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LATEST WAR NEWS

Special Telegrams to the Star Direct from the Wires.

Boers Retreating---Favorable Reports Expected Daily in London--Lord Roberts' Criticisms Received.

LONDON, April 16—The Boers are in full retreat from Wepener, hugging the Basutoland border. The Basutos are marching parellel with them along the frontier watching eagerly for the slightest encroachment. The Transvaal government is relying strongly on American intervention. All was well at Mafeking up to April 6th. According to a Bethiany despatch the Boers are unable to retreat north-ward, because the British hold all the roads. London waits confidently for almost immediate announcement of news favorable to the British; distrust exists however to any rapid coginuous advance towards Pretoria, chiefly on account of horses. Small bodies of Boers are prowling around Bloemfontein and are even coming within 10 miles of the city.

CAPETOWN. April 16.—It is reported that Gen. Brabant has defeated the Boers at Wepener and taken their arms.

Conflicting reports regarding the conditions at Wepener continue but at the present time there is no definite or important news from the front. A Capetown despatch says that nearly 3000 horses has been landed there since April 13th. The bulletin issued at Pretoria April 13th reports that the burgers captured 500 slautered cattle at Wepener and that Gen. Pronemen that day defeated the British, causing them to retire across the Orange river.

A despatch from Ladysmith dated April 16th at 5:40 a. m., says that native scouts just returned report that the Boers in Elandslaagte district have retired beyond Biggarsburg.

BRONDFORT, April 13.—Fighting with Brabants Horse at Jammersburg Drift continues. Commandant Dewitt is reported to have engaged troops sent from Bloemfontein to Brabnats assistance. Also a brush with British column advancing towards Bullfoutein but without decisive results.

PUBLIC MEETING

Provincial Election for 1900.

Mr. D. Murphy, independent opposition candidate for West Riding of the Yale Electoral District will address the electors on political issues at Princeton on Monday Evening, April 30th, 1900. Everybody come. The government candidate has been invited to attend.

Chief of Police A. Main of Steveston near Vancouver has been foully murdered by Chinese.

PERSONALS.

Geo. H. Starnes, of the C. P. R. survey party was in town yesterday, on his way to Keremeos.

W. A. Davis of Vancouver is registered at the Hotel Jackson. He arrived on Wednesday's stage.

Mr. Frank Powell, travelling representative of the Hudson Bay Co. at Vancouver, came in on todays stage.

Mrs. Jas. Anderson returned to the city on the mid-week stage, having visited Nicola Lake and Kamloops.

Messrs. Hebberton, Stewart, Knight, Wampole, Arthur, Powalls and Purvis came down to the city from the Sunset this week.

W. A. Campbell, Sec. of the Lost Horse Mines Co., drove in on President Stevenson's private rig today. Mr. Stevenson will follow in two weeks. He is now in San Francisco.

John Popham, Maurer and J. S. McFarlane came in from the Slocan country Thursday. The boys have several good properties on the east slope of Copper mountain, which they will develop during the summer.

John D. Roberts, Sanford B. Snider and J. J. MacKay drove into town Wednesday on special rigs. They represent Messrs. G. F. & J. Galt of Winnipeg, Vancouver, Toronto and other cities, wholesale grocers and tea importers; G. L. Allan, wholesale boot and shoe dealers; and S. Greenshields & Co., of Montreal and Vancouver, wholesale dry goods; respectively. These gentlemen were the first commercial men to display samples in the city and were well pleased with their trip as they succeeded in securing good orders from our principal merchants.

KEREMEOS NEWS.

The C. P. R. surveyors completed the running of the location line through town the early part of the week.

A fatal accident occurred in town this week. A man, whose name your correspondent has not yet learned, had been helping the local blocksmith and while riding home to his camp in the evening fell off his horse, fracturing his skull so seriously that he died the next morning.

