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EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

C. H. Mackintosh, writing for the Rossland Miner on the troubles caused by the eight-hour law, has plainly stated the only sensible manner of settling the differences between labor and capital.

That miners shall only work eight hours a day in deep mines is now the law and it cannot be repealed because labor is just as jealous of its rights as capital and will not submit to a backward movement. Capital, on its part, considers the legislation unjust and uncalled for. To say the matter must remain in this condition, each side defiant and unyielding, speaks little for the intelligence of either labor or capital. As has just been stated the question on the side of the miners has been settled; legislation a year ago did that and now we find the mine owners have lately been seeking at the same source for relief much as the miners did when the legislation was passed. It is useless to talk of things as we would like them, a better way is to recognize them as they are and seek a remedy. Here Mr. Mackintosh's suggestion comes in and although his position is such as might reasonably place him on the side of the mine owners, he offers not a political means of settlement but a fair, common sense method of arriving at a settlement of the differences and one, we think, that should appeal to the intelligence and honesty of both miners and mine owners.

He says: "With the consent of both parties the 8-hour law need not be repealed, but an understanding could be arrived at, expunging fines and compulsory hours, and protecting miners who desire to make contracts, from any interference upon the part of those who object to such being entered into or prosecuted. At all events, it does seem strange that the mine owners should be kept at arm's length, or the miners, anxious to work, be forced to remain idle. I have no interest in mine working. I am neither a mine worker nor a mine owner in Rossland or Slocan or the Boundary. I speak for myself alone, and appeal to both parties interested, to exercise a modicum of reasonable judgment in a crisis to be deplored by all who have the welfare of British Columbia at heart."

No settlement at all satisfactory can be made until the miners and mine owners meet with the determination that there shall be a settlement, and when they come together in this spirit there will probably be a yielding to some extent on both sides. Any forced settlement by either side will leave heart burnings and smoldering thoughts that will arise and precipitate another such difficulty. The less the politicians have to do with the matter the better.

HOW WE FOUGHT IN INDIA.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: Many of the scenes witnessed during the Indian mutiny are too horrible to describe, even at this late date, but as we have heard so much of British reverses and losses in the present war, I will try to describe to the best of my ability my first skirmish in the mutiny, just to show you how trifling the losses have been in some of the late engagements, considering the numbers engaged.

On the 15th of March, 1857, my troop of horse artillery was stationed at Rawlpindi in the Punjaub, when three guns were ordered to proceed to the Jellum river with three companies of the 24th Regiment, the whole being under the command of Colonel Ellis (afterwards General Sir Charles Ellis) our mission being to disarm two regiments of native infantry, viz: the 14th and 15th, numbering about two thousand men. When we started we had no idea there would be a shot fired in anger, as these regiments were stationed in the middle of the Sikh country, but we found both regiments in open rebellion. Some of their officers managed to run the gauntlet and join us safely. There was also a little pathetic incident happened about 2 o'clock this same morning. We met Captain Spring with his wife and children. He had been in Cashmere on sick leave with his family and had received orders to join his regiment at once. The headquarters of the regiment was at Rawlpindi, under the command of Col. Brown, but the company of which he was captain was with us. Col. Ellis told Capt. Spring his first duty was to see his wife and children safe to headquarters, but he answered: "No, Colonel, my company is going into action and my duty is at the head of my company, my wife and children will be safe with the escort, and we will send you (this to his wife) a message tonight that all is well—depend upon it." The message went, but it read: 37 killed and 53 wounded, Capt. Spring amongst the killed and Col. Ellis dangerously wounded, and this loss was out of a force numbering 350, that is, if the infantry companies were full strength, which I doubt.

Now for a description of the fight, as well as I can remember. Col. Ellis deployed his men into line, artillery on the right. In this formation we marched on to the Sepoy parade ground, a level plain two miles long. To our left front were the Sepoy cantonments, at least one mile long and at the back of their cantonments was the river Jellum; out on the plain facing the centre of their cantonments were two guard houses, a magazine and some bungalows. That you may understand what a Sepoy cantonment is I must first tell you that a regiment of Sepoys is composed of men of several different castes, who can neither eat together or sleep together without defiling each other. According to their belief, so that they would run no risk of contamination; the government laid out their cantonments, like we lay out town lots, that is one wide main street down the centre, with side streets at regular intervals, each side street having a row of one story mud cabins on it. I am describing these cantonments so that you can understand what sort of a job these three companies had before them. Just fancy 300 British infantry opposed to 2,000 native infantry, both armed alike (the muzzle loading fire lock) and the Sepoys fighting behind walls, and you will get some idea of what it was like. Well, we opened the ball with round shot and common case shell on the guard houses, range 1,000 yards. The infantry deployed to our left and with a cheer rushed the end of the cantonments nearest to us with the bayonet. This would be about 7 a.m., then for a time we shelled with shrapnel the streets in front of our infantry, until our commander noticed a number of Sepoys carrying loads from the magazine, then he ordered all three guns turned on the magazine. Well, we just pounded that building for one solid hour. We sent both shot and shell in it and through it, until we didn't believe there was powder enough in it to load a musket, so we ceased firing. We had no sooner ceased firing than the Sepoys started to carry loads from it again, then came the order to try him again with a shrapnel. That settled it. There turned out to be powder enough in it to blow the building to atoms. We then limbered up and advanced to within 600 yards of the guard houses and again opened fire on them. They were full of Sepoys, who were directing all their fire on the 24th, but we could not dislodge them quick enough to please Col. Ellis, for his bugle sounded "cease fire" and we saw he was forming his men to take the guard houses by storm. The distance betwixt the guard houses and the cantonments, where the 24th was formed up, was about 100 yards. Out from behind those mud huts with a cheer came the 24th, Col. Ellis about ten yards in front on horseback. When the stormers had reached about half way, came the first volley from the enemy. Down went Col. Ellis, man and horse together. The Col. was hit by five bullets, I believe, the horse was fairly riddled. I think the whole volley was directed at the Colonel, for only three of the rank and file fell, but not one Sepoy escaped from those guard houses. Every one was bayoneted.

Capt. Spring being next in seniority to Col Ellis took command, and the Sepoys seeing the fate of their comrades in the guard houses retreated to a Sikh village situated on the top of a steep hill, about two miles east of their cantonments. An almost impregnable position and we were glad, for we thought that would finish the fighting for that day. We had been marching and fighting for 20 hours without food, and you can bet we were ready for our curry and rice. Just then our staff sergeant rode up and told us that Capt. Spring was going to storm the village and our guns would have to cover the stormers. Well, we shelled the village while the stormers climbed the hill. Capt. Spring fell shot through the chest before they were many yards up the hill, but on they went until they reached the village but they could not hold it. Capt. Mackinnon, who was then in command, ordered his little band to retire, and so ended the battle of the Jellum. Then began the collection of the wounded, under Surgeon-Major Gambell, who had converted one of the Sepoy armories into a hospital, the dead were collected the next morning and buried on the parade ground in front of the guard house, and in the evening of the same day was the execution of the rebel prisoners.

So, I remain, Yours, &c.,
TOPECONERWALLA.

Epitaph on a Busy Woman.

