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STAMP MILL ARRIVES.

The first installment of the five-stamp mill for the Nimrod Syndicate arrived in from Bennett on Sunday and is now resting on Rant avenue, opposite the assay office of the company. The remainder of the plant is expected in today. Included in the outfit is a five-stamp mill, purchased in San Francisco, turned out by the Union Iron Works of that city. The large hoist, boilers and pumping appliances were manufactured at Vancouver, and despite their trip over the ice look as bright as a cambric needle. The total weight is placed in the vicinity of 20 tons, and the rate charged for freighting it in from Bennett—70 miles—was 5 1-4 cents per lb.

Considerable doubt was expressed in town after the arrival of the first installment of the mill, as to whether it would be put in operation immediately or not, owing to several legal technicalities hanging fire. An interview with Mr. Fetherstonehaugh yesterday, however, settles this point, and the mill will be put up and operated as quickly as human ingenuity can do it.

"When I'm ready to put up the mill on the Yellow Jacket property," said Mr. Fetherstonhaugh, "the mill will go up regardless of any adverse claims. The entire plant has not yet arrived, likewise Mr. T. E. Barnedd, who is at present in Bennett and due here some time during the early part of the week. This gentleman will superintend the erection of the mill and the placing of the stamps in position. His wide knowledge of such matters renders him a valuable acquisition by the company. Only recently he returned to the coast from Nelson, where he had been engaged installing a plant. The Dorothy Morton, Shoal Bay, is another of the numerous properties he erected plants for. Yes, when he arrives a start will be made."

It is well for our readers to mark that this is the first stamp mill ever sent north of Juneau, a fact of great import to the outside world, as it will show, better than anything else, a promising field for attention and investment.

RELIABLE INFORMATION.

The following letter, which is self-explanatory, shows how reliable information is welcomed.

R. C. Lowry, Esq., Atlin, B. C.

Dear Sir,—Yours of March 5th, has been received with the enclosed article on the Atlin camp, for which we are much obliged.

There is a good deal of interest in the camp, and it looks as if a good many people would go up there this season; so that reliable information is of service.

We hope to use the article shortly and will send you copies as you request. Yours truly,

ENGINEERING & MINING JOURNAL,
Per F. Hobart.

New York, March 10th, 1900.

BIG SALMON BIG PAY.

Renni Tippli and James Bateman arrived last evening from big Salmon en route to Ottawa and England, and are at the Golden North. They have but little to tell of Big Salmon country, but speak as though they know more than they care to divulge. Mr. Tippli, however, says:

"Livingston creek, the principal tributary of the Big Salmon, on which prospects have been made, has been staked its full length, but there has been no development to speak of, and the merits of the country are not known.

"But some of the finest nuggets I have seen come from that district. Some of them are as big as a man's fist. Whether the country is spotted, or that there is even any pay dirt of uniform value in the region is to be ascertained.

"Not more than 15 men are on Livingston just now."—Daily Alaskan, April 3.

THE WAR.

London, April 2.—The Boers seem to be closing around Bloemfontein, in menacing force. Their activity has already intercepted direct communications between Lord Roberts and Kimberley. The guerilla nature of the warfare is proving very embarrassing to the British.

The War Office reports that Col. Broadwood lost seven guns and all his baggage in an ambush laid for him by the Boers on Saturday. The casualties numbered 350. The trap was laid near the Bloemfontein waterworks, 22 miles from town, and worked only too well. Of U battery, all are missing except Major Taylor and a sergeant-major. The strength of the enemy was estimated at from 8,000 to 10,000, with guns. On receipt of the news Lord Roberts ordered General French to the spot with two cavalry brigades.

Orders have been received at Cape Town for the Eighth division to be disembarked and sent north immediately on its arrival there.

The sending of the Transvaal prisoners to St. Helena is arousing the anger of the Boers, who threaten to retaliate by sending British prisoners to Konatzpoort, the worst fever den in South Africa.

The Queen having deemed it desirable to commemorate the bravery of the Irish regiments in the recent operations in South Africa, has been graciously pleased to command that an Irish regiment of foot guards be formed under the designation of the Irish Guards.

