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Postmaster and Telephone Agent—Geo. Kirby.

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Member Provincial Assembly—L. W. Shatford, Penticton P. O.

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(For Mercantile and other Business institutions see advertiements in this paper.

LOCAL NOTES.

J. J. Armstrong leaves to-day for a trip to Seattle and perhaps Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McAlpin attended the celebration at Princeton yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kennedy are spending a few days at Princeton this week.

J. C. Woodrow of Vancouver arrived in Keremeos yesterday and will spend a few weeks in the valley.

A budget of items from Olalla which arrived yesterday is unavoidably held over owing to holiday exigencies.

Engineer King, who will run the engine on the construction train, is expected to arrive to-day with Mrs. King. They will occupy a portion of Mr. Mills's house.

The Church Aid will meet at the residence of Mrs. E. M. Crooker on Wednesday afternoon, July 7th. A full attendance is requested as it will be the annual election of officers.

Thos. Moss of Vernon, wishing to escape from this vale of tears, swallowed a bottle of whisky and a bottle of chloroform, set fire to his house and cut his throat. A surgeon and the fire brigade defeated his purpose.

J. de St. Clair of Ottawa, representing eleven intending purchasers of fruit lands, was in town this week in the course of a leisurely tour through the valleys of southern B.C. Other visitors on a similar errand were Jos. Allan of Ottawa and Fred Yule of North Yakima.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bolam and children went to Hedley this week, Mr. Bolam having been engaged as bookkeeper and salesman in Schubert's store. H. Webb, his predecessor in the store, has come to Keremeos to engage in outdoor work for the benefit of his health.

Dominion Day was observed in Keremeos, so far as it was observed, by picnic parties and excursions. A picnic held under the auspices of the Sunday School, in the grove opposite Mr. Mattice's, drew a considerable number of people from town, and was also largely attended by mosquitoes. A few excursionists went to Ashnola, a few to Princeton, and a majority stayed at home and went their daily rounds.

Our Olalla correspondent writes: "Some of the boys have left for the Nickel Plate where they have obtained a job. They have been waiting for the Apex to start up for some weeks, but at present there is no sign that anything will be moving in the Apex camp right away. It is rumored that the management is waiting for the new wagon road to be completed to the camp. If so, then there will be no work done on the Apex this year, as the road can hardly be finished before snow flies. . . The force of men working on the Horseshoe group on Independence mountain came down last Friday and development work is stopped temporarily. As manager Cornell gave the order to cease work directly after receiving his mail, it is naturally the inference that there is some little financial trouble. There is no trouble with the property, the work done so far showing up just what was expected."

In his recent trip up the valley G. S. Lawrence met with good encouragement in advocating concerted measures for issuing a booklet setting out the resources of the district. At Hedley a scheme was already under way, with sufficient support assured, to advertise the mining prospects of Camp Hedley, and the suggestion favorably received that the scheme be widened to include the whole valley, the other districts with features other than mining co-operating. At Princeton also, which has recently issued a small booklet of its own, the larger project was well received, and a meeting of the board of trade arranged to consider it. Mr. Lawrence was obliged to leave his work through being unexpectedly called to Winnipeg, but in the meantime the different local bodies should see that it is not allowed to languish.

C. J. Bunbury, chief constable of this district, has been in town for several days in the line of duty. Like the police in all the southern part of the province, those of this district have been keyed up to the highest pitch of vigilance in drawing an impassable net around the bandits of Ducks. Incidentally, the powers that be at Victoria, at the instigation of the moral reform organizations, have issued orders for a stricter enforcement of law at outlying points, and the edict has gone forth that the lid be clapped down at Keremeos. Hotel men are notified that the easy-going interpretation of the license law which has hitherto been customary will no longer hold, and the specified hours for the business must be observed, as well as the other restrictions on the statute. Gambling is to be stopped at the joints devoted to that purpose, and the denizens of the red-light resorts are notified to close up their business. Which means in general that the frontier days are over and the Similkameen must buckle on the shackles of civilization and be good.