Here lies a poor woman who always
was busy;
She lived under pressure that rendered
her dizzy.

She served on a school board with courage and zeal;
She golfed and kodaked and rode on a
wheel.

She belonged to ten clubs and read
Browning by sight,
Shone at luncheons and teas, and would
vote if she might.

She read Tolstoi and Ibsen, knew microbes by name,
Approved of Delsarte, was a "daughter" and "dame."

Her children went in for the top education,
Her husband went seaward for nervous
prostration.

One day on her tablets she found an
hour free;
The shock was too great, and she died
instantlee.

CANADA'S MINERALS.

The mineral production of Canada attained in 1899 a total value of $47,275,512. This is $8,614,502 more than in 1898, and more than twice as great as the total of 1896. The most important single item was gold, the total value of which was $21,049,730, an amount which exceeded the entire value of the mineral output of the Dominion in 1895. The greater part of this large gain is in gold from the Yukon region, the total value of which last year is estimated by the Geological Survey of Canada—to which we are indebted for these figures—at $16,000,000. There was, however, a substantial increase in the production outside of this, a part of which, however, was due to the advance in prices of copper and other metals. Of the metals last year gold furnished 44.5 per cent. of the total values, copper 5.6, nickel 4.4, silver 3.9 and lead 2.1 per cent. Iron is still an unimportant feature of Canadian production, though we believe that the development of the great reserves of iron ore in the country will not be long postponed. Of the non-metallic products coal was the most important, and in value it was second only to gold among all the items of production, constituting 19.1 per cent. of the total. Among the minor products we note a small output—55 ounces—of platinum.

The increase would have been still greater had not the eight-hour law and labor troubles interfered to some extent with mining developments in British Columbia. The greatest advance shown in any of the mining districts of the Dominion last year was in Western Ontario, which increased its gold output and promises to add copper and zinc to its list of products.

The Town Cemetery.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: I would draw attention to the deplorable condition of the Ashcroft burial ground, brought about presumably by animals which are allowed to roam far too freely through this town. Besides the destruction wrought in our gardens by the numerous wandering cows, there must now be added the desecration of the graves in our "God's Acre."

Living as we do under conditions existing in an unincorporated town, and until there exists some central authority, or other controlling body in our midst, may we not morally claim consideration at the hands of our friends who are the owners of horses and cows, insuring as far as they can, that their animals shall do the least amount of damage.

Yours faithfully,
A. ANSTEY DORRELL.

Training For South Africa.

On Thursday, March the 1st, there was a good deal of excitement in Montreal over the relief of Ladysmith. During the day time there had been unpleasant occurrences with respect to the non hoisting of British flags by French newspaper offices with which both the students of McGill college and those of the French Laval college had something to do. Here follows an account, by a participator in the row, of what happened on the evening of the same day:

"That night we had a large bonfire on Dominion Square after which the whole body of McGill men moved towards Laval University. When we got to the college we found the Laval men were all shut up inside their large building with the exception of two who were at the head of a long flight of stone steps which lead up to the front entrance. These two each had the nozzle of a fire hose ready for use and besides these two there were two French policemen also armed with fire hose, while at the foot of the stairs were drawn up a squad of about 30 French "Bobbies." As soon as we reached the college we hoisted the "Jack" just at the foot of the steps and then immediately those on top of the steps together with two others in the upper story of the building turned the water (six nozzles in all) upon us. This made us determined to clear them off the top steps and so we started with the flag but were soon brought to a stand still as the French police drew their batons and dropped about eight of our men. I was among the leaders and just managed to avoid one lick made at me by a "Bob" and was clearing back a bit when another policeman hit the man next to me (this chap was backing up too) and knocked him insensible. Before the "Bob" could recover himself I caught him a clip on the side of the head with a club I had picked up and dropped him like a log. After this bit of fighting we drew off for a bit and all but about 20 of us got out of reach of the water which had been coming down on us all the time (all this time there was a frightful snow storm with wind going on) our clothes being soaked through and through and coated with ice. After about fifteen minutes the following men got together directly in front of the steps, the two "M's", "L's", "P", one "A" and myself, all B. C. men. Then H, T, B and about four other fellows whose names I did not know. At a signal from H we rushed the steps. The two Laval men dropped their hose and bolted into the building. One policeman was thrown over the steps and landed on a snow drift about 30 ft. below, the other "Bob" aimed a blow with his baton at M who ducked and then let out with his fist, catching his man on the chin and flooring him in capital style. By this time the policemen who had been standing a bit on one side of the bottom of the steps so as to be out of the line of the water had got to the top of the steps and began laying around with their clubs, knocking down several men. One big fellow came up behind me but I saw him coming and, not having a club, I avoided him and closed with him, but he was better on his pins than I and after a while he threw me down the steps landing me in the water at the bottom, unhurt. About the time that I was thrown down most of the others began returning, having accomplished what we wanted; i. e., reached the top steps, cleared off the men and stopped the water. When "P" (who is as strong and active as a bull) got to the bottom he was tackled by Carpenter, chief of police, who soon found out he had hold of the wrong man, as "P" almost basted the life out of him and I really believe would have killed him had not another "Bob" came up and floored him. When we saw this we made a dash for "P" and got him away from the police. By this time about 50 additional police arrived and we left and came home, but I never in all my life had such an exciting hour and never enjoyed myself better.

I think the matter will blow over now, as almost everyone claims that if the police instead of being frightened out of their wits, had taken things good naturedly and let us put our flag upon the top of the steps there would have been no trouble at all."

What Workingmen Want.

Ottawa, March 19.—A deputation composed of Mr. Puttee, labor representative of Winnipeg, E. P. Bremner of New Denver, and others representing the Dominion Trades and Labor Council, waited upon the premier this morning. They urged legislation to prevent the importation of Americans under the contract system, the appointment of inspectors to enforce safeguards for loading and unloading vessels; the exclusion of Chinese or raising the entry tax on them to $500; eight hours a day for all government works; a special label on all goods turned out of the penal institutions of the Dominion; a labor bureau to deal with all questions of statute labor and questions similar to those arising in the Slocan mining districts of British Columbia. The sweating system in vogue in some parts of the Dominion was also referred to.

The Premier in reply thanked the deputation for the valuable information furnished the government. He assured them that the government was already working on bills respecting the Chinese question, the sweating system and fair wages. The Premier also stated that the government was looking into the Slocan mining troubles, intimating that the class of laborers imported into that section was inferior to Canadian labor.

Regarding legislation preventing the importation of Americans, the Premier said there was a tacit understanding between the United States and this country that alien labor laws should not be enforced on either Americans or Canadians. He was of the opinion that the understanding was being lived up to by Americans on the whole, only a few over-zealous American officials having so far apparently ignored the understanding.

Amusements.

Downie's repertoire company, better known as McPhee No. 2 company, presented "Prince and Lady" at the Third Avenue theater last night in a manner which met with the approval of an audience that crowded the house. The plot of "Prince and Lady" is not novel. The play opens with a farm scene in the Catskills and passes in successive acts to an aristocratic London home, a London hovel, and lastly to a castle on an estate of disputed title, the contest for which is the turning point in the plot.