Methuen telegraphing from Bosfof, in the Orange Free State, a little northeast of Kimberley, says: "Surrounded Gen. Villebois Mareuil and a body of Boers to-day, April 5th; none escaped. General Villebois and 7 Boers killed, 8 wounded, 50 prisoners.

London, April 6.—Lord Roberts reports that five companies of British troops have been captured by the Boers near Mafeking.

THE QUEEN IN IRELAND.

Dublin, April 6.—Her Majesty arrived on the 4th at Kingston and immediately went on to the Capital. Before entering, the ancient ceremony of delivering up to the sovereign the keys of the city gates was gone through. The reception accorded Her Majesty was grand in the extreme, not a single jarring note having occurred. It is estimated that nearly one million of people are in Dublin. The city is gorgeous with flags and decorations. All party differences are cast aside for the time, the sole end and aim of all being to tender Her Majesty a right royal welcome. Fireworks, bonfires, and all the outward demonstrations that can possibly emphasize love and loyalty are in full blast, and "dear old dirty Dublin" is doing itself proud.

ATTEMPT ON THE PRINCE.

Brussels, April 4.—Whilst the Prince and Princess of Wales were at the railway station here to-day, en route to Copenhagen to attend the celebration of the birthday of King Christian of Denmark, a would-be assassin fired two shots from a revolver at the Prince, fortunately without hitting any one. The assassin was quickly knocked down by the station master and secured. He proved to be a Belgian youth named Jean Baptist Sinido, of evidently weak mind, and imbued with Anarchist theories. The Prince and Princess took the affair very coolly, and proceeded on their journey. Horror and indignation has been expressed at the attempted crime all over Europe, and the Prince is smothered with congratulations on his escape.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

J. M. Heney, the railway contractor, in an interview with a Daily Alaskan reporter last week, announced that track laying on the extension of the White Pass & Yukon road, beyond Caribou, will begin about April 10, and now that spring has come and work can be done to advantage along Lake Bennett, 1,500 men are to be thrown into action there just as soon as possible. He said further:

"I have 750 men employed on the extension at present, and have sent to the Sound for 2,000 more. Every man that applies is being engaged. It is the intention to rush the work, and we hope to have the track completed so cars can go through from Skagway to Closeleigh by the latter part of July. Three hundred and fifty men of my present force are working along Lake Bennett.

"Five thousand eight hundred tons of rails, nearly all that will be needed in building the extension beyond Bennett, are now on the ground at Bennett and at Caribou, the greater part being at Bennett. More rails are on the way. In all there will be 6,000 tons.

"The rails are from Chicago, where they are made by the Illinois Steel Company.

"In track laying beyond Caribou, we shall put down thirteen miles at first, and then have seven more miles a little later. I shall have everything in readiness for the finishing of the track laying beyond Caribou just as soon as navigation opens on Lake Bennett. Twenty-four hours after the lake is opened we shall the have track laying finished to Closeleigh.

"I have taken my freighting teams all off the Bennett-Atlin route, but am still taking freight through to Labarge. In the railroad cut-off, where the snow is gone for miles, I use wagons."

The Duchess of York gave birth to a son, March 21st.

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A MEMBER FOR ATLIN DISTRICT.

The electoral district of Cassiar contains something like 164,000 square miles — more than the area of Great Britain; and at present returns two members to the Legislature. The coast district and the Atlin district are further apart, judged by lack of means of communication, than are Yorkshire and Ontario. They have nothing in common; the great staple of the southern district being salmon, of the northern, minerals. The whole district is one of magnificent distances, with the crudest and most unsatisfactory means of intercourse between even its centres of population. Under the circumstances, there can be no reasonable excuse given why this district should not have a member selected from Atlin. One who is a resident here. The district, as at present constituted, is far too large for canvassing by intending candidates. An entire summer and an expense out of all proportion would be consumed in the attempt to meet all, or even a majority, of the electors. A good man —and there are many—living in this section, understanding all its requirements and having his own personal interests here, would be invaluable to represent us, but, pray, what would he be likely to know about the wants and wishes of the salmon-canning electors of the coast? Inversely, what would a representative from there know about the wants and wishes for the better carrying out of the mining development which is the raison d'etre of our existence? Probably nothing. Our population and resources are growing and will continue to grow. We are numerous enough already to command the services of one, and possibly very soon two members. If ever a community was self-contained, with one central definite object in view, certainly it is Atlin, and to carry out our legitimate aspirations it is essential that we have a member solely devoted to the furthering of the interests of this portion of Cassiar district.

