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Church Services.

PRESBYTERIAN—Divine service Sunday, 11 a. m., in Keremeos Town Hall. Rev. A. H. Cameron, 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.

Trains.

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

LOCAL NOTES.

Geo. Loudon is in Spokane on business.

Lorne Coleman left yesterday to resume his studies in the Vancouver high school.

Rev. Mr. Cameron will attend a meeting of the Presbytery of Kamloops to be held at Vernon next week.

Dr. Jackson of Penticton, who has been in Keremeos during the past week, left yesterday for the upper valley.

M. Costello went up the valley yesterday in response to a telegrapic summons for a meeting in regard to negotiations for his mineral claims.

Two outside baseball teams, Nighthawk and Princeton, have signified their intention of competing at the tournament at Hedley on Monday.

D. Carmichael and W. Hine were in town on Saturday and before their return to the Okanagan looked over the King Edward group of claims.

Fred Revely was in town on Wednesday and reported all preparations complete for a grand celebration at Hedley on Monday and Tuesday.

C. Æ. Shaw, surveyor, of Greenwood, passed through Keremeos the first of the week on his return to the Skagit after a short visit at Greenwood.

F. D. Warner, of Okanogan County, Wash., was in town yesterday between trains and took a brief survey of the country about Keremeos with the view of possible future investment.

G. S. Jermyn, Veterinary Inspector, of Midway, was in town on Wednesday passing a bunch of horses which were being brought from across the line to take part in the races at Hedley next week.

H. Lawrence, D.D.S , of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, is looking over Keremeos and district with a view to locating. The doctor has found it necessary, owing to impaired health, to abandon his practise and seek a change of climate.

Another Siwash from the upper reserve appeared before Magistrates Richter and Coleman on Wednesday on the old charge. A rumor of previous good behavior preceded him and resulted in a penalty of $10 and costs being handed out instead of the maximum fine, as has been the order lately.

Coast papers contain an emphatic denial from R. Marpole, an official of the C.P.R., of the rumor, originating with the Nicola Herald, that the company was negotiating for the purchase of the mines of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Co., of which W. H. Armstrong is general manager.

A dispute between J. Bruno and a customer over a watermelon last Friday led to a scuffle and the destruction of the melon. Jo then armed himself with a snickersnee and took the warpath, but constable Ewart was summoned to preserve the peace, and the only red juice spilled was that of the melon.

Dr. R. Mathison of Greenwood, accompanied by Mrs. Mathison, made a visit to Keremeos this week. The doctor was formerly a newspaper man, in the early days of Vancouver, but soon came to the conclusion that pulling teeth was a more alluring proposition than pushing a pencil, so he is now a hopelessly confirmed dentist.

Harvest Thanksgiving services were conducted in the town hall on Sunday, morning and evening, by the Rev. J. A. Cleland of Penticton. There was a good attendance at each service, and the wealth of fruit, vegetables and grains with which the hall was decorated, showed that residents of Keremeos have reason to be thankful for a bounteous harvest.

Another incident showing the inadequate arrangements for handling immigration here occurred this week, when a party of travelers from the States abandoned a proposed journey of exploration northward because their horses could not be passed without veterinary inspection, and Inspector Jermyn could not be readily located. They concluded to turn back and have a look at Northern Washington instead. With the growth of intercourse that is sure to follow with the increasing development of the valley, the absence of a local inspector will become a serious hindrance.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Armstrong; the Misses Alice, Rose and Emily Woodrow; and Mr. Ring of Vancouver, arrived on Tuesday via Penticton. They were accompanied by Miss Rose Armstrong, who has been spending her holidays at the coast. W. H. leaves for home again on Sunday, after a hurried but comprehensive inspection of the progress of the company's work here and of his own personal interests. Mr. Ring finds the sunny Similkameen so much to his liking that he will make an extended visit. Mrs. Armstrong and the Misses Woodrow will remain a month.