The cast is a strong one in many respects and was well received by the audience. The children, Daisy and Margery Mandeville, played their parts cleverly and were encored.—P. I.

Ashcroft, Monday, March 26, "My Uncle from Manila". Prices, 50 and 75 cents, children 25 cents. Reserved seats on sale at Clement's drug store.

Downie's big company (McPhee No. 2) carry a complete band and orchestra and give a free street parade and band concert daily at noon. Prices 50 and 75 cents, children 25 cents. Reserved seats on sale at Clement's drug store.

See Millie La Tena, the world's greatest lady drum major, with Downie's big company Monday, March 26.

Cariboo stock that two months ago sold, or was offered as low as 60 cents, is now selling for 100 to 110 per share.

Wm. Walker, president of the Inland Agricultural Association, was in Ashcroft Wednesday.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: The following graceful tribute appears in the Cape Argus of Jan. 29: "Nothing could be finer than the spirit with which the Canadians have entered into the task of supporting the mother country in the present campaign. And this, too, without the suggestion of paymemt by Great Britain."

There is one other contribution to the S.A. war literature which is worthy of insertion, sir, with your permission, in your columns. It is the testimony of the Rev. Canon Farmer, who has lived in Pretoria since 1895, on the subject of Boer armaments. He says: "Arming was going on long before Jameson crossed the border, and Kruger welcomed this as an excuse to continue arming more openly. For more than a year before the raid arms and ammunition were being poured into Pretoria. Directly afterwards the forts around Pretoria were started and within two years six large forts were erected round the capital. In 1898 I was surprised to see a fine new fort being built at Bloemfontein, showing that the Free State was also preparing for war. At regular intervals guns and arms arrived in Pretoria quite openly, and trials of new guns were continually being made. Both Mr. Conyngham Greene and Sir Jacobus de Wet were quite acquainted with what was going on. I spoke to Mr. Greene about it and he implied that both himself and the government at home were aware of the condition of things. Reliable Boer officials with whom I was friendly told me that they would put between 90,000 and 120,000 men into the field, and that they would completely crush us!"

Yours faithfully,
A. ANSTEY DORRELL.

Cape Nome.

A miner at Cape Nome writing to a friend in Helena says:

"I expected all summer that I would come out this fall, so I did not write, but now I have made up my mind to stay here this winter. I think I can get some ground that will not be represented by the first of the year. If I do not catch on I will be out in the spring.

I see the Seattle papers are trying to boom this camp. But there is nothing here to justify the talk they are making about it. There were some good spots along the beach, but the beach is practically worked. There might be some money made on the beach with machinery, but I would not advise anyone to try it. I intend to do some work on a quartz ledge that I staked some time ago, and did not have time to do any work on.

There are quite a number of quartz claims staked—some of them have a little gold in them, but I have not seen anything yet that will pay to mill.

I worked on the beach about five weeks and made $600. Three of us worked together and we took out $1800 in 10 days. Then we worked all the rest of the time without making a cent. We could not find another spot. Lots of poor fellows worked all summer on the beach and did not make a cent, while others made as much as $4000. I have two placer claims; neither one of them will pay to work. I may sell them in the spring."

FREIGHT SHIPMENTS.

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

Mar. 17	M McCarthy, Ques....	4,000
19	D McTavish, Ques.....	10,200
19	J Murphy, Ques.....	5,100
20	N McDonald, Dog C'k.	3,250
20	A Martley, Lillooet....	1,900
21	D McLeod, 70-M. H....	5,000
21	A McDonald, Ques.....	9,000
21	Skillings & Smith Ques	22,000
22	A Wills, 150-M H	13,000
22	W Elmore, Ques. Forks	10,500
21	A Martley, Lillooet....	900
20	G Gill, Clinton.....	5,000

PASSENGER LIST.

The following is the list of passengers arriving at and departing from Ashcroft by the B.C. Express Co.

ARRIVALS.

Mr Shepherd, J Doheny, Mr McInnes, G W Smith, D Wilson.

DEPARTURES.

F Foster, Rev. Stevenson, Mr and Mrs McRae, Miss Stewart, J Bain, Mr Meyer, Mr Griffen, Mr Sutherland, Mr Lincoln, Mr and Mrs Youngs, Major General Kinchant, Mr Chick, Mr Gallagher, Mr J Bain.

By special stage. Messrs Powell and Wilson.

If anyone wants to borrow the lawn roller they must make a deposit to insure its safe return. After a long search it was found deserted and evidently forgotten.

Mrs. B. F. English, Bonaparte, and Mrs. R. Walker, Cache creek, visited Ashcroft, Wednesday. Mr. D. and Mrs. McGillivray, 59-Mile House, were here Thursday.

Attention is directed to the advertisement in another column calling for tenders for the construction of a two story building in Ashcroft. This is a good opportunity for the local Knights of the saw and hammer.

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FRUIT CULTURE.

By Thos. G. Earl.

Now, with 2,000 trees 7 years old just commencing to bear, we may as well rate them low, so we will say on the average they will have only 20 lbs. of fruit to each tree, and on his 2,000 trees this would amount to 40,000 lbs. or 20 tons, which would be 800 boxes of 50 lbs. each, and if they were a first class article, nicely boxed and graded late keepers, they ought to realize at the lowest $50 or $60 per ton by the carload. I will say $50, which would be $1,000, and after paying out for boxes, say 800 at 10 cents each, $80 at the mill —I am giving New Westminster rates —for the full 50 lb. box, which with freight added to his place, say 2c. per box, or $100. We will allow $200 for picking, grading, boxing and stencilling. Of course this is enough to cover all—making boxes, cost of nails, also cost of stencil. So the grower would have $700 for the first year after coming into bearing, he surely ought to have over twice that amount the second year. The grower on this showing can well afford to care for his orchard, *spray his trees, etc.* Now, I think as everything we buy is so high, and of course labor also, the producer should have a corresponding price for what he has to sell and that apples should sell for 3 cents per lb.

Butter is now 40 cents per lb. and all farming machinery with its 35 per cent. duty is way up: so are all groceries, as this is the day of "trusts." Even the government is so careful of the poor miners and artisans as to only allow them to work 8 hours per day and get *their $3 or $4 a day.* As they have left the poor farmers out in the cold to work for 10 or 12 hours or even more hours per day with no protection, I think it about time we "hayseeds" started in to protect ourselves. If we don't I fail to see who is going to look out for us. I really think that as we have to invest our money and work hard many years to improve our farms, *we ought to have as good an opportunity* as others, that have only a trade and don't require capital, so the "fruit growers" and "farmers" should combine and try to get a reasonable price for what they produce. We could, too, if we would only unite as other laborers do. I am, however, sorry to say that the producer does not use good judgment—we will instance *a farmer who has a few fruit trees*: In the fall he is eager to sell the fruit and he first sells all he can on the outside, then he goes to the store where he trades, and expects the storekeeper to pay him as much or a trifle more than he sold them for on the outside, when he has already supplied those who would have bought from the store and the dealer cannot afford to buy *them. It is the same with those who* have small orchards of varieties that would not keep, and as a rule not properly put up so that the dealer could dispose of them in other markets, and so it goes on, cutting prices. The time is coming when the intelligent orchardist will come out all right.