From present appearances the sun of the last year of the nineteenth century seems likely to set on a carnival of blood. Questions which have been agitating the nations for years are apparently coming to a crisis of which there appears to be no solution short of the dread arbitrament of war. All eyes are centred on Japan, which is straining every nerve to be in readiness soon to throw the gauntlet down to her vast enemy, Russia. For this step Japan has good and sufficient reason. During her late war with China, the Muscovite developed an apparently great liking for Japan, and encouraged her throughout. The Japs did not know the utter meanness of Russian diplomacy, until, having placed China hors de combat, they naturally enough reached out for the legitimate fruits of their victory, only to find that they had been forestalled by their supposed friends, the Russians. The Japs are a proud people. They object to being made a catspaw for Russia to draw her chestnuts out of the fire with, and it is fully expected that within a month they will have taken the initiative in a war which will probably embroil all the large powers of Europe.

In spite of the Czar's peace proposals and the Peace Conference at The Hague, which he engineered, Russian diplomacy "for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," has continued unaltered. This is evidenced by their late meddling in the affairs of Persia, a step they would not dared to have taken only for Britain's hands being full in South Africa. That the British cabinet is preparing for eventualities is shown by the orders sent Lord Roberts to push his work in South Africa to a speedy conclusion, as the bulk of his troops may be wanted elsewhere. The enormous amount of men and material Britain keeps sending to the Cape is not all intended for the Boers. The Boers form an excellent excuse, but the true meaning is, that the Cape is a halfway house on the road to India, and the Suez Canal, as a means of transit, is not to be depended on in war times.

Events may falsify the published prophecy of Hewitt Bostock, M.P., to the effect that Hon. Joseph Martin is dead, and will be buried as rapidly as the electors of British Columbia can get a chance at him. A province that would tolerate the uselessness of Hewitt Bostock and assassinate the usefulness of Joseph Martin, could get no government worse than it deserves. Hewitt Bostock ranks as the most profound disappointment of all the members which Western Canada returned to the present parliament. His great wealth and his good intentions have not prevented him from degenerating into a slavish toady to the government which serves the corporations which opposed him and betrays the people who trusted him.—Toronto Telegram.

The great New York publishers, Appleton & Co., have failed for $1,100,000.

Smith—"I say, Jones, what's the meanin' o' the papers always putting G. C. B. behind Lord Robert's name?

Jones—"Wy, any bloomin' idiot could tell you that. Lord Roberts, G. C. B. stands for Lord Roberts, generally called, Bobs."

TELEPHONE LINE.

The telephone line arrangements are being thoroughly reorganized in order to meet the requirements of its customers for the coming busy season. The Atlin office will be in the telegraph buildings, corner Pearl and Second. The Pine office will probably be at the post-office. An extension of the line is contemplated to Birch creek. The office at Spruce Creek Junction will be removed to the Halfway House. Rates are reduced from 50 to 25c. Messages to be delivered, 25c extra. These rates are very reasonable and should result in the securing of a large amount of patronage.

SCOW BEEF AGAIN.

