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BORDER COMEDIES.

Immigration Laws Make Queer Complications.

One of the beauties of the U. S. immigration laws is illustrated by the way the Dago navvies on the railway now being built up the valley are shunted back and forth. It appears that a laborer living on the other side may cross the border for his day's work, but if he remains over night must pay a fee on re-entering the U. S. Consequently, when it is convenient, the construction train is pulled back to the border, solely to keep the laborers lawfully domiciled in the U.S. This arrangement is about as sapient as some of the customs laws.

Apropos of immigration laws, there are cases of even queerer situations arising than the foregoing. One is that of the Chinaman who attempted to cross the line at Niagara but was stopped at the end of the bridge, and on attempting to go back was stopped at the other end. There he remained on the suspension bridge, like Mahomet's coffin, until common humanity compelled a relaxation of official rules.

A similar case is now reported from Europe.

On the first day of October last a company of Belgian gendarmes conducted a gypsy van, containing a family of eight, to the border, and pointing to the south, bade them proceed and never return, But while anxious enough to obey, circumstances over which they had no control, prevented the gypsies from doing so. For it seems the French authorities had had warning of the event and a force of police barred the way of the van. Thus beset behind and before by the rival authorities, the gypsy "undesirables" nonchalantly pitched camp. There they have been ever since, watched over both by the Belgians and the Frenchmen.

A humorous, but from the viewpoint of the policeman delegated to this duty, also a serious feature of the farce, is the fact that the minions of the law were compelled to watch day and night without shelter, while the eight "undesirables" are comfortably housed and watch complacently the march of events. As days ran into weeks and weeks extended to months, the police grew tired, weary, mad and disgusted. But the gypsies, to whom "all out of doors" is home, pursued the existence of the nomad.

When the matter first came to the attention of the authorities at Brussels there was an attempt made to come to an understanding with the French authorities. But weightier matters interposed, and the frontier incident has been eclipsed and forgotten. At the present writing nobody seems to care very much about the future movements of the gypsy van—that is nobody with the exception of the rival forces of gendarmes on the frontier, with their pompous officers and their exalted sense of duty and importance. Only over dead bodies could the van and its "undesirables" have advanced or retreated.

Within the past few days the gendarmes on guard over the van, realizing that the matter now being in the hands of the diplomatists, is doomed to everlasting delays, have erected permanent abodes on their side of the frontier. In inclement weather the alert forces can keep a close watch on the movements of the gypsies, and at the same time preserve their health and their tempers.

LOCAL NOTES.

Rev. A. H. Cameron was in Spokane for a few days this week.

J. M. Doyle, Asst. Supt. of the G. N., was in town on Wednesday.

Miss Kate Moyes is spending a week with Mrs. Edw. Richter, at the Boundary Ranch.

Jas. Bromley, of Fairview, spent a few days in Keremeos last week, returning home on Sunday.

Chas. de B. Green, P.L.S., of Osoyoos, is expected up this week to do some surveying at the Ashnola.

G. S. Lawrence, who has been in Winnipeg for the past few weeks, is expected in Keremeos shortly with a party of land seekers.

J. P. Gordon, civil engineer, of Keremeos, has been engaged in developing work on his claim above Brushy Bottom, for the past week.

Invitations are out for the first ball to be given by the officers and members of the Hedley Miners' and Millmen's Union, no. 161, W. F. of M., in Fraternity Hall on Monday evening, April 20th.

George Loudon, accompanied by our Chief Constable, was in Hedley on Tuesday. Perhaps it might be as well to say that Max was just along for company and not acting in an official capacity.

During the past week we have received many complimentary remarks from our readers on the appearance of the TRUMPET. These are always appreciated, but how much more so when accompanied by a year's subscription.

Favorable Shipping Rates

The Tariff on Fruit Sent East Over the G. N. R.

P. H. Burnham, the genial District Freight and Passenger Agent of the Great Northern, was in Keremeos on Wednesday, and paid the TRUMPET office a friendly call. From information we obtained from Mr. Burnham, it is evident that his company have not been unmindful of the interests of Keremeos and the Similkameen. A special rate on settlers' effects in car lots of 75 cts. per cwt. from points in Manitoba to Keremeos has been granted and favorable rates given on fruits and vegetables shipped east.

A passenger rate of $30.00 from Winnipeg and other Manitoba points to Keremeos is already in effect and Mr. Burnham states that an excursion or homeseeker's rate of single fare plus two dollars for the round trip will be in effect very shortly.