G. Harris of the "Okanagan," Vernon, and wife, were in Keremeos on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Harris is making a tour of the constituency in the interests of Duncan Ross. His friends call him an organizer; his opposition, a heeler He justifies the postponement of the election in Yale-Cariboo and claims that Martin Burrill will not have a fighting chance; the result of the elections being known, the docile voters of the constituency will return a member in line with the government. It is just possible that our friend has misjudged the temperament of the people of Southern B. C. We are inclined to think that their spirit of fair play will hold good, even through an election contest, and furthermore that they will resent being deprived of the opportunity of taking part in the election contest until after the fight is over and interest dead.

A pilgrim named W. J. Ryan, who had been working for a few days for J. F. Royer, on Monday afternoon developed a severe case of the gun-fever that is so prevalent in the neighboring states. First he was deprived of a gun which he incautiously displayed, by Zeb. Kirby, of the Hotel Keremeos, whereupon he set out upon an errand of rearmament and got possession of a shotgun belonging to Mr. Royer, with which he threatened the bystanders and attempted to make them dance to his piping. Mr. Royer remonstrated with a whiffletree, and after considerable trouble he was again disarmed, the gun being discharged in the melee but doing no damage. He was arrested, and on a hearing before Magistrates Coleman and Richter was committed to Kamloops. His tilicum, a partly crippled man of mischievous disposition, evaporated soon after the fracas, and as there would have been no charge against him but vagrancy, no pursuit was made.

Attend the box social in the town hall to-night.

J. A. McDonald of Olalla was in town yesterday collecting poll tax.

Our school board has not yet succeeded in securing a teacher and the school remains closed. Yesterday an acceptance was wired a lady at Ladner, B. C., but a reply has not been received up to the present.

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INDIANS ON WARPATH.

In the North, and at Salmon Arm, Near Kamloops.

In the remote sections of the interior of British Columbia life is still held pretty cheap, and although the white man is generally safe from molestation, the Indians themselves are wont to settle their little troubles in time-honored fashion without calling upon the courts or the representatives of the government to assist them.

The latest of these little affrays is mentioned in a report just received by the attorney-general's department from the headquarters of the northwest mounted police, which speaks of two tribes having gone on the warpath, with the result that some ten men were killed and others injured. The report goes on to say that further trouble is expected.

The scene of the fight is situated in the northeast corner of British Columbia, and it is an object lesson of the immensity of the distances in this province and how little is known of the vast interior spaces, that this foray occurred in the spring of last year, and yet the news has only just leaked out. The belligerent Indians were the Dogribs and the Sikannis, who are understood to be oldtime enemies, and the authorities are not always able to prevent spasmodic outbreaks from time to time.

A more serious report coming from the same source is that a Roman Catholic missionary, who was traveling on the Liard river alone in a canoe, is thought to have been killed also. The Indian that brought the news stated that while his effects had been found he himself was nowhere to be seen.

These events are supposed to have taken place near the confluence of the Nelson and Liard rivers, and such meagre details as are known here are to be found in the report referred to, the essential portions of which are reproduced below :

"On June 4 last, B. G. Clarke of the Hudson's Bay company at Vermillion reported to me having met an Indian (Dogrib) at Hay river post, 100 miles north of Vermillion, on the Hay river, who had come on a hunting trip from the Liard river, leaving there in the summer of 1907, and this Indian told him that the Sikanni and Dogrib Indians had been fighting during the early spring of 1907. Ten men were killed and several wounded and he believed that more fighting would follow. The fight occurred near where the Liard and Nelson rivers join, and on the Nelson river.

"This Indian also reported that a brother of the Roman Catholic mission was traveling on the Liard river, in a canoe alone. His canoe, clothing and food were found, but he was missing and could not be found. Some of the Indians believed that he had been killed also.

"The Indian who made this statement to Clarke left at once to hunt back toward the Liard river and will reach there some time next spring."

AT SALMON ARM.