In the Small Debts court on Tuesday Bettinson v. Doelker, civil suit to recover $45. Plaintiff carries on a butcher business at Pine, and some time ago bought from defendant 300 lbs. of the now notorious scow-beef at 15 cents per lb. According to evidence there was no attempt made to disguise the history of the meat. It was frozen when delivered, and looked all right, but when thawed out proved to be tainted, unfit for consumption, and consequently unsalable; hence the suit to recover. Dr. Morrison, sworn, said he had bought some of the beef from plaintiff, found it unfit for human consumption and full of "mickrobbies." He didn't explain what said "mickrobbies" were, but admitted they would play old Harry once they got lodgings in the human internal system. The defendant tried to prove that he was acting as agent for one Mackay, and consequently was not personally responsible, but his evidence on this point being unsupported, it fell to the ground. His Honor gave judgment in favor of plaintiff for $45, the original amount paid by him for the beef, with $10.50 costs. His Honor severely criticised the actions of all concerned in handling or disposing of the scow-beef, thereby imperilling the public health, and intimated that the matter would probably be the subject of further searching investigation.

THE SUNRISE GULCH.

This Big Hydraulic Proposition of 1500 Acres About Ready to Commence Operations.

Authoritative reports have been received from J. M. Ruffner and J. H. Rose, who are at present in Seattle, that they have succeeded in raising the necessary capital for the working of the Sunrise Gulch hydraulic claims. These are situated just this side of Pine City, and extend down nearly to the halfway house. There are twelve 80-acre leases in the block, besides nearly 3 miles of Pine creek claims, making in all 1500 acres. Messrs. Ruffner and Rose are very sanguine over the enterprise, the prospecting results obtained last summer being very fine indeed. The gentlemen named will arrive in soon and set the work going without any loss of time.

A. Watson, of Victoria, and about 15 carpenters, were passengers on the Danube last night, says the Vancouver World of the 30th ultimo, en route to Atlin, where they will build a steamer for Capt. John Irving.

We were shown a very neat program a few days ago of a patriotic concert given in Atlin City. The program was printed on pale blue silk and the work was very artistic, showing that the printing art is up-to-date in that far away northern town. The program was sent from Mr. Dalton Rorke to his father here.—Thornbury, Ont., Herald.

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PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

Church of England services will be held at corner Trainor and Third streets on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church hold services in the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, Second street between Trainor and Pearl, on Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p.m. Rev. John Pringle, B. A., minister.

In our last issue we stated that Dixon Bros. had secured the contract for freighting in the Lord Hamilton Company's battery from Bennett at the rate of 4c per lb. We should have said 5 1-4 cents.

Mr. J. H. Brownlee, accompanied by his daughter Eva, left on Wednesday morning for the coast. They will extend their trip to San Francisco before returning.

W. M. Brook is in the city en route to Atlin, where he has a grant from the B. C. government to work the Stevendyke by hydraulics. Mr. Brook was formerly mining at Letuya Bay.—Juneau Despatch, 4th.

The Rev. F. L. Stephenson has received a letter from F. Stait-Gardner, dated City of Mexico, March 19th, intimating that he has been appointed H. B. M.'s vice-consul there. The many friends of Mr. Stait-Gardner here are well pleased to hear of his good luck.

Mr. D. R. McLennan arrived in Monday. His stalwart figure looks quite natural on our streets again. Mr. McLennan represents considerable coast capital, and will devote the season to the exploitation of his mining holdings, which are confessedly valuable.

Mr. Smith, proprietor of the Metropole arrived in Monday.

The Brown & Sinclair sawmill at Surprise Lake started up on permanent work on the 3rd inst., several days ahead of the most conservative calculations. The celerity displayed in bringing in and erecting this mill, speaks well for the business abilities of its owners, and will establish a record in that line which will be hard to eclipse.

Mr. Lecappellam was down with the grippe for a few days at the beginning of the week, but is able to be up and about again.

We are pleased to note that Mr. Cummings, who is at present at the Presbyterian Hospital undergoing treatment for inflammatory rheumatism, is in a fair way to recovery.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

This week there have been wars and rumors of wars in the hitherto fairly peaceful dove cots of the classical Sawdust Alley and its precincts. Gore by the bucketful has been threatened, and already one or two small scraps have eventuated. A well-known citoyenne of la belle France had lately brought into town and installed in her palatial residence in Sawdust Alley a young Deutsche fraulein. National animosities were subdued to business conditions, and all went pleasantly for a few days, but such a coalition could not possibly have the elements of stability in it. Complications rose, the proud Deutsche spirit could not submit to French bossism and betook herself away to another maison de joie in the vicinity. Then commenced active warfare, Germany, backed by its new allies, made a desperate effort, a la Buller at the Tugela, to recover its deserted baggage and war materials. France resisted heroically, but history once more repeated itself and France was defeated, vi et armis. The victorious enemy retreated after securing the object of their gallant effort and once more peace reigns on the sawdust heap.