A revision of the freight rates between here and Vancouver has not yet been effected, but substantial reduction may be looked for in that direction. It is not to be expected that they will be as low as to corresponding C.P.R. points, in the Okanagan. The roundabout route which goods have to come renders that impossible at present, but once the V.V. & E. is completed through to the coast, the tables will be turned and Keremeos will receive the full benefit of direct connection with the commercial capital.

Following are the rates on fruits and vegetables shipped from Keremeos in car load lots of 24,000 lbs. and over, to points on the G. N. in Manitoba: Beets, parsnips, cabbages, potatoes, carrots, squash, melons, tomatoes, onions and turnips, 65 cts. per cwt.; apples and pears in boxes or barrels, 95 cts.; fresh fruit in packages, peaches, plums, prunes, cherries and berries, $1.10 per cwt.

Apples, pears, fresh fruit and vegetables may be shipped in mixed car loads at their respective car rates for actual weight of each, minimum car load weight 24,000 lbs., except that such mixed car loads must contain not less than 10,000 lbs. of fruit, or apples and pears.

Apples, pears and fresh fruit may be shipped in mixed car loads at their respective car load rates for actual weight of each commodity, minimum car load weight 24,000 pounds.

A ball under the auspices of the Keremeos baseball club will be held in the town hall on Friday evening next, April 10th. Tickets $1.50.

Change of Stage Time.

W. E. Welby, of the Keremeos-Penticton mail stage, was in town on Wednesday. Mr. Welby has but recently returned from a visit to the Old Country. He expresses the hope that as soon as the boats on the Okanagan commence making daily trips the post office department may see fit to put on a daily mail service between Keremeos and Penticton. He does not view with any great favor the change in time which his new contract calls for the delivery of the mails at Keremeos. It is a hard seven hours' stage drive from Penticton here, and to reach Keremeos by 12 noon requires a very early start.

Church Services.

PRESBYTERIAN—Divine service alternate Sundays, Keremeos Town Hall 11 a. m., School House 7 p.m. Rev. A. H. Cameron, Pastor.

METHODIST—Divine service alternate Sundays, Keremeos Town Hall 11 a. m., School House 7 p. m. Rev. Mr. Jones, Pastor.

ANGLICAN—Services as announced from time to time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS.—In Town Hall each Sunday at 10 a.m. Mrs. J. R. Shaw, Superintendent.

Stage Lines.

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Leaves Keremeos daily, except Sunday, at noon, arrives at Hedley 3 p.m.
Leaves Hedley daily, except Sunday, at 8 a.m., arrives at Keremeos 11 a.m.
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(In effect on and after April 1, 1908.)

Leaves Keremeos daily, except Sunday, at 1 p.m.; arrives in Hedley at 5 p.m.
Leaves Hedley daily, except Sunday, at 7 a.m., arrives in Keremeos at 11 a.m.
D. J. INNIS, Proprietor.

KEREMEOS–PENTICTON MAIL STAGE.

Leaves Keremeos for Penticton on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at noon.
Leaves Penticton on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 5 a. m., arriving in Keremeos at noon.
W. E. WELBY, Proprietor.

Trains.

V. V. &. E. train arrives daily, except Sunday, at 10.30 a.m.
Leaves daily, except Sunday, at 3 p.m.

Keremeos School Board.

D. J. INNIS. R. ELMHURST.
GEO. KIRBY, Sec.-Treas.

Similkameen L. O. L.

No. 1770

Meets Tuesday on or before the full moon in each month in Keremeos School House. Visiting members cordially invited to attend.

D. J. INNIS, W. M.
D. MCCURDY, R. S.

WRITING HOME.

An Interesting Letter by Mr. Stover to Wyoming Friends.

The following letter written by a Keremeosian to his former home in Wyoming appears in the Sheridan Post of recent date.

Mr. Stover came here last fall. He bought 7 acres of fruit land partly planted with trees the previous year, for which he paid $300 per acre. He has made considerable improvements, such as digging a well 37 feet deep, in which he struck an apparently never failing spring, two men having attempted to drain it for the purpose of geting a little deeper, but found it impossible, the water coming in faster than they could get it out. When he gets the pump in, that is now on the ground, he will have an abundant supply of excellent water. He has also put in some garden seeds, peas, radishes, lettuce, onions, carrots, beets and potatoes. He is now putting ground in shape to plant more fruit trees, strawberries and small fruits generally. Mr. Stover is one of our up-to-date ranchers.

The letter is as follows :

Keremeos, B.C., March 11.

I have now been here nearly five months, have experienced the fine autumn weather and seen the fruit produced by these old orchards, the finest apples that I ever saw. One tree in my old orchard had on it 64 bushels of apples.

