decision they did.

Thomas Ladner, who has been spending some weeks here for his health, finds himself much better, and contemplates going back to Ladner next week.

Many carloads of potatoes are now being loaded in Ashcroft. Messrs. F. W. Foster and Harvey, Bailey & Co. being large exporters. The prices range around $13 per ton F. O. B. Ashcroft.

The New York papers say that local pride causes more money to be offered on Columbia than is taken at 10 to 8, but that the two yachts are so nearly matched it is a toss up as to which wins.

A union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Methodist church on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Oct. 19. Service will commence at 7:30. Appropriate sermon and music.

J. A. Bremner, secretary-treasurer British Columbia Express Co., returned this week from a tour of inspection of the company's offices in Cariboo. Mr. Bremner has more faith than ever in the mining prospects of Cariboo.

Mrs. Unverzagt and Zimmerman, who have just returned from Cariboo, having accompanied their husbands clear through to Barkerville, report a splendid trip, in spite of the unusually cold weather for the time of the year. The party leave for the coast this morning.

We have on exhibition at the JOURNAL office a remarkably rich sample of rock taken from the Brett Brothers' claim on the McGillivray's creek, near Lillooet. It is generally believed that the ledge from which this sample was taken is of great value, and that with a mill in the mine, which will, we understand, soon be erected, and the producing and dividend paying mines in the Lillooet district will be opened up.

Messrs. Unverzagt and Zimmerman returned yesterday from an extended trip through Cariboo, spending some time at the works of the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Co., where the company are doing thorough work. They are down over 60 feet with a bedrock shaft and are sinking as rapidly as three shifts can do the work. Harry Jones is foreman, and no man in Cariboo is better qualified to do this work than he, having served an apprenticeship for more than 30 years in Cariboo deep diggings. He expects to sink about 50 feet yet and then drift out to the old channel some 60 or 70 feet. If the results are obtained that are confidently expected, it will open up a mine of immense magnitude and of a value depending of course on the grade of gravel found but if rich enough to work at all it will be of great value. If it is as as rich as was the ground a few miles above, the output will be very large. Substantial works have been erected, a wheel is working a heavy pump to keep the shaft dry, and about two feet is being made every 24 hours at the present time. Both Messrs. Unverzagt and Zimmerman expressed themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the outlook and believe their company have a property second to none in Cariboo.

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THE WRECK OF THE JACK POT.

On one dark night on New Denver,
She snow and rain and blow—
De boys she say, "Le's play some draw."
"All right," I say, "she go!"

Now I was play dat game before
An' know, you bet your neck,
All 'bout de raise before de draw—
But dat was down Quebec.

Wan man was nice dress, Unat Stat,
(I find it out since den
She work at "short card" for de biz—
I don' know what dat ben.)

De bar-keep man she get in too;
An' prospector named Sleek—
By gos! if I haf gun dat tam
I mak dat feller seek.

Anoder man from town Sandon,
She lak to play de gam—
Was what you say de "sure ting" boy,
But I not care a dam.

I'm what you call rich man dat time,
I own de Merci Dame.
(She's right near town) I guess you know
Dat was a tam good claim.

When we start in I did not haf
So very much monee
But after while—by gos! my fren—
You ought to hav seen me!

We haf de drink mos every han,
I'm tak'n straight whiskee.
De boy, she's hav de lemonad—
Pooh! Dat's too weak for me!

I raise de bet and mak de bluff,
(Mos' every tam she go),—
You see dat gam you tink I'm swift
An' oder feller slow.

Well, long 'bout two, t'ree, four de clock
(De mon she's mos' all mine),
One feller say, "Oh, curse de luck,
We play jack pot dis tam."

Well, I not know Jack Pot ver well,
(She's sheef boss at Receau),
But I not care who play de gam
So long's I get de dough.

When dey explain I see de chance
To pull off de gran coup—
Jus' fifteen minutes from dat tam,
By gos! I'm in de sou'.

De man from Unat Stat, she deal,
An' Sleek, she cut de card—
If I could see dat feller now,
Sacre! I hit him hard.

I get t'ree king, I say. "She's ope'"
—Barkeeps trow up de han'—
But Sleek, she's raise me fifty dol'—
'Saint Jean! I hear de ban.'

De man from Unat Stat, she stay
An raise Sleek fifty back;
Dat cos' me hundred, but I'm gam
Dere's where I mak mistak.

We draw de card—Merci! Merci!
Dame Fortune, how you sing!
I got de whole world by de tail—
By gos! I got four king!

But, den, my monee she's all up;
De boy, she's bet de check—
Hooray! I bet de Merci Dame!
I'm in for brak de neck.

Dere's call all round, I sign de pap,
My claim 'gainst whole tam place—
De man from Unat Stat, she smile—
Mon Dieu! she's got four ace!

Dat morning very early, I guess,
—'Bout half-pas' two, t'ree, four,
Dere was a fight in New Denver—
I not live dere no more.

But now I got anoder claim,
You see, she's right up dere;
I call dat claim Jack Pot—for why?
Dat claim she is not square.

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Come all you man what hunt for stake
Wid beeg pack on de neck,
Don' try wid man from Unat Stat
For buck de cold, cold deck,

On some dark night on New Denver,
She snow and rain and blow;
De boys she say, "Lo's play some draw,"
You say, "Good night, I go."