I wish to say the C.P.R. deserves great credit for starting a daily freight which ought to be a great benefit to the producer, as it gives him a chance to dispose of his produce with a certainty *of placing his produce* of all kinds fresh on the markets daily from the whole length of the Thompson river valley up to Revelstoke or down to Vancouver. I have omitted Victoria as I consider that market can be supplied by Vancouver and adjacent islands, unless we had good late keeping apples, and then the Americans can do it at a very low figure, as *the freight and duty don't cut much of* a figure. We ought to do our level best to supply the city of Vancouver and we should patronize this daily freight with choice fruits and vegetables for the Kootenay markets, of course, including Revelstoke and Vancouver. There is, however, no use in shipping any except first class and put up with great care and taste. I have already stated I am *quite well satisfied the C.* P.R. officials, if they are only satitfied, that by lowering the rates, they can induce the farmers and fruit growers along the line to energetically supply these markets, they will meet us half way. At the present time I really do not know whose place it is to ask them to lower them. I flatter myself that when I was at the head of the *Fruit Growers' Association I did a* great deal on this line. At present the F.G.A. does not seem to act, and it appears as if the Farmers' Institutes don't try to help themselves in this matter, which, I should say, is of vital importance to them, and in fact I as yet cannot see that the Institutes have accomplished as much as was expected of them. The Institutes can do much *good if they try in many ways, and one* of their main objects ought to be to open and supply all the markets we can and in order to do this there is no time to spare, for I think at the present time there will be a large crop of fruit of early varieties and the local markets will be glutted unless there is an effort made to ship it to the Northwest.

Now, I am well aware many will say the trees will be too close together, and so they would be in some localities, but here in the dry belt we have so *much* sun that I have often had apples burnt on the trees; and then we have so *much wind* that where they are close together the winds do not affect them so much: but each one can suit himself as to distance apart. Just another point to be considered, the valley of the Thompson is safer for the trees, as the frosts come somewhat earlier and stops the growth, so the wood ripens for winter and the changes are not as sudden as they are on the Fraser, so *there is less danger of the trees being* winter killed—and now, as I am very busy I will close this and give a short article next week on Prunes, and some of my experience on Grape growing.

The Similkameen District.

Written for the Engineering and Mining Journal by C. A. Bramble: The Similkameen country lying west of the Okanagon is now, and in fact has been during the entire season, attracting a wonderful amount of attention throughout the Northwest. *The Similkameen* river rises in Washington, high up in the Cascades, in the upper Methow *region*, its course being northerly to Princeton, and thence southeasterly to the boundary line, about 100 miles of its course being through British Columbia. Included in the valley of this stream and along its sides are the now well known camps of Keremeos, Olalla Creek, Riordan Mountain, Fifteen-Mile Creek, Sixteen-Mile Creek, Ashnola, Twenty-Mile Creek, Bromleys, *Jamieson's* and Princeton. Above Princeton and about 12 miles south of that point, Copper Mountain is situated. Just across the river from Copper Mountain is Kennedy Mountain, now thought to be almost as rich in copper as Copper Mountain. Further up stream are the less known but by no means unimportant camps of Friday Creek and Roche River.

At Princeton the main stream is joined by the Tulameen, locally known as the North Fork. This stream is *probably* 80 miles in length and flows through a somewhat rugged region, which is known to be rich in mineral indications. Much prospecting has been done and hundreds of locations made along the Tulameen and its tributaries. The Tulameen region, which is in reality a westerly extension of the Similkameen, will, like the latter, prove to be a country of mineral resources.

At Princeton mining operations have been confined chiefly to Copper Mountain. It is there the Sunset claim is located, which is now being actively developed by a company. The work at the claim is under the superintendence of the locator of the property, Mr. R. A. Brown. Reports from this property are to the effect that the shaft is now entirely in bornite ore. With machinery installed and continuous work provided for and kept going the Sunset and Copper Mountain as a *whole should prove a point of exceptional activity next season.*

At Twenty-Mile Creek the usual force of men are at work on the Nickel Plate, and although the reports from the property are meager, owing to the reluctance of the owners to admit strangers to the mine, it is nevertheless well understood that the property has already proved of value. It is reported that the management has succeeded in arranging with the Department of Indian Affairs for a mill or smelter site on the Indian reservation near the junction of Twenty-Mile creek with the Similkameen.

At Keremeos a large amount of work has been done on the various properties throughout that camp. The ore here is for the most part copper pyrites and sulphides in diorite and quartz.

On the Opulence, native copper occurs in very considerable *quantities.* Assays from this property are as high as 62 per cent. copper from picked specimens, the average being about 20 per cent. copper, with very light gold and silver values. On the Dolphin a fine ore body has been opened by a tunnel 80 ft. in length, the same body being shown up, both below and above the tunnel, by open cuts. On the Roadside, a shaft now down 20 ft. has disclosed a lot of sulphide ore. On the Golinda group a cross-cut tunnel is now in about 130 ft. and the indications are that the main lead on this property will soon be cut. Work is about to be resumed on the Copper King, which has a shaft already down some 30 ft.

On the Elkhorn group considerable surface work has been done and a considerable amount of copper sulphide and pyrrhotite disclosed. On the Bul*lion Mountain group* bodies of high grade copper sulphide have been opened, and the management has commenced an 800 ft. cross-cut tunnel, which will tap the principal ore deposit at a depth of about 700 ft., besides opening at least two other leads of less size. The Searchlight tunnel, now in 30 ft., is being driven farther, the indications being excellent.

At present the Black Brothers & Woodcroft are building a new trail into Upper Keremeos Valley, and as soon as it is completed, supplies will be taken in, and they will commence the permanent development of their Gem Mountain group of claims. On the Dividend group a body of iron carrying copper has just been cross-cut for a distance of 30 ft., without finding the opposite wall *from the one where work* was started. Sinking will now be commenced on this showing, and it is presumed will be carried on permanently.

Taken altogether the mineral showings throughout Keremeos Valley Camp, and especially in the vicinity of Olalla Creek, where the largest amount of development work of one kind and another has been done, are in all respects exceptional. The long tunnel on the Bullion Mountain group is being driven and should show up some heavy bodies of mineral. Arrangements are now being made to bring machinery into the camp, and when installed the work will go forward in a much more rapid manner than is possible by hand work only.

The Effects Of The Law.

We suppose it is a low estimate to say that if all the properties of the country were in full operation, there should be, one way and the other, from 8,000 to 10,000 men employed, and *there are not now more than one quar*ter of the number under present conditions; and there is absolute assurance that the number will not be materially increased until the law is changed. Is it then in the interest of the country—is it in the interest of the miners themselves as a body the change should be made? We ask those prints that are vehemently denouncing interference, *if it is in interest of either* the men or the country that mining operations should be allowed to drag *along* for the next five years as they have dragged for the past ten months? We are not a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but we say, for we know it, operations will be little better than they are for the next five years at least unless the desired changes in the eight-hour law are made? *For local and* personal reasons a mine here and there will pick up at times, but others again will lessen their staff, and so on will the operations be conducted until the changes are made.