THE MAN-HUNT.

One Supposed Bandit and One Constable Killed.

A despatch from Ashcroft says:

A boat containing three men, suspected of being the train robbers, was seen coming down the Thompson river passing Penny's station Monday morning. The boat reached Ashcroft containing but two men. They were ordered by special constable Ike Decker to pull into shore and after a landing was made one of the men stepped out of the boat. Decker, who was ashore, called on him to surrender, levelling a Winchester rifle. At the same instant the man pulled a revolver, the shots being fired simultaneously and the robber fell dead. The second man, who was still in the boat, then opened fire, killing Decker instantly. The murderer then escaped, heading eastward along the railway. A posse has started in pursuit.

A despatch from Kamloops says:

The chase after the holdupmen goes merrily on. The police have decided to pursue different tactics in a last hope to find the bandits. Inspector McMullen of the provincial police has reached the city and will take full charge of the case. No clew has yet been located that has offered material results. The scent that the bloodhounds were following up only led to one of the police guides and the dogs have been temporarily withdrawn from the field.

'Twas an Awful Awakening.

A fleeting hope of freedom held out to a prisoner in Judge Brennan's court at Chicago was wrenched from him in a way that caused a sigh of pity to spread among the spectators when it was found that the clerk of the court should have read the verdict of jury as guilty and not as not guilty.

The prisoner was Frank O'Donnell, accused of robbing a citizen at the point of a revolver. The jury had been out but ten minutes. The foreman of the jury handed the clerk two forms, one for guilty and the other for acquittal.

"Not guilty" read the clerk absent mindedly, failing to note that he was reading the unsigned form.

O' Donnell jumped from his feet excitedly laughing, and wrung his lawyer's hand. He started from the room with his head in the air and his eyes sparkling.

Then the mistake was discovered and O'Donnell was brought back. His head sank on his breast as the real verdict was read. "Guilty and condemned to serve the term of his natural life in prison."

Provincial and General.

Thos. Collinge, publisher of the Summerland Review, was married last week to Miss Mary Carswell, late of Paisley, Scotland.

H. Munro, living near Kelowna, was seriously injured by an explosion of dynamite. The force of the explosion was felt for miles.

The marriage of J. T. Beattie, manager of the Bank of Commerce, Greenwood, to Miss Minkler took place at Greenwood on Wednesday of last week.

"The Provincial elections will take place this fall, probably in October," is the statement of a prominent Boundary Conservative as quoted by the Phoenix Pioneer.

The government has definitely decided not to revive the subsidy to the Allan Steamship company, which has been paid during the past two years for service between Vancouver and New Zealand.

A freight train on the C.P.R. was partly wrecked near Notch Hill last week, and while none of the train crew were injured, of six men who were stealing a ride five were killed and one seriously injured. Their names are unknown.

Hon. G. R. Coldwell, Manitoba minister of education, while taking a swarm of bees from a hive at Brandon Home, slipped and fell off a ladder, breaking his ankle and was severely stung by the bees about the face.

The 12-months' egg-laying competition, conducted by the state at Roseworthy Agricultural college, South Australia, has ended. It was divided into two sections for light and heavy breeds, six hens to lay in each section. The first prize was won by the Ontario Farm White Leghorns, which laid 1,447 eggs. Mrs. A. E. Kinnear, who won last year's competition, this time secured the fourth place with 1,297 eggs. Mrs. Kinnear's record of 1,297 for five hens is a world's record. In heavy breeds, Kapplar Brothers' Silver Wyandottes, with 1,262 eggs, won the first prize.

Sam Pierre, an Indian with a bad record, who was recently released from Walla Walla peintentiary, stabbed Alex Paul, another Indian, last week in a drunken fracas at Oroville, says the Gazette. Paul was severely wounded. Pierre hit the trail next morning, and in the course of his flight attempted to assault two young half-breed girls, and made a murderous attack on Miss Emma Denny, a school teacher who lives a few miles down the river. The brute knocked her insensible, and thinking he had killed her, no doubt, was dragging her toward the river, presumably to throw her in, when frightened away. The news of these outrages spread rapidly, and a number of infuriated ranchers, and even Indians, started out after the desperado. Pierre took to the mountains, where he is perfectly at home, and it will require considerable search to find him. At last accounts the people were in the mood for a lynching bee if they catch him.