Victoria, Sept. 1.—One hundred Indians at Salmon Arm just south of Kamloops are threatening to go on the war path, fearing that they are about to have their fishing rights taken away from them. Supt. Hussey of the provincial police leaves this morning for the scene, the local authorities stating that it has got beyond their control.

The situation is a serious one. On Wednesday two Indian chiefs were summoned by the Dominion government fishery authorities for setting fish traps illegally. They were convicted and sentenced to pay a small fine. A band of fifty Indians swept down on the court house, rescued the chiefs and made off with them. Constable Fernie at Kamloops was despatched to the scene but he reported that the Indians were very uneasy. Chief Hussey has received instructions to assuage the passions of the red men by peaceful measures if possible but is empowered to bring them to terms if they will not prove amenable.

Nursing Home at Penticton.

The fine new building at Penticton, which has been in the course of erection during the past summer, and which is to be used as a nursing home, is now completed and open to the public. It is very pleasantly situated on Fairview Avenue, looking down Winnipeg street. An institution of this kind, where the sick might be cared for, avoiding the necessity of going to outside points, has long been needed for Penticton and the large district adjacent to it, and already its advantages are being appreciated. A few months ago, Miss Hancock, a thoroughly trained hospital nurse, who has had a long practical experience, arrived in Penticton, and after carefully looking the situation over, decided that the time was ripe to establish a nursing home. She accordingly placed plans in the hands of the contractor, and the result is a building, modern and up-to-date in all respects, and admirably suited to the purposes for which it was erected.

The cases which will be received are not confined to any one kind, but all persons requiring the benefit of skilful nursing, in quiet and pleasant surroundings, with a physician close at hand, will be attended to in the home.

The institution will be under the personal superintendence of Miss Hancock.

Armed Guards on Trains.

Toronto, Aug. 31.—Reports of rowdyism among harvesters have affected the sale of tickets at the C. P.R. offices here and ticket agents have prevailed upon operating officials to provide police protection for future trains. Yesterday afternoon High Constable Rawsden, of York county, swore in twenty muscular fellows to act as special constables on harvest trains leaving here this week and next. These men will be armed with batons and revolvers as well as the authority of the law. They are being instructed in duties this morning by the regular C.P.R. police and detectives who broke the freight handlers strike at Owen Sound a few weeks ago.

Similkameen Land District.

DISTRICT OF YALE.

TAKE NOTICE that JOHN M. YOUNG, of Keremeos, B.C., occupation rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post planted about 66 feet south of the south-west corner of D. Innis's ranch, thence north 20 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east to point of commencement, and containing 40 acres, more or less. The land applied for is known as the graveyard flat, and adjoins Lot No. 2821 on the west.

JOHN M. YOUNG.

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Similkameen Land District.

DISTRICT OF YALE.

TAKE NOTICE that Chas. A. Stoess, Surveyor, of Keremeos, B.C., intends to apply for permission to purchase 3 38-100 acres of land, being that piece or parcel of land known as Lot 1006S in the Similkameen Division of Yale District.

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Potlatch at Alert Bay.

Vancouver, Aug. 29.—A protracted potlatch in which nearly a thousand Indians took part has just ended at Alert Bay. About three weeks ago the fishing season at Rivers Inlet closed, and since that time the Indian fishermen, with their families and friends, have held high revel, and many presents have been exchanged. As on similar occasions, bright-colored blankets were much in evidence, and at intervals during the merry-making dozens of pairs were given away from a great heap by the roadside.

The generosity and honor of one old chief who broke in bits a copper valued at about $4,000 and divided it among the crowd, was surpassed by one other, who gave to his admirers not less than $11,000 in cash.

Last Sunday afternoon an At Home at which there was certainly a crush, was given by the wife of one of the chiefs. Hundreds of cooking utensils and pieces of china were piled outside the hostess' door and a reversal of the usual kitchen shower took place, when each guest, after being sumptuously entertained, carried away a memento of her call.