It is now proven beyond a doubt the eight-hour law has increased the cost of operations from 15 to 25 per cent. This fact alone will prevent the income of capital and the opening up of low grade properties. It will then be only the best of the old properties *that will be worked*, and those but indifferently until the legislature leaves the owners and the men free to make their own arrangements as suits themselves best.—Sandon Mining Review.

This ought to settle it. The director of the United States naval observatory has decided that the nineteenth century ends at midnight on December 31 1900, and *that the 20th century* begins with January 1, 1900. The government has accepted his decision as final.

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Jaffar, the Barmecide, the good vizier,
The poor man's hope, the friend without a peer—
Jaffar was dead, slain by a doom unjust.
And guilty Haroun, sullen with mistrust
Of what the good and e'en the bad might say,
Ordained that no man living from that day
Should dare to speak his name on pain of death.
All Araby and Persia held their breath—

All but the brave Mondeer. He, proud to show
How far for love a grateful soul could go
And facing death for very scorn and grief
(For his great heart wanted a great relief),
Stood forth in Bagdad daily, in the square
Where once had stood a happy house, and there
Harangued the tremblers at the scimitar
On all they owed to the divine Jaffar.

"Bring me this man!" the caliph cried. The man
Was brought, was gazed upon. The mutes began
To bind his arms. "Welcome, brave cords!" cried he.
"From bonds far worse Jaffar delivered me;
From wants, from shames, from loveless household fears;
Made a man's eyes friends with delicious tears;
Restored me, loved me, put me on a par
With his great self. How can I pay Jaffar?"

Haroun, who felt that on a soul like this
The mightiest vengeance could but fall amiss,
Now deigned to smile, as one great lord of fate
Might smile upon another half as great.
He said: "Let worth grow frenzied if it will,
The caliph's judgment shall be master still.
Go, and, since gifts so move thee, take this gem,
The richest in the Tartar's diadem,
And hold the giver as thou deemest fit!"
"Gifts!" cried the friend. He took and, holding it
High toward the heavens, as though to meet his star,
Exclaimed, "This, too, I owe to thee, Jaffar!"
—Leigh Hunt.

Told Over The Samovar

This is the story as Polly told it to me over the samovar—bad luck to the new come Russian of bearded smile who gave it to her! But the story loses much in coming from the second hand, for the grace of Polly's tales lies in the telling—in the light of eye, the twitch of mouth, the smile and the shrug of shoulder, and these, by favor of heaven, cannot be put to paper, else all would have my Polly.

She—Polly, of course—was asked by Miss Stanton to spend the night with her. Miss Stanton had moved into a new place during the day and wanted Polly to help her fix up—Polly knows by instinct just where this and that ought to be placed for the best effect. When they got to the house just at dusk, not a soul was at home, and the immovable door recalled to Miss Stanton that she had not yet asked for a latchkey. For an instant there were consternation and blank faces. Then the front windows were tried. One of them was not locked. Their faces resumed expression.

"It's unlocked all right," said Miss Stanton in a voice made hopeless by new troubles, "but how are we going to get in? Can you climb?"

Miss Stanton couldn't; that was plain. Miss Stanton is—well, as Polly hesitatingly said at the telling, "she's—she's wide, you know." And then Polly spread her hands until about three-quarters of the width of the table lay between them. "About so," she added.

"Can I climb? Of course I can," said Polly with the confidence of an all doing genius. "You just stand in front of the window, so no one can see, and I'll get in."

Miss Stanton slipped into position and Polly disappeared behind her. Just how Polly got through the window—it began three feet from the veranda floor—is not to be told, for Miss Stanton effectually screens much territory, and Polly, when I asked her, demurely replied that there were some secrets that a woman could keep.

Just as Polly came down with a little thump within Miss Stanton gave a great gasp without.

"Oh, Polly! A policeman! What'll we do?"

"A policeman!" cried Polly, peeping over Miss Stanton's shoulder.

Sure enough there was an officer in terror inspiring brass buttons. And he was walking toward the house.

"Quick, Polly! What'll we do?" The voice approached the frantic.

But before Polly could make answer there came words from the officer.

"Say, you there—come out of that!"

"But—we live—we stay here," expostulated Miss Stanton tremblingly.

"That's right, Kate. Talk up to him," whispered Polly encouragingly.

"Oh, yes, of course," said the officer dryly, a man of "most painful humor," according to Polly.

"There was nobody at home, and I'd forgotten my latchkey."

"Good, Kate! Don't let him scare you," in a discreet undertone from Polly.

Miss Stanton was trembling.

"That's a nice little story, but it's a little old. But, say," he demanded brilliantly, gazing with a most wise smile at Miss Stanton, who completely eclipsed the window, "how did you expect to crawl through that window?"

Miss Stanton stammered, whereat the officer nodded his head with even greater wisdom.

"You're smooth, but the game's an old one. I'll just run you in. You're the kind I'm looking for."

"But you don't mean to arrest me? I live here!" Miss Stanton cried weakly.

The policeman grinned. "That will not go either. I know every one in the *house.*" *Which was the truth, as they* learned later, for he was sweet on one of the girls. "You might as well close the talk and come with me."

He took hold of Miss Stanton's arm. As he did so he chanced to look over her shoulder, and his eyes lighted on Polly, who was calmly biting the finger tips of her gloves.

"Hello! So there's two of you?"

"Yes," admitted Miss Stanton.

He motioned to Polly.

"Come out," said he.

"I won't," said Polly.

He started for her, but Polly slipped the window down, locked it and looked at him with chin straight out. When Polly holds her chin so, one usually does as she likes. The officer stared through the glass an instant and then turned to Miss Stanton.

"She'll come out of there all right. You come with me to a patrol box."

Miss Stanton meekly walked away with him. In about five minutes they came back and sat down on the steps. Polly pulled an easy chair to the window, slipped into it and leisurely began to pull off her gloves.

So they sat until the patrol wagon drove up, into which Miss Stanton was bundled with little ceremony. Then the policeman came up the steps to the window.

"Look here," he called out. "I'm tired of this! Come on out of there!"

Polly calmly took off her hat and eyed it critically with head a trifle to one side.

"If you don't, I'll smash the window and come after you! You'll come then."

Perhaps he would have done so—for he had but little temper left—had not the man who owns the house come up the steps just then with his wife. To him the officer turned.

"Robbers have been trying to get into your house, Mr. Wilson," he called out.

"Robbers!" exclaimed Mr. Wilson.

"Thieves in my house! Where?" screamed his wife.

"Oh, we've got 'em tight enough," said the policeman. "One's in the parlor now. She got in through the window."

"What! Women thieves?" Mrs. Wilson ran up the steps, and within the window sat Polly, leaning back, with her hat in her lap, which sight almost sent her into hysterics.

"There's one of them!" she screamed, pointing to Polly. "Sitting there just as if she owned the place! Oh, the—creature!"

"Yes, I seen her just as she and t'other one was trying to get in," the officer said complacently. "T'other one's in the wagon."

The frantic Mrs. Wilson made a rush for the patrol wagon. Miss Stanton thrust out her head.

"It's me—it's just me—Miss Stanton," she said plaintively.

"Miss Stanton! Well, of all things—my new roomer!" Mrs. Wilson stopped short. "What are you doing in there? How did you get in there?"