So numerous have become the offers of counterfeit money at the turnstiles and the money-changing booths at the A.Y.P. that a plan to cause the arrest of every person presenting spurious coins was made yesterday by the management. A city patrolman will stand within easy call of every money booth and when a counterfeit coin is offered the money changer will hand the offender over to the law. During the last few days counterfeit 50-cent pieces, quarters and dollars have become plentiful.

In a report to the trade and commerce department Canadian Trade Commissioner Donly in Mexico says that the Canadian manufacturers are "anaemic" and "provincial" and fail utterly to appreciate the fertile field for trade development which exists in Mexico. There is no excuse for this, he says, in face of facts that the Mexican imports are steadily growing and that Canada manufactured products are similar to those of the United States, a country which supplies 60 per cent. of everything imported by Mexico. Canadian manufacturers, says Mr. Donly, "fail to recognize that no country gets a preference, so far as the tariff is concerned."

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The Big Store.

Change of Management

HAVING completed the purchase of the good-will, fixtures and stock in trade of the Keremeos Commercial Co., and taken possession of the same on the 17th inst., I take this opportunity of announcing the change and of soliciting the continued patronage of the customers of this store as well as that of the customers of my former store.

It is intended to close the shop on Sixth Ave. in which I have hitherto been doing business, and to transfer the bulk of the stock now there to the Big Store, the two stocks combined making up the best and most varied assortment of goods yet shown in Keremeos. A further advantage to the public will be that the larger volume of business combined under one roof will enable it to be done at a smaller margin of profit than heretofore, and it will be my aim to so adjust prices that the business cannot fail to hold its own and steadily increase.

The stock has been newly assorted and arranged, and contains the latest out in summer goods. You are cordially invited to call and inspect it.

J. R. SHAW.

A Few Facts

About the

Similkameen Valley.

It is

The Furthest West
The Furthest South
The Lowest in Altitude
The Most Tropical

Of the Fruit Valleys of British Columbia.

When a country or region becomes noted for a particular product in agriculture, the primary reason will always be found to be the peculiar adaptability of soil and climate to that product. A secondary reason may be the aptitude and tastes of the people, but even these are an outcome of circumstances rather than a controlling cause. So when a country is famed for one thing, as France for wine, Manitoba for wheat, or the Southern States for cotton, we look to the soil and climate for the reason; and, looking a little further, find the reason for the soil and climate, and wherein and why they are different from those of other lands of similar latitude.

Why, then, has a certain portion of the interior of Southern British Columbia been found to excel in the production of tender and luscious fruits? And why, further, is the Similkameen valley endowed in a higher degree than any other with the favorable conditions that conduce to success in fruit growing?

A glance at the map will show that the main physical feature of British Columbia is a succession of mountain ranges whose general direction is north and south, with long valleys of more or less width lying between. To the east, the Rockies and the Selkirks, the highest of the ranges, effectually shelter the interior from the cold winds that flow unimpeded from the Arctic across the broad level plains. On the west lies the Pacific, the controlling factor in the climate of British Columbia. A much vaster body of water than the Atlantic, its influence on the lands that border it is proportionately greater. From the south-west, the prevailing direction of the winds, a strong current of warm, moisture-laden air sweeps upon the coast and yields its excess of moisture on the western slopes of the high coast range; then, robbed of its dampness but not of its warmth, sweeps eastward through the sheltered valleys of the interior. For this reason, comparatively near as we are to the coast, the quantity of rainfall at Keremeos is approximately ten times less than at Vancouver. High as are the mountains, too, these interior valleys are some of them quite low in altitude, which is of as much importance as latitude in its effect on temperature.