But on Wednesday the shouting and tumult ceased. Canoes were filled with pr[illegible] children and dogs, and the g[illegible]otlatch at Alert Bay now lives [illegible] in the hearts of the Indians and the cameras of visiting tourists.

Mining in Saskatchewan.

Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 27.—Provided that the new gold concentrator, invented by a Montreal inventor, proves successful, next year will see the establishment of large gold washing outfits on the Saskatchewan and the Peace rivers.

Messrs. Haram & Thrope, mineral experts, who represent the new invention, are in the city securing samples of sand which they are shipping to Montreal to be tested in the new concentrator. The proposition is an extensive one and contemplates mining gold from the river at Edmonton and at Peace river Landing on the Peace river on a large scale. Montreal capital will be largely interested in the enterprise.

The new process separates the gold from the sand by a dry process in place of the old wet process and is guaranteed to save from eighty to ninety per cent. of the gold from the sand. As a result of prospecting on the river here, Messrs. Thrope & Haram yesterday secured several samples of sand which to the naked eye bore evidence of gold. These samples are being shipped to Montreal.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier states that it is his intention to visit British Columbia this fall if nothing unforeseen prevents it.

Local and General.

A small debts court would be a convenience in Keremeos.

The provincial fire rangers, now that they are enjoying a respite from their arduous duties in fighting forest fires, have been busy collecting evidence and prosecuting offenders against the Bush Fire act. Heavy fines have already been imposed in a number of cases.

The rush for homesteads, which occurred at Yorkton last summer, on the throwing open of the Doukhobor lands, was duplicated at Edmonton on Tuesday, Sept. 1st, when the new homestead regulations came into effect. Over 100 men stood at the door of the registry office all night long in an effort to be among the first to record.

Vancouver has a "Black hand" scare, although the police are convinced that no Italians had anything to do with it. The man under arrest gives the name of Jerry Cullen. He is a ferocious looking one-eyed individual and speaks with a "Liverpool dock" accent. On Tuesday A. G. Main, grocer, corner Napier street and Park drive, received a letter, the signature to which was a rudely drawn hand, in which he was told that unless he left $200 in $10 bills at the corner of his barn on the following night he and his family would be blown off the face of the earth. The letter said that there were eight men after him and that they would stand for no fooling. Mr. Main reported the matter to the police and a watchman was set and the mau Cullen was arrested while poking around at the corner of the barn where the money was to have been left. At the police court he was remanded for further investigation.

The year 1910 will be a notable one for New Westminster and for the entire province of British Columbia, for in that year a gorgeous pageant is to celebrate a number of great events in the history of the province. For this reason the full celebration of the Simon Fraser contennial has been postponed and only a historical exhibit has been arranged for the provincial exhibition. In 1910 the events of one hundred years and more ago will be re-enacted, if present plans go not astray, on the banks of the Fraser river, when voyageurs, representative of Simon Fraser and band of adventurers, will descend the river to the mouth as of old. The discovery of Vancouver island and the arrival of the C.P.R. at the coast, with other notable events of provincial history will be included in the pageant, the carrying out of which will be largely in the hands of the provincial government. No details have been arranged, but the broad outline of the celebration has been informally decided upon, and it is expected that the pageant will follow lines similar to the recent Quebec celebration.

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Dry Farming.

A great deal of attention is being attracted at this time to a system of agriculture known as "dry farming," which is being successfully used in the semi-arid districts of Colorado and other western states in place of extensive schemes of irrigation. By "semi-arid" is meant a territory in which the annual rainfall is less than twenty and more than eight inches. By dry farming many thousands of acres which, on account of their location, could never be reached by irrigation ditches, are reclaimed. Some of this acreage has long been styled "grazing lands," and considered useless for anything else.