—David W. King.

The Transvaal War.

A despath to the New York Tribune from Paris says; John Hays Hammond, the American civil engineer connected with leading South African mining companies, who returned from the Cape two months ago, after a brief holiday in the Tyrol, is now passing a few days in Paris.

The appreciations of the situation in the Transvaal expressed by Mr. Hammond, in conversation with the Tribune correspondent, are of interest as showing how a war with the Boers is regarded by an observant representative American, enjoying the advantage of unsurpassed knowledge of the facts, enabling him thereby to grasp the situation.

As to the justice of the war, Mr. Hammond did not wish to express an opinion, but when asked whether the war would be a short or a long one, said:

"It will be a short war, ending with the capture of Pretoria, after which the Boers will recognize the futility of further fighting. The Boers today are not as formidable fighters as they were fifteen years ago; for example, their former enormous advantage in marksmanship over the British troops no longer exists, because game having to a great extent disappeared, the Boers have had no experience in shooting at a moving object. A few old deepers are still good shots but they are fast dying out. Moreover, the British Lee-Metford rifle with its remarkable flat trajectory, puts Tommy Atkins quite on an equality with the Boers so far as markmanship is concerned.

"Quasi friends of the Boers," continued Mr. Hammond, "delude them into the belief that Great Britain would not resort to war in any event, and unfortunately thereby provoking a spirit of opposition to the British demands, resulting in the present diplomatic impasse, which I fear makes war inevitable. Encouraged by the present weakness of the British garrisons, the Boers evidently hope to occupy strategic positions, and by rapily assuming the defensive, deal telling blows before the arrival of the bulk of the British army.

Geological Essay on Klondike.

Angelo Heilprin, late professor of geology, at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Fellow of the Geographical Society of London, writes an article on the geology of the Klondike gold fields, which is summarized as follows for the readers of the Exchange News:

Dawson city, at the junction of the Yukon and Klondike rivers, is at the north corner of the square shaped region where the gold fields are, and of which the boundaries are the Yukon and the Indian rivers towards the west, and the Klondike, Hunker Creek and Quartz Creeks towards the east. Each of these boundaries, roughly speaking, measures 40 miles, so that the total area amounts to 1,500 or 1,600 square miles. Bonanza creek flows north to Dawson from the centre of this district. Here is situated a spur of the mountain variously called, Dome, Solomon's Dome, King Dome, Mount Ophir. This mountain and its westward extension is the prominent feature and the watershed of the district. Miners confidently believe, notwithstanding doubts of geologists, that this mountain is the source from which the gold now found in bench and creek claims has been washed down by the creeks, east of the Bonanza, which divides the district in two. Five miles west from Grand Forks, and therefore west of the Bonanza dividing line, is another eminence which is the watershed for another group of claims that flow east of Bonanza, west to the Yukon and south to Indian river. It is not considered as being against the miners' belief in Mount Ophir, as the great central source of gold that the bencher gold from the various hillsides differ from that got in the creek claims are so unlike in color and in contour as likely to be distinguished by claim holders and do not give the same values in assaying. Through recent assays made by the Bank of British North America and the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Dawson gave Eldorado and Bonanza gold as $15.50 to the ounce, Dominion gold $17.80, Hunker creek $18.50, Bear creek $19.20, and American creek and Mynook $20 per ounce, yet this is not considered conclusive as against one or two central gold sources like Ophir.

Most of the miners have also an opinion that the high level gravels of such bencher claims as those of French Hill, Gold Hill (opposite to Grand Forks village), Skookum Hill, and Adams Hill are on the ancient high level flow of the Eldorado, Bonanza, etc. The present river channels are, according to Dr. George Dawson, not more than a few hundred years old and the ancient beds are clearly shown by terrace formations, not unlike in appearance to railway embankments. Ancient channels when come upon, as they often are, yield gold often in greater quantities than the modern one, but it is pretty much of the same character as what is got on the present day creeks. The higher level gravels besides yielding the metal in a composite form that is totally different, are often found at altitudes and in localities where no river could have flowed under any circumstances. They, however, as being mixed with shells, prove that water probably about five hundred years ago has overlain all the district, and the conclusion is drawn that an inland sea spread over the gold fields at least. The gravels taken by miners as representing ancient river beds are rather representative of an ancient lake of which traces remain yet in the lakes of the district and lake expansions of the river. Evidences of two riverbeds are found in two classes of valleys—the old, of broad, smooth contour; the modern, sharp and steep by comparison, and a strong evidence in favor of the lake idea is the deposit of six inches of volcanic ash presumably from Wrangel or a rumored inland volcano, which is spread uniformly under the soil, which uniform spread argues for lake deposit.

How aqueous agency could have transformed the lake in 500 years into a district having only some lakes and streams is attempted to be proved by Prof. Heilprin, but it is doubtful if his attempt is convincing. The categorical rate among geologists of "one foot in six thousand years," as the rate of water erosion, he very clearly shows is far too small for such rivers as the Yukon, with a current of six miles an hour under arctic conditions, but even the rushing Yukon would require seismic assistance to transform a great lake into a dry land region.