Shelter from cold winds, exposure to the warmth of the sea, low altitude and light rainfall—these, then, are the chief factors affecting the climate of what we may call the fruit zone. And it is in the Similkameen that each of these exerts its most potent influence.

While the prevailing trend of the valleys is north and south, that of the Similkameen is rather north-west and south-east, thus providing a more complete and effective shelter than that enjoyed by the districts which are more or less open to the north.

Of all the valleys of the fruit zone the Similkameen is furthest west and nearest the sea, which means warmth; furthest south, which also means warmth; and lowest in altitude, which again means warmth. As a result we have the earliest season—and what an advantage that is in marketing every grower knows.

The Similkameen has a very light rainfall—quite insufficient for farming without irrigation—and the supply of water for this purpose is unlimited—and consequently has a great deal of sunshine. And sunshine and warmth are what produce the great yields, large size and brilliant coloring of the fruits of the district, whose merits have been repeatedly demonstrated by the capture of medals and prizes.

Mr. Maxwell Smith, Dominion Fruit Inspector, says of the Similkameen that it is "perhaps the most tropical of any part of British Columbia, and most favorable location for the cultivation of grapes, peaches and other delicate fruits."

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The Nicola Extension.

To a man up a tree it looks as if there was to be something doing in railway construction at this point within the next few weeks, says the Nicola Herald. The C.P.R. has deposited in the Land Registry Office at Kamloops, a plan, profile and book of reference showing the first section, thirty miles, of the proposed extension of the Nicola, Kamloops and Similkameen railway from Merritt to Similkameen. Inquiry made by the Herald shows that the road is to be built along the Coldwater survey.

We are given to understand upon very good authority that the initial steps in connection with the construction will be taken the latter part of this month or early in July. In our next issue, however, we expect to have information to hand which will be positively authentic. That bunkers at Spences Bridge are being got in readiness is a good sign.

Construction work starting at this time will be a good thing for Merritt and the valley generally. With the rich mineral country to be tapped and the advantageous connections to be made in the south it would be strange if the proposed extension is not carried out at the earliest time possible.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Water on the Roads.

To the editor of the Chronicle:

I would respectfully call your attention to the condition of the road from Keremeos Centre to Hedley which has practically been impassable to pedestrians for some time past owing to the flooding of the road by the irrigating ditches crossing the same.

The new water clause act, passed by the last legislature, is plain on the conditions demanded and protection of roads, such water being required to be carried by flume or pipe. I would suggest that your honourable board of trade call the attention of the road master to conditions and in event of he not seeing the act enforced the same be called to the attention of the commissioner of this district. The antediluviancy of Keremeos has passed and the rights of the people have to be respected. The system being installed by the Keremeos Land Co. is in following out the requirement of the act.

WM. RING.

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J. A. BROWN, Publisher.

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1909.

There is something almost comical in the contrast between the attitude of Canada and that of the countries of Europe towards military service. There, the best energies of the governments are put forth to induce or compel their subjects to bear arms; here, the chief aim of the government seems to be to restrain and discourage the patriotic efforts of the people to become efficient for defense—an aim in which the authorities are ably seconded by the business leaders of most communities, with a few notable exceptions. The Ogilvie Milling Co., and following their example the Lake of the Woods Co., have announced their intention of permitting their employees to serve in the militia without docking of pay or liability to loss of employment. But the widespread attention and comment which the action of these companies has aroused shows how unusual and exceptional that action is. In contrast to it we have frequently such cases as that of the militiaman at Victoria who was fined $5 the other day for not attending drill and who explained that he could not attend drill without losing his job. But the attitude of the government is the worst dampener for the military spirit. Officers who heave with much exertion filled their ranks for annual drill are suddenly notified that the numbers authorized are reduced for the year, hence men already enrolled must be turned off and arrangements for supplies altered. Rations are cut out and a small and inadequate sum paid instead for men to feed themselves and horses. The aim all along the line seems to be repression, except in the top-heavy administrative staff, which grows apace despite deficits. The spirit of our militia is truly a hardy plant to thrive under such conditions.