I have also seen the winter months go by, but have not seen much winter. The first two mornings in February the mercury was down to zero, and 29 above at noon. During December and January—one morning each month—it was 16 above, and there have not been over ten days all winter that it was below freezing at noon. I have a thermometer and have kept a daily record. There has not been much rain or snow, but the snow came down soft and wet and melted very quickly, and now the ground is wet down a foot or more. And it is now spring. The birds are singing, the plows are going, and I am digging holes to plant my trees and set out grapevines between rows. We have had no hard storms, no long spells of cloudy weather, and fully as much sunshine as you have in winter. The extremes of temperature are not so great as in Sheridan. The Post said in the report from your weather station that it was 20 below on the 1st of February and 65 above on the 28th. Our lowest was zero and 48 above. Frost at night and clear sunshine during the day has been the rule since January. I picked sweet pea leaves in my yard, green, in January, and sent them to my family. Stock fed on green alfalfa up to Christmas has wintered out on the range since and looks fairly good. Old timers say this was an average winter, but that last winter the mercury went down to 21 degrees below zero. Carpenters have worked all winter.

There are now seven new farm houses building on these lots around me, and new houses going up in the new town. We are to have a church between the new and the old town, in our colony, and a new school also, this summer.

I have a letter dated March 2nd, from C. B. Halbert, the once well-known merchant of Sheridan, now head of the Halbert & Webber Hardware Co., Wenatche, Wash. He says: "I have been located here in this beautiful valley nearly two years, and am highly pleased with the country, but the climate, I must say, I do not like very well. The winters are too long and cold. This has been an ideal winter, but last winter was not much improvement over Wyoming winters. I left Wyoming to get into a warm country, and am afraid there is too much winter here for me. With this exception I am highly pleased. This is the best country I have ever lived in, and is growing fast. Everything is raised here in the way of fruit and vegetables, and there is, perhaps, no place in the world where they raise finer fruit than is raised here. There is another place that might take issue with me on that assertion, but the Wenatche valley has never failed to walk off with the prize when placed on exhibition with other fruit. [My friend has failed to note that the apples from Grand Forks at the Vancouver International Fair last December took the $50 prize, and the apples from Kelowna, a place on Lake Okanagan sixty miles north of here, took the $100 prize. Therefore B.C. apples are in the lead, as on this occasion they beat both Washington and Oregon apples.] The yield of fruit is enormous. The largest yield of apples I know of is 84 boxes for one tree. [So Wenatche beat us 20 boxes.] One man makes affidavit that he sold $100 worth of cherries from one tree. I paid $9,000 for a 7-acre tract of fruit orchard, put $3,000 more on it in improvements, and was last week offered $16,000 for it. Land is very high, and it takes a fortune to get in here on anything that is good. Bearing orchards sell at from $1,000 to $4,000 an acre, owing to location and distance from town, and will go still higher. Orchards yield all the way from $200 to $2,000 an acre. I have peach trees from which I have taken a yield of $24 per tree, and apples as much as $40 per tree, and my trees are only seven years old. We sold apples from $1.50 to $2 per box and did not have to hunt a market—it hunts us."

Mr. Halbert is known to be a good business man, and no one who knows him will question his word. The above is from a private letter and was not written to boom the country.

Men here who knew the Wenatche valley twenty years ago, when it had no railroads or big ditches to irrigate its white lava ash soil, say that this valley (the Similkameen) has all the natural advantages that Wenatche had, that it grows everything that Wenatche grows, and that its climate is warmer. We have a river here as large as Tongue river is below its confluence with Goose creek. We now have a railroad completed to this point, and it is being built up the valley and over the range to Vancouver as fast as men and money can build it. All we want is men with money to get the water on and men with muscle to do the work. I am like the old Spaniard, De Leon, who went to find the fountain of youth. In my seventieth year I think I have found it. There has been but one death here since I came, and that man was shot. He has not a single companion to keep him company in the lonely graveyard.

W. J. Stover.

In the hurry of getting to press one omission was inadvertently made in the first number of the Trumpet, the advertisement of Cumming's blacksmith shop. It will be found in another column of this issue.

R. G. McConnell, geologist, of the geological survey, says he does not see why plenty of gold should not be found in the Findlay River district. There are numerous streams and the rock formation, consisting of gneiss and schists, is favorable to the discovery of the yellow metal. Mr. McConnell was in the district a few years ago.

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Japan a Trouble-Hunter.

And China Will Be the Next Object of Attack.