"Dry farming," briefly stated, consists in so preparing the soil in semi-arid regions that it will catch what little annual rainfall there is, and store it within reach of the roots of the plants to be grown. This, as might be supposed, requires a firm, solid foundation beneath the soil. The soil above is kept firm and loose and acts as a mulch, keeping the moisture from escaping into the atmosphere, much as a brick or plank keeps the ground directly under it moist even in a beating sun. With such preparation of the soil, grazing lands will often yield as high as 40 to 50 bushels of wheat to the acre, or more than the yield of the eastern states, where the natural rainfall is adequate.

The last two years have witnessed the greatest progress in the new plan of reclamation. Not only is "dry farming" being extensively employed in Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska, where it was first introduced, but in eastern Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah, where heretofore great tracts of prairie land could in many instances be bought as low as fifty cents an acre.

The first experiments in this line date back more than a decade. The founder of the method is Prof. H. W. Campbell, of Nebraska, under whose personal direction to-day are some large model farms in the west, illustrating the marvelous accomplishments of "dry farming." Five years ago the department of agriculture began to lend its assistance in the matter, carrying on investigations as to the localities in which "dry farming" will bring the best results. The department is also searching in many parts of the world for kinds of alfalfa and wheat and other plants which will yield the largest returns with a rainfall of less than 20 inches.

As to land, it may be stated that high plateaus or rolling hills afford a better supply of rain to be stored by "dry farming" methods than do the valleys, and they are therefore usually chosen first.

The first operation in the preparation of the soil is plowing. This must be deep A disk or moldboard plow may be used, depending on the character of the ground. One object of the deep plowing is to provide an adequate reservoir for the storage of the rainfall. Gang plows with twelve to sixteen plowshares in each are a common sight. These plows are drawn by traction engines. Steam plowing helps out wonderfully in this work. In some of the western states it would be out of the question to secure sufficient men and teams to accomplish the plowing of the hundreds of thousands of acres annually being reclaimed by "dry farming." Steam plowing costs less than half as much as plowing with teams. It is not unusual for one plowing outfit to turn 3000 acres of sod into cultivated land in one season. Two men are needed to operate the engine, besides a teamster and team for hauling fuel.

A sub-surface packer follows the plow, drawn by the same traction engine as the plow. This packer is similar in shape to a disk plow, except that it has ten wheels. These wedge-shaped wheels or disks are 18 inches in diameter, and are arranged vertically on a shaft six inches apart. The object of the sub-surface packer is to firm the soil. A smooth roller if used for this purpose would have the effect of packing the surface soil rather than that of the sub-surface. The wheels of the packer, however, are so arranged that they firm the soil in the lower portions of the furrow, restoring capillarity where plowing has arrested it. A smoothing harrow next follows, leaving a pulverized layer on top, which prevents the moisture from below from reaching the surface and evaporating.

The constant care and working of the soil on which the crops are to be raised is said to be equally important with the rainfall itself. The pulverized ground must not be allowed to pack or break in any event. To prevent this, the harrow is run over it after each rain. The working of the soil begins several months before seeding, and must be continued after seeding.

A great many people cultivating their land under the new system aim to raise but one crop from the same ground in two years. They divide this land into two equal parts, and use one part for crops one year and the other the next. This admits of what is known as "summer culture" on the part not in use, and the storing of a season's rain in the soil reservoir. Again, it may be feasible to allow the land to produce crops for two years, and alternate one year of "summer culture." Where crops are planted every year, plowing must quickly follow the operation of harvesting, the aim being to save all possible moisture in the ground and simultaneously prepare the soil for the next rains.

It is confidently expected that the time will come when land on which but a ten-inch rainfall is now recorded will be made to blossom as the rose. This will be accomplished by further advances in scientific discovery. At present, districts having less than 14 inches rainfall are not regarded as profitable. An educational movement for the scientific study of "dry farming" has already been talked of. Not all attempts at "dry farming" are a success, nor will be until the mass of the people using it understand the principles an which it must be carried out. The rainfall varies in different years, and this emergency must be met in a scientific way.

As a result of recent experiments the ranchmen in Wyoming are buying thousands of dollars worth of farming machinery and are breaking up large acreages and sowing alfalfa and other grasses and grains, and ranches are being sold for colonization purposes.—Scientific American.