Our next-door neighbors of Washington can hardly be congratulated on their state government. At its last session the legislature, instead of devoting attention to proper and useful work, appears to have been engaged mostly in enacting a bunch of sumptuary laws which stand out conspicuously even in a land noted throughout for its freak law-making, and which are causing, since their coming into force, a vast amount of trouble and vexation to police offices and to the unlucky citizen who does not happen to be up to date with the vagaries of his masters. To an outsider it looks as if "the land of the free" had become a decided misfit as a name for the great republic. The legislature of the state is now exhibiting its talents along another line. The governor has convened it special session to consider the report of a commission that has been investigating charges of misconduct on the part of state officials. Instead of receiving and considering the report, the factions are fighting on the one hand to continue and on the other to balk further inquiry. The senate threatens to prorogue as soon as it meets, and it is suggested that if that is done the governor may at once convene it again and keep on convening it until it promises to take some action. "And there ye are," as Mr. Dooley says.

A number of farmers in Southern Alberta are trying the flooding system of irrigation used in parts of the U.S. It is said to be very suitable for hay. Level dikes a foot high are raised on contour lines, each successive dike is placed on ground a foot lower than the preceding. Then beginning at the highest point the water is turned in and flows to the first dike, which acts as a dam and allows the water to spread out. After that is soaked sufficiently a gate is opened and the water flows between the next two dikes reaching to the top of the lower dike and just covering the ground at the upper. In this way the whole field is completely covered a piece at a time. This system is only suitable for level or nearly level ground, as on sloping ground the dikes would have to be too close together to be advantageous.

Chief Justice Howell, sitting on a shooting case at Winnipeg, declared that any one carrying a gun in Canada was either a criminal or a coward. Judges as well as common mortals sometimes converse through their head covering.

A sigh of relief arises from southern B.C. and Alberta at the resumption of work in the Crow's Nest. The cost of idleness to the miners has been enormous—over three-quarters of a million, counting 75 days at $12,000 a day.

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In competition at Spokane the only exhibit sent took first prize, while at the Provincial Fair at New Westminster out of 100 pounds of assorted fruits Keremeos captured some 23 prizes.

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The invention consists of a process for permeating hides and skins with pure rubber, the result being the substance known as rubber-tanned leather, a material which is practically waterproof and which, while incomparably more durable than the ordinary commercial leather is, at the same time, soft and pliable, qualities which remain its distinguishing features even after immersion for lengthened periods in water, and render it available for the manufacture of many articles for which ordinary leather is wholly unsuitable or unsatisfactory. Leather so treated has been abundantly tested and proved, and is suitable for the manufacture of many articles of domestic consumption.

The saving in cost by the use of rubber-tanned leather may be exemplified in the case of boots where, owing to the great durability of the material, repairs will be largely reduced. For hydraulic purposes the saving is even greater. With ordinary leather the cost incurred in labor and stoppage of machinery in changing or renewing hydraulic leathers is considerable. With rubber-tanned leather, by reason of its durability, such changes or renewals would require to be effected much less frequently. For machinery belting continuously in steam vapor or under moist conditions rubber-tanned leather is invaluable; even at a relatively high price it would be cheaper than the best leather now on the market. Another advantage claimed is the toughening and strengthening of sheep, rabbit and other skins and the poorer portions of bullock hides, such as the flank, neck and shoulders, which are by the rubber-tanning process rendered as durable as the best portions of bark-tanned leather and their value largely increased. An important factor in the case of rubber-tanned leather as compared with bark-tanned leather is the very short period of time required to produce the former, the result being that there is no locking up for lengthy periods, as in the case of bark-tanned leather, of large amounts of capital.

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TAKE NOTICE that Ludlow Robertson Chase, of Olalla, Farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of 393, thence north 10 chains, thence west 6 chains, thence south 10 chains, thence east 6 chains, and containing six acres more or less.

LUDLOW ROBERTSON CHASE.