England is getting surer and surer that Japan and China are bound to fight. There are reasons for anticipating trouble between Japan and the United States, but there are better ones for counting on a clash between the two yellow empires.

Japan's chance for gain is greater and the risks are less. From the United States—even assuming a Japanese victory—the Mikado could expect to wrest nothing but the Philippines and perhaps the Hawaiian group. If he whipped the Chinese the possibilities of territorial expansion would be almost limitless.

The Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands would not be such important acquisitions after all. The latter are too small to count for much. The former are rich in possibilities, and surely coveted by Japan; but they will keep, and the Oriental is patient.

Some say Japan wants America and Australia for its surplus population, which now numbers 50 millions and increases at the rate of 2 millions a year. Undoubtedly Australia and British Columbia are marked as possible prey, but poor old China is a more tempting proposition just now. It is thickly peopled in parts, of course, but not everywhere. Manchuria is not overflowing, and not such a difficult place to colonize as a white men's country either.

Besides all these reasons—as British statesmen and financiers and military and naval experts see them—the Mikado acts as if he wanted Manchuria.

No Englishman acquainted with Oriental conditions doubts that Japan has been trying to pick a quarrel with China. She has been domineering and arrogant in Korea and Manchuria. She has acted unreasonably in connection with the proposition of paralleling the Manchurian railroad. She seems to have been doing everything to cause an explosion.

The opinion is that there would have been a fight over the Tatsu Maru had England not pooh-poohed the idea of war over such a trivial affair. The elder statesmen had a notion, too, that their pretext was a little too flimsy—that the world's sympathy would be against them in the event of a clash—that they had better make another opportunity and try again.

Japan's game is to hurry matters along all she can. China's purpose is to spar for time. The Japanese can beat the Chinese now. Japan has plenty of first-class fighting men and a strong navy. She lacks the money. By rushing the campaign she could reduce expenses to a minimum, however, and grab a big section of China and have cash "to burn."

China's army is much better than when it fought Japan, but she has practically no navy. She plainly looks for trouble and is building up her military force with the aid of foreign experts as fast as she can. If Japan gives her time enough she may be hard to beat. In fact, she may be so hard that she cannot be beaten at all.

Henry Honing, the barber, after a short stay in Keremeos, left on Wednesday for Princeton, where he expects to practise his profession in connection with camp work. Mr. Honing has invested in Keremeos property and is sanguine of its prospects, but believes that for the present the wants of the public in his line are sufficiently supplied without him.

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Californian on Keremeos

A Reminiscent Note From Mr. Becker of Los Angeles.

Many Keremeosians will remember Charles Becker, who visited the town a few months ago and was so pleased with the location and prospects that he bought a large number of lots. In a recent letter to J. J. Armstrong, written from Portland, Oregon, he says:

I got home a few days ago. I only went to Old Mexico City, and got sick coming back, so I didn't go to Cuba. Now I will go back to Los Angeles to live and keep the children in school. You know I must do something for Grover, so I thought I would try oil land in California.

I see apples in Los Angeles are 2 or 3 pounds for 25 cents, or 8 to 10 cents a pound. I have found no apples nor tomatoes in California like those at Keremeos. And the strawberries here in Los Angeles are no good. Mr. Jelly's berries beat anything I see in California for flavor. In fact Keremeos is the best place I have seen for flavor of fruit and garden stuff. I think it will have a good name and a good market and good prices for garden stuff and fruits, and that land will also go up. Without doubt Keremeos is the California of Canada. The people will find it out in two years more.

Give the folks my best respects, and Mr. Jelly also.

Yours truly,
CHARLES BECKER.
534 Wall St., Los Angeles, Cal.

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Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir left last week for England on a four months leave of absence. Chief Justice Hunter will be administrator during his absence.

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J. A. BROWN, Publisher.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1908.

Wanted—Organization.