The distinctively geological character of the region is that of schists and schistoze rocks, probably in part of prepaleozoic age, but outcrops being very limited and examinations restricted to creek bowlders and miners' dumps, a full detailed geological account of the Klondike was impracticable. Most of the gold bearing quartz as that of French Hill, is grey-blue or pinkish and of a granular type differing in appearance and structure from the quartz of the hillsides, but quartz bowlders of another character contain coarse gold.

Prof. Heilprin notes as curious that gold is not found except at distances more than six miles from the source of the creeks and more than five miles from their mouths.

A Field of Treasure.

The Cape Nome gold fields are proving themselves worth notice, despite the many disappointing rumors that have come from there. Next season will probably witness one of the greatest of stampedes to the district that has occurred yet in the history of the Alaska gold excitement. Better reports are coming on every steamer, and according to many who came down on the Roanoke it is not only a rich country; it is one of the most remarkable gold regions ever discovered. Whether the drawbacks to the country will prove more than an offset to the auriferous richness cannot be demonstrated before another season. Of the remarkable things of which the Nome district is made up, none exceed, perhaps, in wonder and interest the rich strip of beach which pans out gold in abundance for a distance of thirty miles or more. To add to the interest in this rich strip of ground the federal uthorities in charge there have so far refused to allow any recording of claims on it. It is a merry go as you-please, with as much freedom of action as a lot of Siwashes in a huckleberry patch. Every miner is entitled to go to work wherever there is room for his rocker to rest, as long as the ground is not actually occupied by another.

Good for miners. A miner sets his rocket down and goes to digging. Another miner comes along and sets his rocker down and goes to work in a new hole. Thus the beach is occupied for a long distance, and as soon as a miner has worked out his first hole with a small piece of ground around him, he picks up his rocker and moves up to another unoccupied piece of ground. *It is proving a god-send to the poor* devil of a miner who reached there broke and dispirited, and if for nothing else, the miners are calling down blessings upon the heads of the authorities.

Conservative miners who were talked with today and who do not own any interest in the Cape Nome country say it is rich. Some of the stories of rich cleanups and a big day's washings may be a little colored, but it is not intentional. It is a rich country, but from what the conservative miners say, the Lord never made a more desperate or more trying country for a civilized man to get into. The gold bearing sand is found in a huge drift above the line of the present high tide and between that point and the tundra embankment. The drift is ten, twenty, thirty and as high as sixty feet in width. It is in the form of a drift and runs along the length of the shore for a really unknown distance. The tundra bank is probably, on the average, ten feet high. Then comes the rich strip of drift and a gradually sloping sand beach covering the distance between high and low tides and practically free gold.

Gold bearing drift. How the gold-bearing drift got there is conjecture. The most plausible theory seems to be that it is only the washed portion of the gold-bearing tundra, washed by the natural action of the waves lashing against the tundra embankment and gradually, in the course of ages, washing them away. The surface of the drift is a bed of unproductive sand for a foot or eighteen inches and then comes pay dirt that is in the aggregate about the same in depth. This rests on a bedrock of blue clay or rock. Miners with rockers make $10 to $15 a day and in many cases as high as $25 and $50 a day. Of the several hundred men working the beach very few but make good money. There is already a move on the part of some men to upset the regulations of the Government. They are attempting to have the mineral laws applied so that a single miner can locate on so much of the beach strip. Several miners came down on the Roanoke with the expressed intention of accomplishing this object. The strip reserved is sixty feet wide from the high water meander line as defined by the officials. This width makes the reservation extend back as a general thing to the tundra. The rich gravel is not always of this width and in the aggregate is not probably over twenty feet wide.—Alaska Mining Record.

British Imperial Currency.

Some time about the middle of July, 1899, the big steamship Garonne arrived at Vancouver, B.C., with $3,000,000 worth, in round figures, of nuggets and gold dust from Dawson, on the Yukon, good British gold from good Canadian soil.

The next day $2,500,000 of this same gold went by train from Vancouver, in Canada, to Seattle, in the United States, to be refined and minted there. Of course the inference to be drawn from this transaction would naturally be that the gold belonged to the citizens of the United States of America, and that its passage through this part of Canada was the result of the accident of its owners coming or sending it this way; but such was not the case at all. As a matter of fact nearly the whole of the $2,500,000 belonged either to Canadian banks or English banks doing business in Canada.

To people unaquainted with the working of the Canadian Currency Act this entry and exit of Canadian gold must seem curious, not to say phenomenal, and they must naturally ask, if they give it a thought, "Why does all this Canadian gold go to the United States of America, instead of going to England or staying in Canada?" Well, if you will allow me I will try and explain. If it stayed in Canada it would only be merchandise, not available in its crude state for currency. As we have no mint in Canada to turn our gold into coin, or make it available for bank security to issue notes against. But if we had a mint in Canada, we would not be allowed to coin "American eagles," which, by our patriotic Currency Act, are the sole standard upon which our Canadian currency is based; so the reason our gold goes out of Canada is that we have to send our native to a foreign country to be minted into foreign coins, to be reimported for domestic use as currency. Of course, this is an astonishing anomaly, but it is only one of the natural workings of the Currency Act.