A shooting scrape caused a good deal of excitement here on Tuesday afternoon. A man named Smith and a woman known as "Broncho Liz" were in a tent a short distance from town, and had been quarreling all afternoon, R. H. Parkinson J. P. happened to ride in from Fairview and was asked to arrest the man. He rode up to the tent to do so, when Smith pulled his Winchester. Mr. Parkinson turned to go back for assistance when he heard a shot. The woman had jumped between him and the gun and received the bullet in the thigh. The woman is not considered seriously injured, having received only a severe flesh wound. Smith was arrested and will come up for trial before Gold Commissioner Lambly on Saturday forenoon at Fairview.

RICH PRINCESS MAY

Boulder Creek Properties Looking Well.

Wonderful Development of One of Copper Mountains Future Mines. ---Latest from the Sunset.

The Princess May claim on Copper mountain bids fair to rival its more famous neighbor the Sunset. Chas. Powell, the owner, returned from the Boundary district about two weeks ago and immediately started developing his property. He has shown excellent judgment in the work he has done, the ground being covered with a heavy wash. The surface croppings which were strong, were only found in bunches on the full length of the claim. Mr. Powell started in to strip off the surface debris, and has succeeded in uncovering several rich deposits of mineral. An average assay taken across the width of the ore body returned over 9 per cent. copper, and several specimens of rich peacock and bornite copper have been brought to town which will run over 20 per cent.

With careful development there is no doubt that the Princess May will be one of the richest properties on the mountain.

The Sunset is gaining depth rapidly. President Brown making a few changes in the working of the property. A fan has been ordered and will be put in as soon as possible to secure air at the bottom of the shaft. Two shifts will continue sinking and as soon as the 200 foot level is reached a crosscut will be run to the eastern boundary of the claim if the ore body extends that far, and Mr. Brown is sure it does. A recent assay taken from careful sampling of the bottom of the shaft shows 5 per cent. in copper, which is a remarkable average. The most notable feature in the development of the mine has been the regularity of the values as depth is attained. Of course bodies of very rich ore, running from 20 to 30 per cent. copper have been encountered, but to take the dump as one huge sample it will be found to assay within a fraction of 5 per cent. copper alone, not counting gold values.

Boulder creek is the latest camp to the front. On the International, Nancy Hanks, Constitution and Gold Hill claims Johnson and Todd have a well defined ledge between shale and serpetine, 5 ft. 6 in. wide, of solid mineral which assays 5 per cent in copper alone and will carry considerable gold value. The properties will be worked this summer.

President Brown and Supt. Longheed of the Sunset are in town.

FROM OFF THE WIRES.

LONDON, April 20th.—(Special to the Star).—The blockade at Wepner continues. Heavy rains are stopping movements of British column.

Large quantities of stores are being moved south from Bloemfontein made necessary by opposition in south east of Free State.

There are 2000 sick in British field hospitals.

Col. Otter commanding the first Canadian contingent died of fever in South Africa.

Two German officers have been sentenced to 2 years imprisonment for having in their possession 100 rifles.

Gen'l Warren and Col, Thorneycroft have been severely censured in General Roberts report.

MASERA, April 17.—Casualities at Wepner since later attack by Boers surrounding them: Twenty killed 100 wounded. It is beleived that the enemy lost considerable more. Five of the enemies guns were disabled.

LONDON, April, 18.—Springfontein says: Boisterous weather now prevailing, may delay Boers and afford us opportunities of capturing a number of raiding bands.

Lord Roberts criticism of Buller's, Warren's and Thornycroft's commands has reached here. The war office will not discuss them but it is understood Warren will be recalled. There is no news from the war office.

NICOLA NEWS.

F. J. Dean, Ex. M. P. P., held a political meeting here this week.

Supt. Wilson, of the C. P. R. telegraph system, is in the city putting in the 'phones for the Kamloops-Nicola line.