The time is ripe for an advance in local government in Keremeos, to supplement rather than displace the activities of the town-site company and the attentions of the Provincial authorities. To this end it is not yet necessary—though it soon will be—to organize an urban municipality. But for the needs of the moment a co-operative body of representative citizens is required at once. The most convenient form for such in every way is of course a Board of Trade, a body whose scope of action is not so limited by charter as is that of a municipal council, and whose membership is not restricted as to number. The power and influence of such a body, if it is animated by the proper spirit, are so great that they can hardly be assigned limits. Any one who is familiar with the Province of Ontario—and there are many such in the Similkameen—must have observed the surprising way in which certain towns have grown and flourished, while others just as highly favored as to situation and opportunities have marked time or even gone backward. Taking for instance, the south-western inland countries, covered by a perfect network of railways, and uniformly rich in soil but with few other natural resources, there is an approximate equality of opportunity for scores of places; yet of all these a corporal's guard in number rise to the rank of cities. These exceptional ones, it will be found in every case, are towns whose business men are men of enterprise and of large views, whose go-ahead spirit reacts on each other and who are broad minded enough to sink petty rivalries and jealousies in working together for the common good. They are broad-gauged enough to realize that the interest of each is the concern of all, and that even from a selfish point of view more is to be gained by working hand-in-hand with one's neighbor and helping him along than by knocking him. They realize that with communities as with individuals, natural opportunities will not of themselves bring a full measure of success, but must be seized at the right time and used with vigor and intelligence. There is a tide in the affairs of towns as well as in the affairs of men, which, taken at the right time, leads to high-water mark. That time for Keremeos is to-day. It is within the power of its citizens either to close ranks and forward march, or to gang their ain gait as units. The former way means a quick progress; the latter a tardy one, and the possible rise of serious rivals who may be on the alert to seize the passing chance.

One matter of local concern that requires early attention is that of sanitation. It is a comparatively simple one, under present conditions, but it cannot safely be left to individual care; for no matter how cleanly and intelligent a people may be they have neither the convenient means nor the special knowledge, as individuals, of the proper methods of securing sanitary conditions in a closely inhabited locality. The town has started on right lines in these respects, and all is well now, but no chances should be taken for the future. A medical health officer should be appointed, and a scavenger properly instructed as to the disposal of garbage and other refuse. This is the more necessary because general care is of little avail if neglect is allowed even in a few spots. Two or three years ago the town of Manitou, as tidy and well drained a little place as can be found on the plains, was visited with a scourge of typhoid that caused much suffering and several deaths; such instances could be multiplied indefinitely. In every case it is found that a little systematic care almost entirely obviates the danger. It would be little less than criminal to neglect such precautions in Keremeos until the appearance of disease compels them.

The pollution of the Similkameen by refuse from the chemical operations in connection with mining has reached a pitch that demands immediate attention on the part of the authorities. From the works of the Daly Reduction Co. at Hedley, a great volume of water impregrated with cyanide and other deleterious ingredients is turned into the river, in such large quantities that its effects are to be seen for miles down the stream in the shape of a turbid current and dead and dying fish. Even at Keremeos, residents along the banks of the river come across numbers of poisoned fish and are unwilling to use the water. And water that is fatal to fish can hardly be wholesome for cattle. It is a case in which the injury to the public so far outweighs the advantages to the Reduction Company that they should be called upon to abate the nuisance without delay.

After receiving assurance that the site for the new government school had been approved of and that the building would be commenced without delay, the secretary of our school board has received a letter from the Department of Education stating that as no funds will be available for the purpose before the first of July, the work of building cannot be commenced before that date and suggesting that as there does not appear to be a unanimity of opinion among the ratepayers themselves as to the choice of site, that it would be well to reopen the whole question. Weighty reasons these, as is also the technicality in regard to the cancelling of the old site. What the long suffering residents of Keremeos will be wondering is, has politicial expediency or petty rivalry anything to do with the delay?

The following prices were recently paid for British Columbia apples per box at Glasgow, Scotland, as reported by Messrs. Simons, Jacob & Co.: New Pippins, $3.50 to $4.75; Kings, $4.30; Nonsuch, $3.10 to $4.10; Salome, $4.10; Spitz, $3.50 to $4.10; Spys, $3.50. Trees produced last season from ten to twelve boxes per tree, with trees planted in the ratio of 100 to the acre. There are older trees in the lake district that produce 20 boxes to the tree. The cost of production, including grower's wages and all other expenses, is approximately 50 cents per box. Sixty trees to the acre, and ten boxes to the tree, sold at the low price of $1.00 per box, would bring a net profit of $300 per acre. The above quotations show the possibilities of profit over $300 per acre.

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We have laid out a Town Site at Keremeos, and the surrounding land in 3, 5 and 10 acre plots. A COMPLETE SYSTEM OF IRRIGATION is under construction and is expected to be completed this fall.

Now is the time to come and get a piece of this property while it is going at the present price, for when the water is running on the ground it will double in value.

Home-seekers or excursionists from the East have a choice of routes to Keremeos. The Great Northern Railway, which taps the Prairie Provinces at numerous points, furnishes a quick, comfortable and convenient means of reaching the Similkameen at rates the same as to corresponding points on the C.P.R. Or excursionists may come as far as Midway over the Crow's Nest branch of the C.P.R. and the remaining 90 miles over the Great Northern.