If we sent our gold to England, it would be minted into sovereigns, £1 sterling pieces; these, by the same patriotic Currency Act, are worth $4.86⅔ of the Canadian currency, and the banks do not want them at that price. If anyone is unlucky or imprudent enough to bring good British gold into Canada, the banks will allow him anywhere from $4.80 to $4.85 for his sovereign, according to the tightness of the place they happen to catch him in, while they are obliged by law to allow everyone $5 for an American half-eagle. In fact, the cause of the movement of Canadian gold across the the border is that Yankee gold coins pass at their face value in Canada, while British gold coins are at a discount. This is another of the workings of our Canadian Currency Act.

Now, as a matter of fact, neither we nor they have a decimal currency at all. In the "States" the "eagle" got spread all over the country, but was too lofty for practical use, the dime got mixed up with the quarters and half-dollars, and was only a ten cent piece after all, and the decimal currency business proved itself to be an utter failure. The currency of both countries is simply one of dollars and cents, the whole calculations are made in cents; and the point divides the hundreds, or dollars, from the hundredths, or cents, the currency then is a "cent*ial" currency pure and simple.*

Seeing then that a dollar is nothing more than one hundred of the smallest coins, why should we not so amend our Currency Act so as to make the English pound stand for five hundred cents, or, as we call it, "five dollars?" If we did, nobody would be hurt, no shock would be felt, and all our subsidiary coins would fit in with sterling money, instead of being, apparently, although not intrinsically, worth more.

We could then establish a mint and strike off gold coins for £2, equal to $10, and £1, equal to $5, having both denominations milled upon them, also silver coins equal to four shillings or $1. We would then be not only independent of our neighbors to the south of us, but we would be the pioneers in adopting the coming "Imperial Currency of Greater Britain."

All the British Government has to do is to abolish the "cartwheel" penny, and call the half-penny a cent, and say that 25 instead of 24 of them shall go to a shilling, and then all the coins of the realm will be adapted to this great cential currency, our coins of the two denominations on them will find their way to Great Britain, and it will not be long before the English people will be keeping their books and accounts in half-pence instead of three denominations involving endless calculations in bringing pence into pounds.

The standard of all British currency should be the gold sovereign of England, representing 500 cents or half-pence, or the golden "Empress" of Great Britain, two pounds, $10, equal to 1,000 half-pence or 1,000 cents. This $10, or £2 coin, which I have named an "Empress," if adopted, would be current at its face value throughout the British Empire, and would become the standard Imperial coin from which the relative values of all others would be estimated.

The matter is entirely in our hands. As Canadians and Imperialists, let us set the example, let us be the first to adopt the Great British Imperial currency, and then let us watch the "other fellows" follow suit. Then see our good Canadian gold and silver stay in our own country, and be refined and minted into our own British coins, for the Imperial currency of Greater Britain.—W. Myers Gray in "Canadian Magazine."

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She is a clever woman, a past master in the art of strategy. So agree all who rode down town on the street car the other morning.

She got on a south bound Clark street limits train at Belden avenue. Every seat was taken, and almost every strap had a man or woman suspended from it. She looked about hesitatingly for an instant, but every man was wonderfully interested in his paper. Then she took hold of a strap almost in front of a young man, a very young man, who was blushing guiltily as he pretended to read.

While the young man blushed and the woman thus hung her handkerchief fluttered, accidentally by all appearances, to the floor. The young man looked up just then and saw the white bit of cambric. The feeling of chivalry which he evidently was trying to stifle would not be stifled longer.

He arose and stooped for the handkerchief. This was the woman's opportunity. While his back was turned she gently slipped into his seat. When he turned about and saw what had occurred, he almost collapsed. But the woman did not. She took her handkerchief out of his hand, smiling innocently.

"Thank you," she said sweetly. "You are very kind."—Chicago Journal.

Might Destroy All Life.

In a signed article in The Electrical Review Nicola Tesla describes some of his experiments in the line of electrical currents of high voltage and gives details of the coil which he used. "The discharges of such a coil," he adds, "when of an electromotive force of a few millions of volts, excite powerful affinities in the atmospheric nitrogen, causing it to combine readily with the oxygen and other elements, particularly in the presence of aqueous vapor.

"So energetic are these actions and so strangely do such powerful discharges behave that I have often experienced a fear that the atmosphere might be ignited, a terrible possibility, which Sir William Crookes, with his piercing intellect, has already considered. Who knows but such a calamity is possible? And who can tell with certitude that periodical cessations of organic life on the globe might not be caused by ignition of the air and destruction of its life sustaining qualities, accidentally or as a consequence of some accumulative change? A lump of coal will lie for centuries unaffected in contact with oxygen, but, the combustion once started, the process continues as long as there are elements to combine."

Pretty Strong Proof.

"Well," said Deacon Stubbles, "they say your son Josh is gittin to be quite a man up to the city."

"Yes," Squire Sprogle assented, "it 'pears like he was. I didn't take no stock in the reports till yistady. Thought Josh was jist a-tootin his own horn. Always did like to talk about hisself a good deal, you know."

"Yes, Josh was never no hand to set around and wait for folks to find out about his good p'ints. But what happened yistady to make you think there was really somethin in the talk about gittin to be a great man? Was his photograph printed in some paper?"