At 1 o'clock Wednesday, Harry Duncan, manager of the Howse store rang up Kamloops and sent the first message over the new line. The formal opening of the line drew a large crowd to the store, the telephone system being a novelty to quite a few. The message rate over the line will be for the local line 25 cents for 10 words and 3 cents for each additional word. The rates from Kamloops to outside points are: Vancouver, Victoria and B. C. coast points 40 cents for 10 words and 3 cents for each additional word. Winnipeg and Manitoba 75 cents for 10 and 5 cents for each additional word. Eastern Canada $1.00 for 10 and 7 cents for each additional word. Telegrams will be received at the Howse store for all points in the world. Local conversation rates will range from 10 to 50 cents for three minutes, the rates being arranged according to distance.

Mrs. O'Rourke and Miss Graves, of Quilchena, and Mrs. J. Anderson, of Princeton, were guests of Mrs. A. E. Howse during the week. The ladies had a most enjoyable visit as Mrs. Howse is an exceptional hostes.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards gave a dance at the Hotel Driard on Monday night. Joe and his wife are great entertainers and the capacity of the house was taxed to its utmost

Mr. W. J. Carrol left for Keremeos on Friday's stage where he will join engineer Young's survey party as transitman.

THE LIZZIE BULLOCK, SEGREGATED BELCHER, AND HUHN AND HUNT-MINE.*

By James F. Wardner.

My career as a miner began at Ivanpah, Ariz., in '71. I had gone to Los Angeles, Cal., where I found the people of the town perfectly wild over reports that had come in of rich mineral discoveries in Arizona. It was my first experience of a mining stampede, and I caught the fever at once in its strongest and most malignant type. I may as well confess here that I have had it ever since, and shall carry it with me to my grave; because it is not an infatuation, it is business, with many chances and perils, a speculative business, combined with fresh air, ozone galore, and the companionship of the best fellows on earth. No competition in this business, no jealousies, plenty of room, and always hope.

The new camp was called Ivanpah, and it was about two hundred and sixty miles from Los Angeles. The route then lay across the Mojave Desert, and the trail was reported to be about the straightest known pathway to certain death. Among the prospectors who had returned from Ivanpah for supplies and who had rich ore samples to exhibit was John D. Reed, a San Bernardino young fellow, who was known to my uncle, and who was said by him to be "square." Reed said that if I wanted to "outfit" with him, he was agreeable, and so we became "partners." We bought four pack animals and two saddle broncos, the usual kit of miners' tools, blankets, guns, ammunition, food supplies, and so forth, and started for Ivanpah one August morning in 1871.

I quickly discovered that my partner was a straightforward, practical fellow. Although only twenty-one years old, he was well up in the art of prospecting and knew as much about mines and mining as anyone else in camp.

Soon after reaching Ivanpah we purchased the afterward famous Lizzie Bullock mine, a single location upon which no work had been done, but which showed surface indications in the way of little knife-like seams of sulphurets of silver running through the limestone formation. Much to my surprise, Reed knew how to assay, and had with him an outfit for simple tests. He found that the sulphurets carried about six hundred ounces of silver to the ton, and although there was nothing but knife-like streaks in sight he advised buying the claim at Clark's (the owner's) price, which was five hundred dollars. Reed had no money, but sewed up in my clothes were enough greenbacks to buy the Lizzie Bullock.

We bought the property and began work. It did not take long to find out that by following up the little seams we would come to places where the seams widened into little chimneys of ore, which would be from six to twelve inches in width, with a pay chute eight to ten feet long. These were our bonanzas, and from them we took our ore supply by means of only a tunnel.

As soon as we had out two or more tons we packed it on mules, and would start on the two hundred and sixty mile journey to Los Angeles. As there was sixty miles of desert to cross, we also packed water and food, and the trip was always a hard one.