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J. J. ARMSTRONG, Manager.

KEREMEOS, B. C.

Experimental Fruit Farm

Proposed for the Arid Belt at Meeting of C. F. I.

At the annual meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute, recently held in Victoria, a resolution was passed recommending the establishment of an experimental fruit farm for the dry belt of British Columbia, the Thompson, Okanagan and Kootenay valleys being specially mentioned as suitable districts for the establishment of the same.

Though the Similkameen is not specifically named in the resolution—unless it is intended to be included under the name Okanagan—there can be no disputing its equal claim to consideration with the other districts mentioned. In some respects it offers greater advantages for the purpose than any other in the Province, and the fact should not be overlooked when the question comes before the Government.

Banquet to Duncan Ross.

Ottawa, March 31.

Duncan Ross, M. P., leaves for British Columbia tonight and will not return untill after the Easter holidays. Ross goes to attend the Liberal convention. Last night he was given a banquet at the Russell House by British Columbia friends and eastern admirers. Senator Templeton and Hon Mr. Oliver were among those present. All the British Columbia members with Messrs. Retallick, Prat, Jardine and Mayor Keary, of New Westminster with several eastern members and others were present. Speeches were made by Templeman, Oliver, Galliher, Ralph Smith, Macpherson, Sloan, Bostock and others, all testifying to Ross's worth as a man and the valuable services he had rendered to the province, especially Yale and Cariboo, in parliament. The Maritime provinces were represented by MacDonald, of Pictou; Ontario by Tolmie, and MacKenzie of Bruce. Mrs. Ross accompanies her husband west. Vancouver World.

Cement Block and Brick Plant.

Messrs. Hughes and Milburn, who have been engaged during the past two months in quarrying and burning a kiln of lime up above Olalla, returned to town on Monday. The lime, which is said to be of excellent quality, will be brought in as soon as they have the storehouse, which they are erecting at the foot of the hill, ready to receive it. It is the intention of Messrs. Hughes and Milburn to commence the manufacture of cement blocks, as soon as their plant, which is on the way, arrives. If suitable clay can be secured they will also make bricks.

The taste that tells—Diamond C. Hams and Bacon. F. Richter & Co.

PROCLAMATION.

[L. S.] JAMES DUNSMUIR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

CANADA.
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these presents shall come.

GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

W. J. BOWSER, Attorney-General. } WHEREAS by Section 6 of the "Game Protection Act, 1898," as re-enacted by Section 19 of the "Game Protection Act, Amendment Act, 1905," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, by Proclamation to be published in two successive issues of the British Columbia Gazette, to declare a close season for geese in any part of the Province for any period of time; and

Whereas Our said Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice of his Executive Council, has been pleased to direct, by an Order in Council in that behalf, a close season for geese within the County of Kootenay, until and including the 31st day of August, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

NOW KNOW YE, therefore, that in pursuance thereof we do hereby proclaim a close season for Geese within the County of Kootenay, until and including the 31st day of August, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, His Honour JAMES DUNSMUIR, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this 19th day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

HENRY ESSON YOUNG,
Provincial Secretary.

Its Up to You

To do your part now in boosting Keremeos in the most effective of all ways—by using printer's ink.

If you are not using printed stationery in your business, you are about two generations behind the times. If you are without it your wholesalers and other correspondents will surely put you down as slow.

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Farm Implements of Every Kind.

The Keremeos Land Co. is Agent for the International Harvester Company, of Chicago, and is handling all kinds of Farm Implements, such as Plows, Harrows and Spring-tooth Cultivators suitable for orchard work and for clearing around trees.

Get our prices before investing, and then you will be sure to get your goods right.

We also handle Baled Hay, Feed Oats and Wheat at the lowest prices.

KEREMEOS LAND CO.

A. OSBORNE,

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Groceries, Hardware, Men's Furnishings, Boots and Shoes.

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Oranges, Lemons, and all kinds of Fresh Groceries constantly in stock.

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Keremeos, B. C.

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Comfortable and commodious stabling for teams.
Good rigs and careful drivers.

DRAYING OF ALL KINDS DONE.

Prompt attention to all customers.
Land-seekers and Tourists invited to give us a trial.

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Special attention to Commercial Men, Tourists and Land-seekers.
Headquarters for all Stage Routes.
Livery Stable in connection.
Good table. Large, airy and comfortable rooms.
Free 'bus to and from all trains.

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Choice Fresh Meats,
Cured Meats, Fish, Poultry, etc.

FREE DELIVERY.

Special contract rates to camps.