"No, 'twan't that, but a reporter come down here to ast if Josh didn't used to be all fired lazy, or always runnin away from school, or if he wasn't a queer sort of a child that wanted to be away by hisself and not have nothin to do with other children. When they begin to try to find out whether a feller was any of them kinds of a boy, you kin make up your mind that he's gittin to be pretty considerable of a chap."—Chicago News.

It Was Supremely Funny.

"Haw, haw, haw," laughed the Englishman. "Funniest joke I ever heard."

"What is it?" asked the American.

"Why, a man got up one morning and couldn't find his alarm clock, so he asked his wife what had become of it, and she said it had disappeared at 6 o'clock."

"I don't see anything so very funny about that."

"Don't you? Why—why—neither do I now. Thought it was awful funny when I heard it too. I—. Oh, yes, now I know. She said it went off at 6 o'clock. Haw, haw, haw!"—Chicago Post.

A Wonderful Drummer.

Probably the most remarkable drummer who ever lived was Jean Henri, the famous tambour major of the Emperor Napoleon. One of his feats was to play on 15 different toned drums at the same time in so soft and harmonious a manner that instead of the deafening uproar that might have been expected the effect was that of a novel and complete instrument. In playing he passed from one drum to the other with such wonderful quickness that the eyes of the spectators could hardly follow the movement of his hands and body.

Had That Right.

"I'm going to sing at the mothers' meeting tomorrow."

"I shouldn't think they would allow a little girl only 6 years old to attend a mothers' meeting."

"Well, I guess I have a right to go if I want to. Ma makes me take care of the baby nearly all the time."—Cleveland Leader.

Fair haired people are said to be becoming less numerous than formerly. The ancient Jews were a fair haired race; now they are, with few exceptions, dark. So it is, in a lesser degree, with the Irish, among whom 150 years ago a dark haired person was almost unknown.

The average life of a theater is 33 years. From 1861 to 1867, inclusive, 187 theaters were burned down, and 13 every year since has been about the average.

It Lit.

"Gimme a match, will you, old man?"

Toppington had entered Throttle's office just before the noon hour. "Of course," said Throttle, offering his caller the desired article, and as Toppington lighted his half burned cigar Throttle exclaimed, "Oh, by Jove, old man! Did I show you a novelty that I picked up when I was down in New York last week?"

"No; what was it?"

"A peculiar kind of a match," was Throttle's reply as he rose and dove into the pocket of his overcoat that hung on a peg the other side of his desk.

Returning, he held out to Toppington a handful of matches that looked like the ordinary article.

"What's different about them?" asked Toppington.

"Why, you throw them in the air and they light. See?"

Accompanying his word with the appropriate action, Throttle tossed one of the vestas from his hand. It fell as any ordinary match would have done.

"There," exclaimed Toppington, "it didn't do anything of the kind. It didn't light."

"You're mistaken," was Throttle's reply. "It did, don't you see, it lit there on the floor."

Toppington paid for the luncheons.—Detroit Free Press.

Fishing on Horseback.

The most remarkable fishing in the world is that practiced in catching the sturgeon in the frozen rivers of the Ural mountains. Fishing on horseback seems impossible, yet this is literally true of the fishing for sturgeon.

The Russian Cossacks go fishing in large bands. They mount their horses and ride across the frozen river until they are over the place where the current runs strongest. There they dismount and cut through the thick layer of ice until they have formed a little pool of open water, extending across the current almost from shore to shore.

A net, which is sunk to the bottom of the river, is stretched across the stream at the open space, so that not a fish can swim past it. The horses are remounted, and the Cossacks ride up the river for a distance of four or five miles. Here the band turns about and rides down over the thick ice covered stream, forming a long line across it. They urge their horses at full gallop.

The thundering hoofs of the horses terrify the fish, and they charge madly ahead of the approaching cavalcade. Great swarms of fish choke up the stream in the mad effort to escape the terrific noise that is pursuing them, and in this way they are driven down the stream to the net.

A Thrilling Entertainment.

Perhaps the most thrilling entertainment on record was one witnessed in the Romagna, which was as unexpected as it was unauthorized. It was the last day of the carnival, and the theater of Formlipopoli was packed with a crowd of spectators awaiting the rise of the curtain. After a long delay the curtain went up, only to disclose a stage occupied by 100 brigands facing the audience with pointed rifles.

The leader of the strange cast, Il Passatore, one of the most ruthless robbers of any age, bowed profoundly to the horror stricken audience and explained that the theater was surrounded by his men, that the first man who attempted to escape would be shot, and that he and his merry men would proceed to collect any money and valuables they had with them.

The brigand and his men then descended from the stage and stripped the audience of their possessions to the value of $400,000. He then thanked them all in a graceful speech and left the theater. It is comforting to know that he and 100 of his brigands were captured shortly after and that they paid a heavy penalty for their evening's entertainment.

Deceitful, but Brave.

He had been out late. When he reached his residence, the clock was chiming 5. Heavy, weary, disgusted, he opened the front door with some difficulty and softly toiled up the stairs, entering the bedchamber with elaborate caution.

Thank goodness, she was asleep!

He dropped into a chair, and, without taking off his coat or hat, began to remove his shoes. One he placed with great care upon the floor, but, alas, as he took off the other it slipped out of his hand and fell with a loud noise.