On one of our trips across the Mojave Desert, in August, 1872, the weather was very hot and dry and the sand and alkali were fearful. To add to our troubles our cook went crazy. He was a white-haired man, with those peculiar gray eyes so hard to explain but belonging always to occultists, men of limited education and new ideas. After braining his faithful dog with an axe, he was secured and firmly bound with ropes to a wagon wheel. I, also burning with fever, lay near him. Being the youngest of the party he addressed me, when alone, as follows:

"I am going to die. I have been a success, yet not a success. Hear the history of my life; listen, learn and profit by it." Then he said, very slowly: "I first went to raising mice. I was a success. I raised world of mice, but I said, 'Oh, the end does not justify the means.' I resolved to raise elephants. Here again I was a success. Hundreds and thousands of elephants did I raise—elephants white and blue. But, the result! The markets of the world were soon supplied, and with 'elephants to sell' I was poor indeed. My son, would you succeed, raise neither mice nor elephants. Size yourself up," He died, but I never forgot the lesson.

Arriving at Los Angeles our product was taken by Lazard Freres, who paid us a uniform price of seven hundred dollars a ton (silver was then worth $1.29 an ounce), giving us whatever merchandise we thought best to pack back and crediting us with a balance that might be due; the result was that our capital at "The Freres" increased steadily. Reed and myself began to be recognized as successful miners, and we were both happy and contented.

It will be of interest to miners to know that the ore in our chimneys changed from black sulphurets at the surface to rich yellow chloride of silver at a little depth, then to antimonial silver, and sometimes sand carbonates came in; but the silver values always remained the same.

I was now on the high road to fortune. But, of course, something had to happen. It came unexpectedly and disastrously. We started a pack train of twenty animals and five men one morning—and all that we recovered therefrom were the dead and mutilated bodies of our packers. The Apaches had been troublesome farther east, but we had no fear that they would come in west of the San Francisco Mountains. But they did, and our train was the first to suffer. It was so evident to both Reed and myself that trouble had only just begun that we offered the Lizzie Bullock for sale, and the McFarlands, who owned the adjoining property, quickly paid us our price, five thousand dollars. We had five thousand dollars on deposit with Lazard Freres, so that I quit Ivanpah about five thousand dollars ahead of my first experience in mining and within about a year's time.

The McFarlands are now rich men. And what of the Lizzie Bullock? For more than twenty-five years it has yielded up its treasures of silver, and in the year 1900 the Lizzie Bullock is a bonanza, even at the low price of silver.

Concluded Next Week.

*From "Jim Wardner of Wardner, Idaho," by Himself. Published by The Anglo-American Publishing Co., cloth $1.25.

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TAX NOTICES.

ASSESSMENT ACT AND PROVINCIAL REVENUE TAX.

SIMILKAMEEN DIVISION OF YALE DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act, are now due for the year 1900. All the above-named taxes collectible within the Similkameen Division of Yale District are payable at my office, Princeton. Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:—

If paid on or before June 30th, 1900:
Three-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
Two and one half per cent. on assessed value of wild land.
One-half of one per cent. on personal property.
On so much of the income, of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates, viz: Upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars, and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

If paid on or after 1st July, 1900.
Four-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
Three-fourths of one per cent. on personal property.
Three per cent. on assessed value of wild land.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates, viz.; Upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars, and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.

Provincial Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita.

HUGH HUNTER,
Assessor and Collector.

Princeton, March 31st, 1900. 1-1t

NOTICE.

Certificate of Improvements.

VANCOUVER MINERAL CLAIM: Situated in Similkameen Mining Division of the Yale District. Where Located: Copper Mountain.

Take Notice that I, Clive Pringle, Free Miners Certificate Number 7767B, acting for myself and as agent for J. B McArthur, Free Miners Certificate number 79777A, W. G. McMynn Free Miners Certificate number 6301B and W. E. Dreks, Free Miners Certificate number 10295B intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above Mineral claim.

And Further Take Notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

CLIVE PRINGLE.

Dated April 17th, 1900.