"They put me in," said Miss Stanton mournfully.

Then came the explanation. And then Mr. Wilson said something to the policeman. What that was Polly does not know.

"I couldn't hear," she explained to me when she had finished telling the story.

"Probably told him that he was a policeman," I suggested.

Polly shook her head as she dropped a slice of lemon into her tea. "No; I think he called him a fool."

"Which is the same," said I, with a feeling that I was very clever. "But *how did it all end?*"

"It's ended. That's all there is to it."

Polly looked at me in silence for a full minute. But Polly is never long without a word.

"Wasn't it simply awful?" she said, shaking her head with wide eyed, shivering solemnity. "It was shocking!"

Then an irrepressible smile displaced the gravity of her face, and she laughed, her head thrown back just enough to reveal the birdlike pulsings of her throat.

"It was funny, though—is now. It wasn't then." Her eyes were bright *with mirth tears.*

She leaned forward, dropped her chin into her hands and gazed at me half smiling, half blushing.

"You'll never tell, Tom. That's a good boy—don't."

"Tell!" said I, hurt by the imputation.

"No, of course you won't," said Polly.

"Of course not," said I.

But Polly will never see this.—Chicago Journal.

Ingersoll and Beecher.

Several years ago Henry Ward Beecher and Colonel Ingersoll met in a railroad station in New York state, where both had to wait for a train. They talked together on all sorts of subjects, more especially the future of man. Finally the conversation drifted to peculiar epitaphs on gravestones, and Mr. Beecher, who had been looking over the headlines of a morning paper, exclaimed:

"Ah, colonel, here is a fitting epitaph for you." The day before the birthday of Robert Burns, the Scotch poet, had been celebrated with unusual ceremony, and a description of the celebration occupied considerable space on the first page of the paper. Mr. Beecher tore off a two column headline and handed it to the unbeliever. It read, "Robert Burns."

Two years later Ingersoll and Beecher met again in a St. Louis hotel. "I remember your epitaph on me, Mr. Beecher," said Ingersoll, "and I have got one for you. I will read it for you, 'Born in the slavery of sectarian shackles, hungry and thirsty for freedom and light, he yet died in religious bondage.'"

Boer Exhibits at the Paris Exposition.

At the Paris exposition 40,000 square feet have been allotted to the Boers. Their pastoral life will be shown by a Boer farm, portraying vividly the life of the first colonists of the Transvaal. The national pavilion of the Transvaal, built in the Dutch style, will display geographical documents, mineral specimens and exhibits showing the methods of instruction in the schools. In the Boer farm will be exhibited the wild animals of the Transvaal. The means and methods of transportation used will also be portrayed. The mining industry will be shown by a five stamp battery.—Scientific American.

The Craving For Stimulants.

The blood normally contains stimulants, and that these stimulants exercise a favoring influence on function and conduce to and may even be a necessary factor in the production of the feeling of well being explains the widespread liking in man and beast for stimulating substances. This liking, amounting often to a craving, is the expression of a great physiological principle. When health is perfect, when the blood is well provided with its proper stimulants and not overcharged with depressants, there is no craving for extraneous stimulants, such as alcohol, tea or coffee, but when the blood is defective in the one or surcharged with the other then is felt the desire for the glass of wine or the cup of tea.

In order to obviate this desire the body should be kept at the highest level of health. The more perfect the health the more perfect will be the composition of the blood in respect to both physiological stimulants and deleterious toxins. A blood properly constituted in these and other respects will exercise a gentle stimulant action on the nervous system and induce a condition of mild physiological intoxication, which expresses itself in a feeling of well being and happiness—a condition that cannot be bettered.—Lancet.

The Result of Too Much Pathos.

"One day," says Jean Francois Raffaelli, "Daudet was arguing a point that on the stage it is a mistake to insist too strongly on any one form of sentiment, whatever it may be. 'Listen,' said he. 'I recall a little incident which may serve to illustrate my meaning: A woman dressed in black one day entered an omnibus in which I happened to be. She was in deep mourning, and her countenance was so worn, so contracted, so furrowed with grief, that her neighbor could not refrain from asking what terrible sorrow it could be that had thus left its marks upon her.

"'Whereupon the woman, amid the sympathetic attention of all the little world in the omnibus, including the conductor, who did nothing but blow his nose so as to hide his tears, told how she had lost first one child and within a very few days another. Every one pitied her greatly, but when *she proceeded with many tears* to tell of the death of a third child her hearers were somewhat less moved, and finally, when she launched into a long account of the loss of a fourth—devoured by a crocodile on the banks of the Nile—every one in the omnibus burst out laughing.'"—New Lippincott.

Why He Is a Waiter.

W. E. B. Du Bois, in his book, "The Philadelphia Negro," devotes much space to authentic instances, proving that, in the words of the author, "the road to success is to have a white face." Professor Du Bois cites many individual cases in support of his somewhat bitter deduction, one of the most striking being the experience of a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

This young colored man took a course in mechanical engineering, was an apt student, was well recommended and by reason of his excellent record obtained a situation through an advertisement. He reported for work, remained only a few hours and was then discharged for the simple reason that his skin was not white. The experience was repeated several times until he became utterly discouraged. He is now a waiter in the University club, where he is forced to serve white fellow graduates.

He Read Caine.

While Hall Caine was in this country several years ago the Aldine club of New York city dined him. Among those invited to meet Mr. Caine was one of the most popular of our American authors. Soon after the dinner began dinner cards began to circulate with requests for autographs. The author in question whispered to his neighbors:

"I'm going to send my card up to Mr. Caine as soon as I can, for I am down *for a speech later on,* and I want to be able to say that I've read something that Caine has written."—New York Mail and Express.

The Pendulum Alone Out of Order.

An Onion Creek (Tex.) darky visited the establishment of an Austin jeweler.

"I wish, boss, you would regulate dis heah penjulum."

"How can I regulate the pendulum without the rest of the clock?"

"Dars nuffin de matter wid de rest ob de inards ob de clock, so I jess leff 'em at home. Jess you fix up de penjulum. Ef der penjulum goes all right, de rest ob de clock goes all right too. I know dat much, even if I ain't had no book larnin."—Texas Siftings.

Liver Complaint.

Fuddy—What is the matter with Harris? He seems all out of sorts.

Duddy—He is suffering from liver complaint.

Fuddy—Can't he find anything to help him?

Duddy—He is looking around for a new boarding house, one in which liver is not an inseparable feature of the cuisine.—Boston Transcript.

Essential Facts.

"I called in," said the puffy little man, "to say that your story about the fire next door to me yesterday was all wrong."

"All wrong?" asked the editor.

"Yes, sir! Why, hang it, sir, I spell my name with two s's, and I make soap, not shoe blacking."—Philadelphia North American.

The Arabs show their friendliness when meeting by shaking hands six or eight times. Arabs of distinction go beyond this; they embrace each other several times.

The Fighting Swordfish.