May 13, 1909.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that my son, Baptiste Surprise, is not authorized to sell any of my cattle (branded "S" on left side) or horses (branded "S" on left hip); also that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by said Baptiste Surprise.

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A. J. SAUNDERS, Keremeos.

Provincial and General.

Grand Forks asked Premier McBride for a public building during his recent visit. The usual "serious consideration" was promised.

The strike of the Crow's Nest coal miners, which was called April 1, is likely to be declared off at once, an agreement having been reached by the operators and the officers of the union.

Bylaws were passed at Vernon authorizing the borrowing of $75,000 for waterworks and $30,000 for school purposes. Eight spoiled ballots were cast in the two votes—rather a large number for less than 200 intelligent property-owners.

German sportsmen have observed that airships terrify birds and wild animals to an extraordinary degree. When a flying machine is only barely distinguishable to the human eye as it appears on the horizon its approach is heralded by frightened birds, large and small, flying for shelter. The noise of the motors also agitates four-footed game exceedingly, and as airships do not follow a rigid route animals cannot get used to it as they do to passing railway trains. It seems odd to see in the German papers complaints from hunting men about good shots they have missed owing to an airship looming overhead.

The Austrian war office department is conducting experiments with a new rifle in which the usual hammer and pinfire system is replaced by ignition by means of electro-magnetic induction. The ignition is effected by a small dry battery which can be made to last for six months at least and is connected with an electro-magnetic bobbin. It is said that the mechanism of this new rifle is considerably simpler than that of the present model and of greater lasting properties. The rifle can be fired more easily and quickly without the weapon's recoiling so much as the present Austrian rifle, and the soldier firing it can take better and steadier aim.

J. A. Ruddick, Dominion commissioner, has returned from a trip through the Pacific States to study cold storage for fruit. "What I went to study principally," he says, "were new methods which the Southern Pacific Railroad have put in force. For this purpose, at a cost of a million and a half dollars, they have erected two plants in addition to the experimental station at Los Angeles. The only one of the larger plants I visited was the one at Colton. There, the system is to pack the fruit right into the cars instead of running it into cold storage rooms for a preliminary cooling as has formerly been done. Instead, under the new system, the cold air blast which the fruit was formerly subjected to in the handling rooms is now piped right into the cars, obviating the necessity of handling it in and out of the cooling rooms."

Cut From Contemporaries.

AND HE WOULDN'T SAW THE WOOD.

[From the Oroville Gazette.]

Last Friday morning a gentleman of leisure, short on cash and long on gall, applied at the Crescent restaurant for a feed. He was invited to the wood pile to earn a square. Provoked at the idea of being compelled to work, he slammed the ax around viciously, breaking the handle. He then demanded dinner. This was refused. The g. l. strolled out of the back door and started a fire in the wood pile, then vanished. Just as the flames were getting fair headway the incipient conflagration was discovered and extinguished. In five minutes more the fire department would have had a job, and in the end an unsightly blank space on Main street marked by ashes. Men with a disposition running to incendiarism should be dealt with promptly and harshly.

Similkameen Land Division.

DISTRICT OF YALE.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Morton D. McEwen, of Keremeos, physician, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted 20 chains south and 20 chains west of the south-west corner of B. Noad's pre-emption, No 1988, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less. Purpose required, pasture land.

MORTON D. MCEWEN.

May 15th, 1909.

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"Jim Hill's" Coast-Kootenay Railway is now here and being pushed to the Coast giving the valley a short, direct all-rail route to Coast and Prairie markets.

The opportunity for home making and profit taking is now ripe.—Will you seize it, or let it slip by?

B. C. Fruit Land Co's property adjoining town of Keremeos.—Open sage brush land.

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Write for free booklet, photo views of valley and particulars of our twice a month excursions from all prairie points via the Okanagan route.

ROUTES TO THE SIMILKAMEEN

FROM THE EAST.—(1.) C.P.R. via the Crow's Nest route to Nelson and on to Midway, then Great Northern Railway to Keremeos. (2.) C.P.R. Main Line to Sicamous Junction, then south through Okanagan valley to Penticton and stage to Keremeos (a superb outing trip.)