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Whatever "pickings" there may be in connection with the erection of the new school house here are to be divvied up instead of handed to one party. The second call for tenders proved no more satisfactory than the first and the government has decided to wait no longer but to undertake the work itself and begin at once. Local contractors claim that their figures were moderate, considering the cost of material, and price of wages, but the government based their ideas of the cost on the contract price of similar schools recently erected at other points in the province; one, on or near the main line of the C.P.R., having cost $1600 less than the lowest tender received for the Keremeos school house.

It is understood that work will commence at an early date and will be completed before Christmas.

LOCAL NOTES.

The Brooklyn and Rawhide mines of the Dominion Copper Company have resumed operations after a close-down of nearly a month, caused by the coke shortage resulting from the Fernie fire.

We have heard it urged that a constable should be appointed for Keremeos; that when occasion arises it is too far to have to send to the upper town for one. Monday evening's fracas justifies the claim.

Another case of typhoid fever has developed in town, Mrs. Keeler being seriously ill. We have urged precaution time and again, but apparently Keremeos, like nearly every other town, must have its own experience.

A box of Early Crawford peaches grown on two year old trees on Mr. J. R. Shaw's lot was left on our desk yesterday. For richness of coloring, they surpass any we have ever seen and are large and of excellent flavor. The Early Crawford is justly a favorite with peach growers.

Considerable annoyance has been caused lately owing to the fact that the G. N. agent here has not been supplied with cords and seals for shipping in bond and as a result, shipments of perishable fruit have not been able to go forward. That this should occur is inexcusable negligence on the part of someone.

For the first three nights of this week a night patrol of special constables was put on the roads of this part of the valley, on account of the murderers of Thomet at Midway being at large. On word being received that the bandits had crossed the boundary and one of them been captured, the patrol was withdrawn. The special constables were Charlie Richter, Babe Kruger and James Corry.

In a letter, Trade Commissioner Larke, in Australia, advises Canadians not to come to the Antipodes unless they have sufficient means to keep them for a considerable time after arrival. He says he has frequent applications for assistance for passage, and in some cases for money in order to purchase food for Canadians who report that they have been unable to get work, and are reduced to the utmost distress.

A Fine Reserve.

Across the Belly river is the southern portion of the Blood Indian Reserve, which in all, comprises 400,000 acres for the unrestrained enjoyment of about 1,000 Indians. From Standoff to Cardston, a distance of 20 miles, the trail lies over one of the grandest stretches of upland prairie that ever nourished a wild rose. Never a plow has dipped in the soil and yet it has potentialities as great as any that can be found within the prairie limits. It is the nature of the white man to want what is withheld from him and many a "paleface" has envied what by treaty has passed to the Indians, "as long as grass grew or water runs." It may be left to the Indians to transform this area into waving wheat fields as has been done by them in the northern section of the reserve or it may pass to the white man to work his magic upon it. Making all due allowance for future uncertainties this land will some day surely reveal its wonderful fertility.—Edmonton Bulleton.

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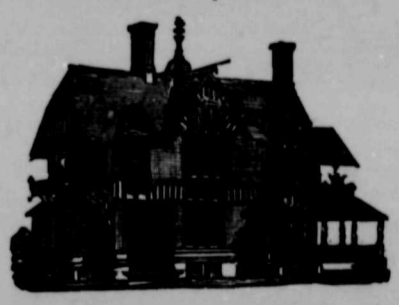

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FAIRVIEW.

Mrs. Rippin and her mother left here last month and are now enjoying life in Paris. Mrs. Rippin will spend a year in France and then return to Park Ranch.

The fruit trees at Park Ranch are giving a good return this year. Mr. Rippin put some fine cling stone peaches on the market this month and in a few days he will show us what his free stone peaches are like.

Wm. Dalrymple's pear and apple trees are convincing evidence that this is a No. 1 district for fruit.