"Wifey" awoke on the instant.

She looked at him and then at the sunlight that streamed through the blinds.

"Why, George, what are you getting up so early for?"

Talk about reprieves!

"Why, my dear," replied George, with the clearest enunciation of which he was capable, "I found I couldn't sleep, so I thought I'd get up and go out and take a walk."

And out the poor wretch went, dragging himself round wearily for an hour upon the verge of tears and torpor.

He Returned the Compliment.

A young man and a young woman are leaning over the front gate. They are lovers. It is moonlight. He is loath to leave, as the parting is the last. He is about to go away. She is reluctant to see him depart. They swing on the gate.

"I'll never forget you," he says, "and if death should claim me, my last thought will be of you."

"I'll be true to you," she sobs. "I'll never see anybody else or love them as long as I live."

They parted. Six years later he returns. His sweetheart of former years has married. They meet at a party. She has changed greatly. Between the dances the recognition takes place.

"Let me see," she muses, with her fan beating a tattoo on her pretty hand, "was it you or your brother who was my old sweetheart?"

"Really I don't know," he says. "Probably my father."—Exchange.

"Knotty" History.

Tying knots in a handkerchief to jog one's memory had its origin in China thousands of years ago. Before writing was invented in that country, which did not happen until 3000 B. C., memorable and important events were recorded by long knotted cords. The most ancient history of China is still preserved as told by these knots.

When Emperor Tschang Ki invented writing, the entire system of "knotting" was abandoned. And today the memory knots made by us in handkerchiefs are the only surviving descendants of that ancient custom.

Taking the Cowboy's Picture.

"Now," said the border photographer, pulling his gun and leveling it across the camera at the man in the chair, "will you have the kindness to look pleasant?"

Much amused by the cheek and the cool nerve of the request thus conveyed, the bold cowboy smiled broadly, and at that instant the border photographer pressed the button.—Chicago Inter

The Trials of a Writer.

Why should the young, aspiring author be discouraged or become weary in well doing? We have a letter from one of them in which he says:

"Five years ago I submitted a short story to a certain magazine. It was returned immediately. I sent it to another. It came back. All told, I have sent that same story to 27 magazines, great and small. It has been five years on the road, going and coming. But recently I sent it to the magazine that first declined it, and it was accepted, with *thanks and a satisfactory check!* Of course in that time the old editors of this certain magazine either died or resigned, and it must have fallen into the hands of some new man, who had not seen it before. But in five years' time the postage on that manuscript amounted to $17.50! I got thrice that figure for it at last, so I am not grumbling!"

One will gather from the above that the "literary business" means this, if it means anything "Patience and shuffle the cards!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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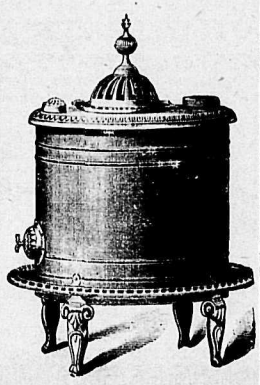

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1899.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

Clinton races were voted a success by all attending.

Fair warning to the fishermen—the season closes on Sunday, the 15th.

Mr. D. Murphy, Miss Murphy and Mrs. Davis visited the Kamloops fair.

Twelve ducks in two hours is good sport, at least Mr. J. Haddock says so, and he claims to have done it.

Ric A. Fraser, of the Lillooet "Prospector," is in town for a few days, after an extended visit to the coast.

James B. Uren, of Clinton, was a visitor in Ashcroft this week, on his way to and from the Kamloops fair.

See the notice of the races at the 150-Mile House. Those who can attend may be assured of a royal good time.

J. H. Loomis, the founder of the town of Loomis, Okanogan Co., Wash., died last week in the Medical Lake Insane Asylum.

Mrs. F. T. Hamshaw, Master Earl, Eva and Gertrude arrived on Thursday from Portland, Or. They took Friday's stage for Barkerville.

J. C. Woodrow, of Vancouver, is registered at the Cargile Hotel. Mr. Woodrow yesterday shipped a splendid lot of beef cattle to the coast.

Ashcroft people are glad to welcome Miss L. Wardell to Ashcroft again. Miss Wardell takes the position of head dressmaker with F. W. Foster.

The curling and skating rinks are being put in shape as rapidly as possible, and will be ready for curlers and skaters as soon as ice can be made.

Today is the last day of the local service on the C.P.R. On Sunday the passenger train from the east will arrive at 2:33 a.m., and the train from the west at 11:14 p.m.

Those who wish dental work done should call at once on Dr. Welsh, at his office, or at the Ashcroft Drug Company's store, as he will leave in a few days for the south.

Clements brothers will start a branch drug store at Lytton. It will be opened for business about the 20th inst., with John Clements in charge. A drug store at Lytton should do well.

The 150-Mile House races will without doubt be the event of the season in that district. More enthusiastic gentlemen than those in charge could not be found. The grand ball must be a success.

As will be seen by a notice appearing in another column, Mr. Arthur Percy Palmer has been appointed manager of the Cariboo Gold Fields Co., at Barkerville. Mr. Palmer left on Friday for Barkerville.