The swordfish is utterly without fear and will, like a buffalo or rhinoceros, charge anything that offends it, often doing an amount of execution hardly to be believed did not the evidence exist. Combats between swordfish are most interesting and may be compared to a duel between two expert swordsmen. Such a contest was observed off the long pier that extends out into the ocean at Santa Monica, near Los Angeles, last year. Some fishermen noticed two big fish leaping out of the water and dashing along the surface. Soon it was seen that they were swordfish.

The season was when the fish are unusually ferocious. They had made several rushes and when observed were at close quarters, striking each other powerful side blows like cavalrymen. This was unsatisfactory, and finally they separated and darted at each other like arrows, the water hissing as their sharp dorsal fins cut through it. They evidently struck head on, one missing, while the sword of the other struck just below the eye and plowed a deep furrow in the fish, partly disabling it, so that it turned and attempted to escape. But its adversary also *turned and with a rush drove its sword* completely through the body of its foe and held it fast, only wrenching its weapon loose when its enemy stopped swimming.

A Natural Cross.

One of the most beautiful natural rock carvings in the world is the Southern Cross, on the island of Grand Manan in the Bay of Fundy. It stands at the head of a ledge of rocks jutting into the bay from the foot of one of the immense cliffs at the southern end of the Grand Manan. Its shape is that of an almost perfect cross.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1900.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

A. Stevenson, road superintendent was in Ashcroft Wednesday.

John McQuillan, a well known mining man of Vancouver was in Ashcroft Tuesday.

Gardening is the order of the day and judging by work put on the gardens this season some very pretty places will be the result.

Rev. M. D. McKee at one time pastor of the Presbyterian church here, writes the JOURNAL from Slocan City where he has been for some time.

Mr. F. Carter Cotton was here last Monday and had a consultation with Mr. C. A. Semlin, Mr. D. Murphy and other prominent politicians.

There is undoubted authority for believing M. P. Gordon of Kamloops has refused a cabinet position in Hon. Joseph Martin's government.

Fred. Nelson, late of the Cargile hotel, has taken possession of the Hat Creek House, where he and Mrs. Nelson will be pleased to meet all their old friends.

J. F. Deane, M.P.P., editor Kamloops Sentinel, and W. C. Nichol, editor Province, and E. P. Davis, of Davis, Marshall & McNeill, barristers, Vancouver, were in Ashcroft, Friday.

Mr. Griffin, traveller for Peck & Co., *wholesale clothiers and gents' furnishings*, was here yesterday attending to the wants of his customers. Mr. Griffin was at one time a resident of Ashcroft.

Dr. Curry of Kamloops will be in Ashcroft about a week longer. Persons requiring their teeth attended to should not lose this opportunity. All work guaranteed. Gas for painless extraction.

John McRae, Quesnelle Forks, accompanied by his family, went up on Wednesday by special B.C. Ex. stage. Mr. McRae has spent the winter visiting in Montreal, New York and other eastern points.

The marriage of W. J. Roper, the well known "Cattle King," of Cherry Creek, to Miss E. G. Marescaux, took place Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in Christ Church, Vancouver, the Rev. Archdeacon Pentreath officiating.

Major Moore of Quesnelle, at last accounts had gone to Kansas. He stated when in Ashcroft that he was going to the coast to purchase machinery and would return immediately, but evidently changed his mind.

George Blair has rented the Hat Creek Ranch from S. Tingley and takes possession this week. Mr. Blair is one of the best farmers in this section and will keep up the good record of the Hat Creek Ranch. Fred. Nelson takes charge of the hotel.

W. B. Bailey & Co. wish it to be known that the use of their name in the constitution of the Cariboo Protective Association was without their knowledge or consent. Their position as agents of merchants, mine owners and others prohibits any connection with the association.

The little diversion in a harness shop one day this week proved that one man at least, had the courage of his convictions and was willing to back them up. Legally it may not have been strictly correct but morally it can hardly be condemned and it is hoped the chastisement administered will have a healthy effect in the future upon the recipient, and be thoughtfully considered by others acting in a like manner.

We are informed by the advance agent of the Downie's big company, better known as McPhee No. 2, that the *troupe that gave the so called "attraction"* a short time ago as the Columbian Comedian Troupe, are the discharged members of McPhee's No. 1, and that McPhee never breaks, but is now on the road with attractions for the season of 1900 and is giving thorough satisfaction wherever one of his troupes appear.

The British Columbia Review, London, Eng., says: "One of the last acts of the B.C. government before it was dismissed was the repeal of the Alien law," etc. The Alien law has not been repealed. It will be, undoubtedly, early in the session of the next parliament, as all political parties have so stated. The house was prorogued before the repeal will become a law. There seems to be a general idea among *many of the B.C. papers that this law* was repealed.

George Borthwick, acting manager for the Kamloops Base Ball Club, wishes to get into communication with the Ashcroft Base Ball team with a view of arranging a series of games the present season between Kamloops, Lillooet and Ashcroft. He is now corresponding with Lillooet and thinks if arrangements are made ahead, matches might be arranged with much less expense than in the past. The Ashcroft team should have a meeting and appoint a secretary to consider Mr. Borthwick's letter.

C. R. Doxat visited Kamloops this week.

W. Cameron of Lytton visited Ashcroft this week.

C. H. Tingley of the 108-Mile House, came in yesterday.

J. B. Charleson, in charge of the telegraph line at Quesnelle, is in Ashcroft.

T. Allice, Turner, Beeton & Co's popular traveller, was in town Thursday.

Thos. G. Earl's third letter on fruit culture will be found on the second page.

W. L. Meason, jr., of Dog Creek, offers a hay meadow for sale near Bridge Creek.

Mr. Wilson drove in Thursday. He *has resumed his cattle shipments to* the coast.

August Baker of Quesnelle returned this week from a pleasant visit to his old home in France.

A carload of wire is now being sent forward by the transportation contractors, Stewart & Crozier.

Friends of Mrs. James Haddock will be pleased to learn that she has recovered from her late illness.

Mr. C. Gibson has purchased the dwelling on Bancroft street lately occupied by Mr. H. Harvey.

The time for the sheriff's sale of the Fort George dredge has been extended *to Wednesday the 26th April.*

Miss Blanch Hall, of the 150-Mile House, arrived in Ashcroft yesterday *and is the guest of Mrs. S. Tingley.*

See the advertisement in another column for an experienced miner. Ad*dress replies care JOURNAL office and* they will be delivered.

Mr. Joseph Hunter, accompanied by *his son, leaves today for Quesnelle* Forks where Mr. Hunter has important mining interests.

*Mr. Weaver, while driving to Ques*nelle Forks last Tuesday, on his way to work for the Cariboo Hydraulic, dropped dead in the wagon near Deep creek on the Forks road, presumably from heart disease.

In connection with his business of hide and fur buying Mr. James Haddock has this morning opened a cash bargain store in the Gillis butcher shop. This is the first business of this kind established in Ashcroft and should be successful.

Why not have a tennis court or two in Ashcroft managed in some such manner as the curling rink. Grass can be easily grown now and although it might be late this season before the ground could be put into shape the *matter is worth attention. It is cer*tainly due to the ladies that something of this kind should be available for them. The Kamloops Sentinel says: The energy displayed last Tuesday by the tennis enthusiasts has resulted in the making of two excellent tennis courts on the football field.

Effect of Altitude.