Baldy put on a white cap last week but later it disappeared. Chopaca refuses to take off his white cap for even King Sol.

This is a quiet season for the Oroville-Penticton stage.

Mr. McIntyre and Miss Hazel McKenzie, of Cliff Ranch, were in town on Saturday.

Pauline Campbell, after spending a few days at Okanagan Falls with friends, returned home on Saturday.

D. Carmichael and Wm. Hine on Thursday went to the King Edward mineral claim on Susap creek and returned by way of Keremeos on Friday.

Camping out with friends at Horn Lake was enjoyed for a week by Mrs. Brown and her daughter.

Mr. Turner will give his signature and a smile for your taxes. At this date the smile is the only discount.

Crops on the bench lands, without irrigation, are not a success this year.

The Fairview public school reopened on the first day of the term. The attendance is fairly good. Teacher Auld's record was satisfactory to the trustees and ratepayers, and he is now booked for another year.

Miss Paterson, on her return from Okanagan Falls, suffered a relapse. She is very weak but a change for the better has taken place in the last few days.

It is reported that a telephone is to be put in at Swan Lake. This accommodation should be appreciated by the settlers at the Cliff and their friends.

Dan Braithwait went to Keremeos with the Rev. Mr Cameron on Monday.

The frequent light showers of rain and a miniature hail storm of last week were followed on Saturday night and Sunday morning by the rain storm of the season. and now the ground is in good order for the plow. Oh when will that irrigation flume be built to give us a fair distribution of the water? In the fall of snow and rain here in the year is sufficient water to give orchards on all the bench lands in the valley from Fairview to the International Boundary Line a plentiful supply.

L. W. Shatford with his wife and child, and Vac. C. and Wm. B. Haynes were in town last week.

This season, for the first time in 12 years, Reid creek was dry at Fairview.

The Golden Gate continues to furnish a table that will compare favorably with that of any other hotel in the Okanagan.

The toot toot of the gasoline launch on Lake Osoyoos can be heard here. With the rattlesnakes banished, Osoyoos would make a delightful summer resort. Civilization will no doubt soon dispose of them, but unless guarded against other snakes equally pernicious and deadly will come. Let us have the pleasure resort without snakes.

John's voice was heard in town on Saturday. He loves an argument on politics or any other subject and the boys are more than willing to keep it going.

Mr. Stone of the Stemwinder is feeling the painful effects of rheumatism.

Miss Alice Maldon was the guest of Mrs. R. Elmhirst, Keremeos, for a few days last week.

Hugh Graham is pulling down the Brown Bear boarding house east of the Stemwinder, and will use the material on his ranch.

Baldy's cousin, Jack Frost, came close to Fairview on Sunday night, but failed to leave his mark.

Pete Gordon, with J. McKinley, will survey for a road from Myer's Flat to Green Lake, and $1600 will make it possible this fall. Later the road will be extended to Okanagan Falls.

Divine service will be held in the church here on Sunday, Sept. 6th, at 11 a. m., by Rev. Mr. Cameron.

Drying Cherries.

Milton, Ore., Aug. 25.—Drying cherries instead of canning them is an experiment being made extensively this season on account of the dull market and the heavy loss to growers because nothing could be done with the fruit in season. On many of the trees the fruit still clings, while in some orchards the late varieties are just at their best.

Growers sold all the cherries they could and then offered the local cannery more than could be tinned during the season. With cherries still going to waste growers tried the experiment of drying the fruit, and it was found feasible. After the cherries are seeded and spread out in a hot sun the process is simple and quick, and some varieties have a flavor quite like raisins when the curing process is complete.

Complaint is made that there is not a large dryer in this section to which the fruit could have been taken and dried in large quantities. Thousands of dollars could have thus been saved to the orchardists of this section.

The State of Washington paid about $55,000 in the last financial year for the scalps of wild animals. For coyotes $1 is paid, for wildcats $2.50, for cougars $5.

LOCAL NOTES.

Box social to-night.