Orders for Cured Meats, Fish and Poultry promptly and satisfactorily filled.

HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR HIDES.

SAMUEL McCURDY.

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FRUIT AND CONFECTIONERY STORE

STATIONERY. **SOFT DRINKS.**

CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

Billiard Parlor in Connection.

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And Builders' Supplies.

In dealing in Building Lumber and all kinds of Building Material we have the advantage of getting our supplies direct from the mills, and can therefore retail at most favorable prices.

Estimates of Cost Cheerfully Furnished to Intending Builders.

A large stock of Rough and Dressed Lumber, Dimensions, Lath, Shingles, Sashes, Doors, etc., etc., always on hand.

Contracts for all kinds of buildings in town and country promptly executed.

JOHN KNUDSON,
Contractor and Builder,
KEREMEOS.

AT OLALLA.

Mining Prospects Look Good in That Locality.

On Monday a representative of the TRUMPET made a brief visit to Olalla and received a hearty "howdy" from the miners and prospectors who make that picturesque little villa their hang-out. They welcome with considerable enthusiasm the starting of a paper at this point, furnishing as it will a medium through which those on the outside may be made to savvy the richness of the claims on either side of Keremeos valley, which many of them have staked and are developing to the best of their limited means. There is little reason to doubt that many of these claims are as rich in gold, silver, copper and lead as their owners believe them to be and but await the advent of capital to yield immense fortunes such as the Nickle Plate, a few miles distant, is now doing.

In a subsequent issue, when we have had time to collect all the records and information necessary we purpose dealing at length with the mineral riches of this district, which in the opinion of expert miners is second to none in the province.

Combining Business, Pleasure and Health.

An enterprising and ingenious gent from Wenatche pitched his camp in Keremeos on Sunday, on his way up the valley Arcolawards. He is a Klondike veteran, and has spent many years in the Yukon; but the Arctic climate having brought on a rheumatism, he is now prospecting in a more genial latitude. His outfit is rather an original one for a lone prospector, consisting of a pony and wagon on which are packed a tent, stove and other camping utensils, also a compact and flourishing poultry yard. Having been told by his medical adviser to abstain from meat, he takes no chances on local supplies for eggs, but carries his own egg-factory with him. When in camp the biddies are let out of the coop and forage about a bit, but return obediently when called. So, surrounded by a happy family of pony, dog and chickens, the lone prospector leads the simple life in the most comfortable fashion, and always with the chance of striking it rich as he roams.

Mrs. Margaret Hall, of New Westminster, supposed to be the oldest woman in B. C., celebrated her 96th birthday on Sunday.

A contract has been signed for the first 100 miles of the Grand Trunk Pacific, east of Prince Rupert, the figures being in the neighborhood of $6,000,000. Foley, Walsh & Stewart, the big railroad contractors, are the successful tenderers, and will start work at once.

LOCAL NOTES.

Agents for Campbell's Clothing. F. Richter & Co.

Quite a number from Keremeos intend going to Hedley tonight to attend the dance given by the ladies of that place.

Alex McLean, formerly of Keremeos and latterly of Fairview, has been spending a few days in town renewing acquaintance.

Fifty thousand patents were registered last year at Washington, U. S.A. The record patentee of America, if not in the world, is Thomas A. Edison, who has nearly 1,000 patents to his credit.

Harry Orchard, confessed murderer of former Governor Steunenberg of Idaho, refuses to apply for remission of his death sentence. He says he committed the crime and should pay the penalty.

Mike Costello, alias Mysterious Mike, has been taking a few days relaxation in town from his labors at the mining claims. He is reticent as usual about the showings and prospects at the mines, but as eloquent as ever on Socialism.

J. R. Brown, Gold Commissioner, of Fairview, was in Keremeos on Saturday and drove up the valley to view the work of construction on the V. V. & E., and see that it did not interfere with the public highway. He found everything to his satisfaction.

W. E. Welby, of Penticton, has secured a renewal of the contract for carrying the mail from Penticton to Keremeos. According to the new contract the mail is due to arrive at Keremeos Station at 12 o'clock, noon, over two hours earlier than heretofore.

J. F. Royer has been agreeably surprised at the strong demand for seed grain this spring. Not only has his first supply, which he expected would be enough or more than enough, been all taken, but it is found necessary to order a further supply by telegraph.

Jack Young, having come to the conclusion that the Similkameen is getting too civilized for a genuine frontiersman, is arranging to lease his fine ranch up the river and make another break into the wilderness. This time he expects to aim for the Prince Rupert country, leaving here about August.

Sole agents for Five Roses Flour. F. Richter & Co.