If the weather proves favorable for the next month Cariboo mines will be heard from to their decided advantage. Next season the output will be very largely increased over the present or any past season since early days.

C. E. Browne has peach tomatoes for preserving and he says the only "Canada Red" apples in British Columbia. There is no better keeping apple than this variety and they are good for either eating or cooking. He still has a few grapes left, that are suitable for jelly or raisins.

The Kamloops Fair was well attended and a success. Ashcroft contributed a good sized contingent. Had the weather been warmer than it was there would have been more visitors from here. As it was, beds were reported to be at a premium, or not to be had at all unless engaged in advance.

A loud wail comes down from the 70-Mile House. It is a protest from the ducks and geese. They claim that Wm. and Marcus Bailey are taking off too many of their community, and that next season's crop will be depleted. All of the above complaints leads us to hope that the Bailey brothers' friends will soon receive samples of their ability and industry as duck hunters.

Reports from Quesnelle Forks and from the Horsefly are most encouraging. The mines of Cariboo will yet attract the capital they should and that their merit demands. We trust an actual knowledge of the condition of the roads by the Commissioner of Lands and Works will, as it surely should do, start energetic work toward giving these sections roads that shall not only be passable at all times but good.

The Hon. Messrs. Cotton and Henderson report a pleasant trip to Cariboo, barring bad roads. We can assure the above gentlemen that unless the Allen Act, which has done this section from Ashcroft to Barkerville much harm, is repealed, and reasonable amounts given for needed roads, bridges, etc., that the votes their party will receive in this section next election, which from present signs is not far off, will be limited.

Miss Wallace was a visitor at the Kamloops fair, this week.

Mrs. Davis, of Victoria, who has been visiting Mr. D. Murphy and Miss Murphy, returns home today.

The addition to the C. P. R. shed makes a decided improvement in the freight shed accommodation.

Mr. W. B. Bailey's mother and sister arrived from Victoria last Sunday, and will stay for some time with Mr. Bailey.

W. J. Trethewey, a well known mining man of Vancouver, interested in Harrison Lake and Lillooet properties, came in on Thursday.

Mrs. O. Harvey, her little girl, and Mrs. Dowes, of Vernon, are visiting with Mr. Harvey for a few days, at his Ashcroft home, after an extended visit to the coast.

Fred. Nelson, H. Cargile, J. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Browne, G. Ward, J. Wyness, A. McRae, J. Veasey, Mr. Prine and many others are visiting the Kamloops Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Youngs, of Barkerville spent a few days in town this week after a short visit to the coast. Mrs. Youngs left for the east last night, and Mr. Youngs will leave for Barkerville very shortly.

The electric lights going on at 5 o'clock, as they have done the last few nights, accommodate the business men much better than when put on later. The light furnished by the company compares favorably with any other system so far as we know in the Province.

W. Allen, so long of Bridge Creek, will leave soon for Scotland with his family. His future address will be Duffville, McDuff, Bannfshire, Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Allen leave with the best wishes of their many old-time friends, who hope some time to see them back as residents of British Columbia.

Boston flat is being turned over by the plough, and as it is all well fenced it will be in shape for crops next season. The water system is not yet installed, but will be before very long, the delay occurring on account of the failure of the pipe manufacturers to get the steel plates for same at the time they expected. Boston flat should and will give great returns when once fitted up and seeded.

Wm. Bose says he has unearthed one end of a potato that must be a whopper. He says as soon as he can get a couple of Chinamen to help him pry it out, he will bring it down town to put in shape for the World's Fair at Paris. It is a potato that evidently grows very fast, for when Bill told us about it in the morning it was a foot and a half long. That same afternoon he told us about it again and it was over two feet in length and still growing.

An order-in-council has been passed at Ottawa making some important changes in regard to placer mining in the Yukon. At present, under existing regulations, it is necessary that $200 worth of work be done on each claim every year. This has been changed, and a fee of $200 will be accepted in lieu of work. If work or money is not forthcoming after the end of the year, the owner must pay a fee of $50, and if this is not done within three months then the claim will be cancelled. After three years and on the fourth and succeeding years the amount is raised to $400. Another important change made is that claims abandoned or cancelled will not be re-let, but will revert to the crown.

The tobacco exhibit from Kelowna was a most remarkable feature at the Provincial Fair at New Westminster, as showing that a new and profitable industry can be successfully taken up in this section. Mr. Bailey, who was in charge of the exhibit, informed us that tobacco grown in the neighborhood of Kelowna yielded an average profit of $100 per acre to the grower, leaving a good margin of profit for the manufacturer of cigars. The sample of tobacco grown on the Harper ranch, by C. E. Browne, was pronounced by experts to be of a good grade, and with proper treatment would make good material for manufacture. Farmers in the Ashcroft division should make note of these facts. Ashcroft should profit by it.

The Vernon News has some complaints to make about Ashcroft standing even with Vernon for first and second prizes, stating that Ashcroft was allowed 45 points for artistic display, etc. Ashcroft was by the judges allowed 45 points, which with the highest markings in fruit, viz., 14 out of a possible 15, vegetables and roots, grains, grasses and flowers, made 74 points. The unfortunate part for us was that some of the Westminster men listened to complaints of discrimination, etc., and we were scored down 20 points, Vernon being meantime cut down 7, making 51 each. Vernon, Kelowna, Agassiz and Comox all had good exhibits. Ashcroft won fairly in the competition, but the executive thought the only way out of the difficulty was to make all close, thinking all would enter into the rivalry next year harder and fiercer than ever. There may be some disappointments at the Westminster end of the line next year. One thing, however, is true, as the Vernon News says, all of the various exhibits advertised to the world their great agricultural wealth and showed what could be done in the way of fruit raising.