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Six grand prizes and fifteen gold medals were accorded by the exposition jurors to the Canadian exhibit in the group of mines and mining. The exhibit of no other country obtained more awards than this, and it is freely acknowledged by impartial experts that the Canadian exhibit is, both in arrangement and variety, the best at Paris.

The gold, silver and copper ores were numerous, and almost without exception every mine of importance in the Dominion is represented. The gold smelting ores from British Columbia attract special attention, being little known or understood in Europe. Nova Scotia and Ontario exhibit largely of free milling ores. The demand for small specimens of these different varieties of gold ores from museums and colleges here and in other European cities has been very great, but naturally it has been quite impossible to comply with the requests.

The silver ores shown come mostly from British Columbia, as do also the silver-copper ores. The copper ores are very varied, and are no less interesting. Several magnificant samples of all these varieties are shown on stands and in cases.

It would indeed be almost impossible to get together a more varied collection of gold, silver and copper ores than those to be seen in this portion of the exhibit.

Only a brief general survey of the mineral exhibit in the Canadian pavilion can be given within the limits of a newspaper article. In its arrangement, this exhibit is different from any other of its kind at Paris. One of the first points to be noted is the manner in which the different classes of ore are displayed. Everything is so placed, labelled and catalogued, that examination and reference become at once easy and instructive, affording the fullest explanation of each industry represented.

The specimens are likewise all placed in natural groups, and the purposes for which the several ores or minerals are used can therefore be conveniently ascertained. At the same time everything is scientifically arranged. No attempt has been made to seperate the minerals of the different provinces, otherwise than by differently colored labels attached to the various objects, and thus the whole Dominion, rather than a special section, becomes identified with the various minerals exhibited.

It is not too sanguine a statement to make, to say that, as a result of the excellence of the Canadian mineral exhibit, millions of foreign capital will be directed to the Dominion within the next few years, and the development of our mineral wealth thereby vastly stimulated.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of Hugh McDiarmid, the younger, lately of the village of Princeton in the County of Yale in the Province of British Columbia, miner, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act, of the Revised Statutes of the Province of British Columbia. 1897, that all creditors end others having claims against the estate of the said Hugh McDiarmid, junior, who died on or about the 25th day of May, 1899, are required, on or before the 15th day of October, 1900, to send by post pre-paid or deliver, to John A. Kirkpatrick, Nelson, B. C., the Administrator of the personal effects of the said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claim, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date, the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and the said Administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons, of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated the 18th day of August, 1900.

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TOWNSITE TROUBLES.

In our last issue we devoted a considerable amount of space to a letter written by Mr. Arthur Hickling, managing director of the Vermilion Forks Townsite Company. A few of the statements made by Mr. Hickling are so glaringly incorrect or distorted that we take the opportunity to correct him. He is evidently astonished at our independence in writing openly about the methods used by his company in developing the Townsite of Princeton, seeing that it is the Star's chief supporter. If Mr. Hickling thinks for one moment that the Star is in any manner indebted to the Vermilion Forks Co., or that it has not received full value for any advertising given to the paper, he is very much mistaken. Every advertiser in Princeton has done as much, if not more than the Townsite Co. in giving the paper the support necessary for its existence, and as yet not one of them has had the temerity to dictate as to the policy which the paper shall pursue. Mr. Hickling says truly, that the Star is not alone in complaining of the neglect of the Townsite Company to further the interests of the community. In this statement he is certainly correct. Every property owner living in Princeton has the same complaint to make, and as far as raising a third faction by pointing out the public duty of the townsite company, their is not the slightest danger of such an event taking place.