Perhaps in no state of the Union has climate so much to do with the character *of the people as in Colorado* is the contention of a writer in Ainslee's. He says in part:

"Go into Colorado, climb the long ascent from the level of the Missouri *and then as you emerge from the train* into the handsomely improved streets and among the unsurpassed brick and stone residences of Denver feel your head swim with the lofty altitude and the rarefied air; then realize that the miners went on a mile farther into the air, that they are working and taking out millions of dollars of gold to the present day a mile higher in the air at Cripple Creek, at Leadville and a dozen other places. It will make you pause to think what exaltation there is in dwelling there always, what staying powers the pioneers must have had.

"Wait a day or so until the vertigo has passed away and the exhilaration comes to you that always comes when you have climbed a mountain and *stood upon its top and gazed out over* a wide world that expands below you. Then you will begin to feel that electric, that nervous surcharge, that indomitable, undiscourageable, almost towering spirit of elevation and stiff further elevation that makes Colorado almost the liveliest, the most irrepressible, the most determined element in the American body, social and politic."

Siberian Post Horses.

The horses, the small, hardy breed of the steppes, are worked up to the last *ounce in them, on good road or bad,* and when they reach the welcome posthouse are tied up under a mere lean to and there left all in a lather to freeze stiff until their turn of service comes round again. For some reason which I have never been able to ascertain they are invariably tied up with their heads drawn as high as they will go. On taking them out for another stage the driver, whose whip has a sort of saw tooth arrangement affixed to the end on the side of the stock opposite the lash, roughly scrapes off with it the hoar frost which has thickly incrusted their legs and, indeed, their whole bodies.

At first the poor beasts walk with the gait of a Dutch doll; but, as the *driver says, he "soon warms them up."* Another peculiarity of these marvelous steeds is that they always get a pail ful or more of ice cold water to drink before starting out for their "trick" on *the road, with the result that they* tremble all over in a manner pitiable to see, but otherwise seem to be only the more fit for their work.—Black wood.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

See Smith & Bryson or W. B. Bailey & Co. if you want to purchase a farm or freight wagon, a democrat, buggy, or road cart. They have received a shipment direct from the Studebaker factory.

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Fresh stock of Christie Brown's biscuits just arrived at
THE ASHCROFT TRADING CO'S.

Stewart & Crozier have received the car of seed oats, wheat and barley mentioned in this column two weeks ago, also a car of feed grain.

Tai Soong & Co. have just received 1500 mats of rice direct from China. This firm is one of the largest importers of Chinese goods.

The Ashcroft Water, Electric and Improvement company have now their Kamloops sawmill in operation, and are prepared to furnish all descriptions of lumber on short notice. The company will carry a large stock of lumber at Ashcroft; and would be *pleased to receive suggestions as to* dimensions, etc. from those interested.

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Plans and specifications may be seen on application to undersigned.
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Dated at Ashcroft this 23rd of February, 1900.
30tc C. W. EAGLE.

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J. B. BRYSON, Sec

SHERIFF'S SALE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Between THE MARION STEAM SHOVEL COMPANY, Plaintiff,
and THE FORT GEORGE GOLD DREDGING COMPANY,
and THE PITTSBURGH & CARIBOO GOLD DREDGING COMPANY, Defendants.

In obedience to a writ of venditioni exponas issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Yale Registry, at Kamloops, and to me directed in the above named suit for the sum of $3420.76 and $7.00 for costs of execution, etc., *and also interest on $3420.76 at six per* centum per annum from the 5th day of January, 1899, until payment; besides Sheriff's poundage, officer's fees and all other legal incidental expenses, I, unless the said execution debt, interest and costs are sooner paid, will sell by public auction, on WEDNES*DAY, the 26th day of April, proximo, at 2 p.m.,* at Rich Bar, about four miles below Quesnelle, on Fraser River, the following described goods and chattels, or sufficient thereof to satisfy the said execution debt, interest and costs, that is to say:

A complete dredging plant, known as the *"Youngs Dredge," and consisting of 1 scow* 26x80x5 feet, 1 scow 16x77x4 feet, 2 boilers of 50 h.p. each, 1 double steam hoisting engine 8x10, 1 double steam wheel engine 10x12, 1 dynamo with fittings complete, 2000 lineal feet of assorted steel cable, 650 lineal feet of 2-inch manila rope, about 600 lbs. of bolts, *nuts and steam fittings*, a full outfit of machinists', blacksmiths' and carpenters' tools, a large quantity of tools and appliances used in operating the dredge, and other articles too numerous to mention; also a set of steam hoisting engines now stored at Quesnelle; also 6 Dredging Leaseholds, each comprising 5 miles *of the bed of Fraser River, commencing at a* point on said river about 5 miles above the mouth of Cottonwood River and extending thence up stream a distance of thirty miles.
JOHN STEVENSON,
Sheriff of Cariboo.
Barkerville, B.C., March 23rd, 1900. 47 td

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Notice of Assignment.

In the Matter of the "Creditors Trusts Deeds Act" and Amending Acts and in the Matter of the Estate of Henry Steffens and Sophia Steffens carrying on business in partnership at Lytton, B.C., under the style and firm name of H. Steffens, General Merchants.

Take notice that the above named Henry Steffens and Sophia Steffens by deed of assignment for the benefit of creditors, bearing date the 12th day of March, A.D. 1900, made in pursuance of the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Act," have granted and assigned unto Thomas Seward of Lytton, aforesaid, farmer, all personal estate, credits and effects of the said debtors, and of each of them 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 Henry Steffens, Sophia Steffens and Thomas Seward on the said 12th day of March, 1900.

All persons having claims against the said Henry Steffens and Sophia Steffens are required on or before the 2nd day of April, 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 Henry Steffens and Sophia Steffens are required to pay the amounts to the said assignee forthwith. And notice is hereby given that *after the said 2nd day of April, 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 Com*mercial Hotel, 338 Cambie Street, Vancouver,* on the 2nd day of April, A.D. 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated at Ashcroft, this 14th day of March, 1900.
DENIS MURPHY,
Ashcroft,
Assignee's Solicitor.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the *Legislative Assembly of* the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate telephone and telegraph lines within and throughout all the cities, towns, municipalities and districts of the mainland of the *Province of British Columbia, and to construct,* erect, and maintain such and so many poles and other works and devices as the Company deem necessary for making, completing, supporting, using, working, operating and maintaining the system of communication by telephone and telegraph, and to open or break up *any part or parts of the said highways or streets* as often as the said Company, its agents, officers, or workmen think proper and for the purpose of the undertaking to purchase, acquire, lease, expropriate, hold and sell and dispose of lands, buildings or tenements within the limits aforesaid, and to purchase or lease for *any term of years, any telephone or telegraph* line established or to be established in British Columbia connected or to be connected with the line which the Company may construct, and to amalgamate with or lease its line or lines or any portions thereof, to any company possessing as projects, any line of telephone or *telegraph communication* connecting or to be connected with the said Company's line or lines and to borrow money for the purposes of the Company, and to pledge or mortgage any of the Company's assets for that purpose, and to receive bonuses or privileges from any person or body corporate, and with all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers, or privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.
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