Next Thursday, October 19th, is Thanksgiving Day.

J. B. Leighton, superintendent of the B.X. Co., has been gazetted a J.P. for the province.

Mr. C. Browne, of the Harper ranch, has grown this year two tons of grapes. He is exhibiting at Kamloops.

J. H. Clements is opening a drug and stationery store at Lytton, in charge of his brother, Jack Clements.

Commercial Hotel, Vancouver, is convenient in every respect, and will give satisfaction to Cariboo mining men.

Mr. F. Wilson, traveller for McLennen & McFeely, hardware merchants, Vancouver, is attending to the wants of his customers this week.

The school house is nearing completion. Contractor Higgenbottom has the painters at work and should have the building ready for occupation in a few days.

G. E. Johnson, of the Grand Central hotel, is improving slowly. Mr. Johnson's illness has been serious, and he can only be benefited by careful attention to Dr. Williams' orders.

Our committee in charge of exhibit at Westminster fair, are under obligations to Mr. J. Reichenbach, the popular butcher of that city, for his untiring efforts to assist them in every way.

It is reported the local train will be taken off next week, and the Imperial Limited go back to the old schedule. The local will be missed. It gave great satisfaction to the travelling public and dealers in this section.

The Grand Central Hotel is undergoing some light changes that will make it more convenient for the public. A large reading room is added, and Mr. T. Hamilton, manager, says it will be made as comfortable as possible.

Miss Alice Shaw scored another victory for Ashcroft at the Westminster fair. She is the second time Miss Shaw has taken prizes for writing at this fair, and it is a matter of congratulation to Mr. R. G. Gordon, head teacher at Ashcroft's school.

Last Sabbath, the Sunday school scholars, under the direction of Rev. T. A. Muir, held a choral service. The exercises were singing and reciting of texts. Mr. Muir is an ardent lover of music and works hard to lead his Sunday school and choir in the same way.

Benjamin Evans, for 30 years usher of the Supreme Court, Victoria, died at the Jubilee Hospital Tuesday. He was superannuated a year ago on account of old age. Mr. Evans was well known throughout the province in the early days, when he accompanied Chief Justice Begbie and Mr. Justice Crease on circuit. He was a native of Glamorganshire, Wales, and came to this province in 1861.

S. W. Blyth and T. P. Morgan, residents of Hat Creek, who arrived this week were passengers on the ill-fated "Scotsman." The terrible scenes of hardship and cruelty imposed upon the women passengers, as reported in the press, are verified by these gentlemen. One of them put his overcoat on a lady who had been unable to get sufficient clothing—in the hurry of leaving the steamer—and neither the lady or overcoat were seen afterwards.

Hon. F. Carter Cotton, Minister of Lands and Works and Finance, accompanied by D. O'Hara, came in on Wednesday, by special stage, from a trip to Cariboo. He has visited Quesnelle Forks, Barkerville, Lillooet and intervening points and expressed himself pleased with his reception. When in Barkerville he was able to make arrangements satisfactory to the Government and the citizens, in the hospital matter.

We are in receipt of some samples of copper matte from the Texada mines, sent us by Mr. A. H. Walters. The specimens show the clear copper, only a little slag being on one side of the matte. It goes to show that the smelter is doing good work and that the mines of Texada must be proven and of good values, or no smelting plant would have been erected. We understand that Mr. Walters is doing well in the hotel business at the above mentioned place.

The wagon road between here and Lytton is at last completed. Although stages have been making through trips for a week, it was not until Friday that the men quit work, and a first-class job they have made of it. Passengers and freight will now have speedy transit, and the saving of quite an item in travel between here and the railroad. The completion of this much-sought highway will no doubt materially help the trade of this town and district.—Lillooet "Prospector."

NOTICE.

Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that Mr. Arthur Percy Palmer has been duly appointed Manager at Barkerville of the above Company's property and business in British Columbia, in place of Mr. Leicester A. Bonner, resigned, and that all Company cheques will be henceforth signed jointly by Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Alfred Humber, Accountant to the said Company.

Notice is also hereby given that Mr. John Herbert Turner, of Messrs, Turner, Beeton & Co., Merchants, 90 Wharf street, Victoria, is the Company's duly registered agent in British Columbia.

Notice is also hereby given that Mr. Leicester A. Bonner and Mr. Ernest E. Bonner have no authority to act on behalf of the Company.

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Dewey "bugs" and Dewey "flies,"
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Dewey pumpkins and Dewey squash,
Dewey taters in Dewey hash.
Dewey geese and Dewey drakes,
Dewey mowers and Dewey rakes,
Dewey bulls and Dewey rams,
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Dewey drivers at the reins,
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Dewey pictures and Dewey toys,
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Dewey cocktails and Dewey beer,
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Dewey corn-cobs and briar-roots,
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