Regarding the appointing of a resident townsite agent, we would beg to state that it is now over six months since one was promised, but as yet he has not materialized. Then the bridge! We have again to correct Mr. Hickling on that subject. The government in office when the plans were forwarded did not promise to take over the substructure of the bridge when completed, but did promise to take over the bridge. As soon as the bridge is completed the Star will be the first to advocate the fulfillment of the government contract. But we would remind the Townsite Co. of a statement made by its manager at a public meeting as far back as the month of March; "That the Townsite Co. would complete the bridge without any assistance from the citizens of Princeton." The statement that the Townsite Co. has spent $35,000 in the district during the last 2 1-2 years would lead an outsider to believe that this sum had been expended on the development of the town. The Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Co. may have spent $35,000 on their various mining properties, but as a Townsite Co. the amount spent in improving the town is decidedly small.

Certainly we give the company all the credit it deserves, for the ready and generous manner it has shown in subscribing to public entertainments, but, has not every citizen of Princeton done the same, and in many instances with greater generosity in proportion to their interest. The complaint made by the citizens of Princeton is that the Townsite Co. are lacking in properly representing the town, in the town, that improvements which come within the province of the company have not been made, and that promises which have been made have not been kept. The opinion expressed by the Star is simply that of every citizen in Princeton and also of the greater proportion of outsiders who have visited the town during the past year. A great number of the visitors were men who had watched the development of other western towns and whose opinion must certainly have some weight. Such unanimity must have some foundation and we are still sure that by showing more enterprise in improving the townsite property and pushing to completion the bridge across the Similkameen river, the owners of the townsite of Princeton would only be acting well within their public duty to the investors in their property.

THE LABOR GAZETTE.

The first number of the Labour Gazette, the official publication of the Dominion Government Department of Labour has reached this office. The Gazette is published in magazine form and contains a quantity of useful information, the most interesting article being a review of Fair Wages on Public Work, which contains a list of all the late contracts let by the government and shows the scale of wages paid on each. The Labour Gazette will be published monthly and can be procured for three cents per copy or twenty cents per year. Subscriptions should be sent to the Accountant, Department of Labour, Ottawa.

Note and Comment

LITTLE TWINKLINGS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS OF THE DAY. * * * * * *

Contentment is a good thing until it reaches the point where it sits in the shade and lets the weeds grow.

Princeton should be represented by having an active member on the committee of The Good Roads Association.

The introduction of the labour candidate in Yale-Cariboo-Kootenay for the Dominion election is causing quite a little stir in both parties. The Rossland Record (conservative) claims that it will affect the votes cast for their candidate, while the Nelson Tribune states that the Liberals of Nelson wers sad-eyed over the nomination and that it would effect the Liberal vote.

The New Denver Ledge has lived through seven long years of prosperity and adversity in the Slocan and its worthy editor is still grinding out golden truth for the benefit of the world at large. Success to you Brother Lowery and may your eighth year be happy and prosperous.

Princeton polled eighty votes at the last provincial election, yet the dominion candidates are practically unknown here, and so far the fight has not started in the district. We do not mind giving the candidates a straight tip on the Q. T. Whoever turns up first is liable to poll the largest vote.

Rev. George Murray of Nicola Lake has been appointed to the position of Government Agent and Deputy mining recorder. Mr. Murray is well known and respected by the whole community and should make a competent official, as he is thoroughly conversant with the district he represents.

Another Boundary editor forsworn the comforts of a bachelor's den and "pie tickets" for home cooked grub. This time it is Bre'r Willcox of the Phoenix Pioneer, who on the 3rd inst. was married to Miss Elsie Crawford, a popular young lady of the same place. The Star wishes the new couple success and happiness in their future, and congratulates Bro. Willcox on his good fortune. Who will it be next Bre'r. Hall?

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—I killed Paul Kruger.

"Who saw him die?
"I," said White, "with my searchlight."
—I saw him die."

Who caught his blood.
"I," said French, "in my little trench—
I caught his blood."

Who will toll the bell?
"I," said John bull, "for I can pull—
I will toll the bell."

Who will dig the grave?
"I," said Baden-Powell, "with my little trowel—
I will dig his grave."

Who will sing the hymn?
"I," said Methuen, "for I know a tune—
I will sing the hymn."