FROM THE WEST.—C.P.R. Main Line to Sicamous Junc. and Okanagan route via Penticton to Keremeos.

FROM THE SOUTH.—Great Northern Railway via Spokane to Keremeos.

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LOCAL NOTES.

Chas. Armstrong of Hedley paid a visit to Keremeos on Wednesday.

Dr. McEwen and F. H. Parsons returned on Tuesday after a trip to Spokane.

Major Megraw of Hedley returned on Friday from his journey to the coast.

Danny McCurdy of Similkameen left on Wednesday to attend the A.Y.P. at Seattle.

Mrs Daly and family went to Princeton on Monday for their annual summer visit.

Keep in mind the Orange picnic to be held at Ashnola on the Boyne anniversary. Every one is welcome.

Ed. Kennedy returned to Keremeos on Wednesday after spending a few months on his pre-emption at Hope.

Mrs. Geo. Robertson and her daughter Muriel, of Bellingham, Washington, are guests at A. Robertson's.

C. V. Prosser and Wm. Daly went to Princeton on Wednesday by pony express to be in good time for the celebration.

Mrs. J. J. Armstrong left on Wednesday for an extended visit to friends at Carberry, Man., and other points in the east.

A. J. Saunders, "the Booster" has secured the services of W. T. Butler, formeriy of Spokane, as assistant in his tonsorial establishment.

Lorne Coleman, who has been attending school at Vancouver, has come home to spend the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Coleman.

Jo McDougall has been replaced as section foreman here by foreman Ferguson of Nighthawk, who arrived on Wednesday to take charge, accompanied by his two daughters.

A. W. Hoagland, nephew of Chief Engineer Hoagland of the G. N.R., is the guest of J. H. Kennedy, C. E., and will spend his college vacation with the engineering staff up the valley.

The contractors for the new schoolhouse are making good progress in their work, and the structure is sufficiently advanced to give a fair idea of what its appearance will be when completed.

S. M. Annable, familiarly known as Mac Annable, of Moosejaw, Sask., spent a day in the valley last week and was shown around by C. A. McDonald. Mr. Annable purchased a three-acre plot while here, and will return to the valley in another month or so.

The heavy rain on Saturday, one of the heaviest that has visited this section for quite a while, interfered with the games that were to have been held at the opening of the new tennis courts at the Centre. However, the guests who had been invited assembled at the hall and disposed of the refreshments provided for the occasion, after which an impromptu dance was held lasting until midnight.

Prof. Cooper, blind phrenologist, has been plying his profession at the church and hotels this week for several days with great success. He intended at first to stay only a day or two, but his meetings in the church "caught on" somewhat like those of an evangelist, and his stay was prolonged and a large number of callers enlightened and gratified to be told what talented fellows they really were.

D.M. Jackson and J.W. Morland are pre-empting and starting improvements on adjoining quarter-sections on Crater Mountain, some seven or eight miles up from the mouth of the Ashnola. It is a good-looking country thereabouts, the chief drawback at present being the difficulty of reaching it; but it is hoped that before long a better means will be provided than the present primitive trail.

In order to make up the deficit in the Victoria Day funds (though the funds were sufficient for all prizes, there are some other bills unpaid), the baseball club intend to hold a ball in the town hall on the evening of Friday the 9th inst. A baseball match will also be played in the evening. In connection with the ball there will be an ice cream and cake booth, the proceeds of which, together with the ball tickets at $1 each, will, it is hoped, make up the required amount.

G. S. Lawrence left on Monday for Winnipeg, having been summoned as a witness for the defence in a libel suit against the Winnipeg Free Press. During the last election the political pot boiled high in the prairie capital, and a meeting addressed by Clifford Sifton was the scene of considerable disorder. The Free Press attributed the disorder to a concerted plan on the part of certain political opponents of Sifton, who, feeling aggrieved, have brought suit for damages.

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