In printing last week's edition of the TRUMPET we did not count on such a demand for extra copies as occurred, so that the edition was very quickly sold out and many people disappointed in getting an extra supply to send to friends. This week we will take care to turn out plenty and to spare.

Choice X.X.X. Alfalfa Seed. F. Richter & Co.

LOCAL NOTES.

Miss Florence Sinclair, of Chopaka, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Jas. Elmhirst.

Mrs. James Critchly, of Keremeos Centre, left on Wednesday to join her husband at Hedley.

There is talk of forming a baseball league in the Okanagan. Why not one in the Similkameen?

Mr. Eden, Conservative Organizer, passed through Keremeos the latter part of last week on his way to Greenwood.

The Enderby Fruit and Produce Association and the Summerland Fruit Grower's Exchange have recently been incorporated.

Mrs. F. Richter left yesterday for Spokane, where she will spend a week with her daughters, Bessie and Freida, who are attending the Academy of Holy Names.

Passengers from Spokane to Oroville on Wednesday were delayed three hours at Grays, owing to a freight car jumping the track in rounding a curve near that point.

Joe. Armstrong, who has been under the weather for some time, is again able to be around, and on Monday was in town on business. Joe has a large sheep ranch and reports splendid luck with his flock this spring.

A consignment of 455 rails for construction work on the V.V. & E., from P. Welsh & Co., of Cheney, Wash, was unloaded here on Wednesday. They are to be used most'y at Gamp No. 1, where the steam shovel is operating.

At a well attended meeting of the leading liberals of Keremeos, held in the school house on Wednesday evening. Richard Elmhirst and James Black were appointed delegates to attend the liberal nominating convention at Vernon on April 14th.

Competition is keen these days in the stage service between Keremeos and Hedley, and all previous records in time required to make the trip are being smashed. Attention is directed to the change in time announced by J. F. Royer, of the Flier stage.

A meeting of the Keremeos Conservative Association will be held in the office of C. A. Stoess on Monday evening, April 6th, for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the nominating convention at Vernon on April 23rd. A good attendance is requested.

F.S. Reynolds imported this week a steam gang plow for the Belgian Syndicate, which will plow about a thousand acres this spring on the property purchased last year from C. O'Keefe and Mrs. Greenhow. The traction engine is a 25-horsepower machine from the J. I Case Company, and the plow of seven gangs—capable of being increased to ten—was manufactured by the Cockshutt Plow Co. We are under the impression that this is the first steam plow imported to this province, and Mr. Reynolds feels certain that it will be found to give complete satisfaction.-Vernon News.

A despatch from Grand Forks states that work has been suspended in the largest mining camps there and on the various tie camps on the north fork of Kettle river, and as a result the town is flooded with idle men. What's the matter with getting some of them up Similkameen way to hurry on the various works here ?

That Keremeos, on a special occasion, can muster a pretty fair congregation, was demonstrated on Sunday last, when the Rev. Mr. Cleland of Penticton held services in the Keremeos Town Hall, morning and evening. The music by the choir and the able discourse of the reverend gentleman were enjoyed by all present.

There was a big gathering of Siwashes from the reserves on Monday at the Ashnola, the occasion being the death of Crooked Mouth Pierre's klootch. On Tuesday, the remains, garbed, as is the custom with the tribe, in all the finery that Crooked Mouth's means would permit, were interred with due ceremony at his ranch in the lower valley.

At last and at length the door factory and railway company by a combined effort have succeeded in getting a door to Keremeos for the front of the TRUMPET office. We had waited so long that we had about given up expecting it, and were thinking seriously of turning the office end for end so as to have a door on the street, when this relief arrived. The public are now invited to call via Seventh Avenue instead of via the back yard.

Messrs. Holman and Upton, successful tobacco growers at Kelowna, are preparing to experiment on a large scale in the culture of the plant at Vernon. Tobacco growing is a profitable industry where it can be followed, and is one which the residents of the lower Similkameen might take up to advantage. If any of our readers in the valley have experimented in the production of the weed, we would be pleased to hear from them as to the results attained.

On Tuesday, the Rev. A.H. Cameron returned from Spokane. It is 19 years since Mr. Cameron first visited Spokane. He then made the trip from Revelstoke, by row boat, 165 miles to Robson, thence by shortpass, 30 miles, to Nelson, by scow steamer to Bonner's Ferry, by lumber wagon to Kootenai Station, and from there to Spokane by rail. Spokane was then a small town, but today Mr. Cameron found it impossible to locate the old town, for the growth of Spokane in 19 years has been immense.

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