Who will be chief mourner?
"I," said Steyn, "for it gives me pain—
I will be chief mourner."

Chorus—

The Boers in state fell
Weeping one and all,
When they heard of the death
Of poor Oom Paul.

MISCELLANEOUS JOTTINGS.

A young man named Barber led Miss Shaver to the alter the other day in a southern village. We presume all the "little shavers" will be Barbers, remarks an exchange.

Willie (to his father, who wants to go to the club after supper)—"Papa, if you will help me with my arithmetic I'll tell you something!" Father—"H'm, and what is it you will tell me?" Willie—I'll tell you where mamma hid your boots."

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Town Tattle.

The alcoholic wave struck town this week.

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The Star office has received a few much needed impovements.

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A record has been established between Rossland and Princeton for telegraphic service. The Star editor received a message which left Rossland on Tuesday evening, came to Nicola Lake over the wire, was carried 72 miles on horseback, and delivered in 24 hours from the time it was handed into the Rossland office.

† † †

Farmer Harris is very enthusiastic about the productive qualities of the soil on his ranch adjoining town. He claims it will grow anything from bunch grass to the largest pumpkins ever seen in the Similkameen valley.

† † †

Duck Hunting has been the popnlar sport among the local hunters lately. Several parties have shot over the chain of lakes on One Mile range, but without much success, the birds evidently having left their usual haunts and flown to the sunny south. A few belated teal, an odd mud hen or two, were about all a few of Princeton's crack shots were able to bag on their last expedition.

† † †

The Princeton school has been closed for the last two days on account of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The only thing several Princetonites have to be thankful for is that they are still alive and waiting for the boom.

† † †

Charlie Barber is determined to be "long" on strawberries next year. He has received a number of new plants and claims he will be able to show Princeton what an up-to-date patch of the luscious fruit is like, when summer comes again. Take a tip Charlie! Build a ten foot fence around the pa ch.

† † †

Messrs. Rennie & Bell expect to build a new store on Bridge street shortly, their present quarters in the Star building being too small to carry the large stock their increasing trade requires them to handle.

† † †

Miss Bertha Bell Richter has the distinction of being the youngest citizen in the metropolis of the Similkameen.

† † †

Jim Bow, the Chinese chef of the Sunset mine astonished one of the English experts who visited the camp recently. The expert ranks high in the Masonic world but to his astonishment Jim could rank him to the highest notch and still return the high signs.

WHO WAS IT ?

One of Our Rancher's, Or Could It be .....?

A Princeton pioneer was smoking his pipe on the doorstep as I came along the highway, and when I had borrowed a light and taken a look around I said to him:—

"You don't seem to be hustling very much on this claim?"

"No, can't say I am," he replied.

"Why don't you fix the roof of your cabin?"

"Goin' to some day."

"That chimney ought to be rebuilt."

"I'm conside in' to do it."

"I should be afraid that stable would fall down and kill the mule."

"I'll have to prop it."

"The weeds appear to be too much for your corn."

"Yes, weeds is powerful around here."

He was so placid and good-natured about it that I ventured further and said:

"It seems to me that with ambition and hard work you could not only make a good living on this place, but get something ahead."

"I could for sure," he answered.

"Then, why don't you do it?"

"Waitin'."

"Waitin' for what?"

"Waitin' fur to git that ambishin you spoke of."

"And do you think you'll ever get it?"

He filled his pipe, lighted it and slid off the log to get a brace for his back. When he had got fairly comfortably settled he queried :—

"Stranger, yo' doan live around here, I guess?"

"No, I don't."

"Cause if yo' did you'd diskiver that I hev a mighty good thing of it as it is, and would be a fool to let go for somethin' new."

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It would be in order for the mining recorder to post official notice of public holidays, both in the Star and on his office door, when they occur. Good Friday and Easter Monday are not in every miner's calender, and a number of the boys might be saved useless trips to town when he is absent.

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