On Sunday, Sept. 6th, the Rev. Mr. Cameron will hold service at Fairview at 11 a. m., and Keremeos at 7.30 p. m.

Players having uniforms, or any part of the equipment of the Keremeos Baseball Club, are requested to leave the same with H. B. Armstrong.

W. D. Jones, the man whose spinal column was fractured some two months ago at the Granby smelter by a piece of the blower pipe falling on him and who was paralyzed in the lower limbs, died at the hospital in Grand Forks.

The Princeton Star says: Engineer Kennedy and staff went up the line of the V.V. & E. to a point where it intersects the east boundary of the railway belt and will there tie in with it. He has also laid out a track on which to turn locomotives and cars when the rails reach Princeton.

The Meteorological Office, Toronto, has just issued a record of the highest temperature registered in different parts of the Dominion during July. Evidently the hottest spot in Canada was Spence's Bridge, where the thermometer registered no less than 108 degrees in the shade.

The church opening services will be on the first, second and third Sundays of October. The Rev. G. A. Wilson, Superintendent of Presbyterian missions, is asked to take the services on Oct. 4th, Rev. Mr. Hibbert on the 11th, and the Rev. Mr. Cleland on the 18th. The offerings on these Sundays, less expenses, will be for the church building and furnishing fund.

In a district near Summerland, now known as Siwash Flat, the residents are petitioning for a post office, but they are not enamored of the name Siwash Flat, neither are they agreed on a substitute. It is still undecided whether the hapless hamlet is to be afflicted with the name Giant's Head, or is to be laden with the task of immortalizing the oldest settler, a Mr. Ritchie.

P. H. Burnham, district freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern, Grand Forks, was in town on Tuesday. Speaking of the agitation for a through train service, Mr. Burnham said that the company was willing at all times to meet the wishes of the people when it could be done, and probably would in this case unless there was a prospect of the line being extended in the near future and another change rendered necessary. He doubted if the people of the Similkameen would find a night service as satisfactory as the present free and easy one.

Eocene oil in bulk or case at the Keremeos Hardware Store.

Methodists Bolt From Taft.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 29.—Mutterings of a Taft bolt by the Methodists of Nebraska and other middle west states have been disturbing the Republican leaders for the past several weeks.

Recent developments show that the situation has progressed to the stage of an organized movement. Methodist preachers at the annual Epworth league assembly in Lincoln, this week, went wild over Bryan.

Scores of lay members also have caught the Bryan fever, and are making no secret of their opposition, buttonholing everybody they meet, urging them to vote against the Republican nominee, urging that no man could make a good president who openly does not believe in the Divinity of Christ.

Jap Pirates Arrested.

Seattle, Aug. 23.—International complications of a serious nature, with Japan and the United States of America as the chief participants, are likely to follow the determination of the federal government to vigorously prosecute nearly 200 Japanese seal poachers, now in the temporary prisons at Valdez and may have an important bearing on the relations between this country and Japan.

Piracy is described by the authorities as robbery on the high seas, the crime of depredations or wilful and aggressive destruction of life or property committed on the seas by persons having no commission or authority from any established state.

Piracy under the definition laid down by legal authorities, includes something more than the idea of general hostility to law. Seal poaching in northern waters has in some cases been punished by death.

The seriousness of the situation is admitted by the federal authorities of Alaska. Eighty-five Japanese were arrested and brought to Valdez on the first attack of the revenue cutters, but word has been received in Seattle by cable that 115 more Japanese have been detained off the Pribiloff islands and will be shortly brought to Valdez for trial.

A private dispatch received in Seattle states that the Japanese now in custody in Valdez are housed in a church and that when other arrests are made, the colony of Asiatic seal poachers gathered in the meshes spread by the federal authorities of the north will be so large that the facilities of the little town on the west coast of Alaska will be taxed to the limit to care for and guard the prisoners.

The cost to the federal government for the trial and keep and transportation of the poachers is estimated at upwards of $50,000.

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