MORE PROTESTS.

G. E. Partridge, "Sailor Bill," Files Protests Against "The Anny" and "M. J. G." Mineral Claims.

The following protests have been recorded at the Government office:

By G. E. Partridge, disputing the ownership of "Anny" mineral claim.

By G. E. Partridge, disputing ownership of "M. J. G." mineral claim.

The property in question is situated about a mile back from Atlin lake in the vicinity of the Anaconda group, and was located last year. The rights to these properties were purchased by the Nimrod syndicate last fall and considerable work done on them. Now, Mr. G. E. Partridge appears on the scene, and claims he he has a prior right. He is reported to have sold them to Henry Bratnober, manager of the Exploration Syndicate, 11 and 12 Cornhill, London, for £20,000.

EDWARD BLAKE.

Mr. Edward Blake came from Canada with all the prestige of having been the leader of the Liberal party there for many years—with the reputation of a singularly acute intellect and of fine oratorical powers, says T. P. in the London Daily Mail. But he has apparently been dispirited—probably by the ugly divisions and the sordid personalities that were characteristic of some of the epochs in his own party; at all events, he has remained obstinately dumb. Tall, stately in demeanor, with a singularly handsome and striking looking face, young looking, no more than sixty years, Mr. Blake is a noticeable figure anywhere; and therefore it was that the House had to notice—and with some pain—this remarkable looking man, with all the outward aspect of deep thought, keen intelligence and oratorical strength, sitting isolated, silent, and despondent throughout all this long succession of years. He was, so to speak, an eloquent though unspoken tragedy. When on Tuesday night this silent figure at last found speech, and when in 40 minutes he produced a more profound impression than all the other speeches, and when there was the thrilled silence that always prevails in the House under the spell of a true orator, people almost rubbed their eyes, and wondered how all this remarkable power had remained wasted and unknown during all the years Mr Blake had been in the House. If he does not now command the attention of the House frequently, it will be his own fault. There is no assembly readier to listen to any body worth hearing.

The Ottawa bricklayers and masons have offered to do the work free for the proposed volunteer's memorial in that city.

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One-half undivided interest in Sheppard Bench claim, about two miles above Discovery on Pine Creek	25

These claims must be sold before May 1st, 1900, as I am going to Nome. Terms: Cash on delivery of deeds. Titles clear. Correspondence solicited.

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And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1900.

C. CHRISTOPHER.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licence to cut and carry away timber on and from the following described lands situate at the north-east end of Taku Arm, Tagish Lake, in Cassiar District, Province of British Columbia: Commencing at a post planted on the lake shore about three and one half miles north of Taku City; thence following the shore line northerly one hundred and twenty chains to a post; thence easterly forty chains to a post; thence southerly one hundred and twenty chains to a post; and thence westerly forty chains to post of commencement; containing one thousand acres more or less.

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PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

We were favored with a visit from our old friend Capt. J. Martin this week. He has just returned from his home in Peterboro, Ont., and reports having had a good time. He goes up to Spruce to put his claims in producing order, and hopes to make quite a killing this summer.

W. R. Lambert and W. R. Jackson, owners of a number of claims on Pine creek, in the vicinity of 26 below, arrived in Atlin on Wednesday afternoon. Eleven men, most of whom are old hands, were brought in to work the various properties in which these gentlemen are interested. Mr. Lambert spent the winter in Vancouver, while Mr. Jackson went to England.

Fully 100 arrivals have put in an appearance during the week. They are mostly last year's birds returning to the nest, but quite a few are strangers, all of which shows that Atlin has not lost her attraction as a drawing card.

Get your cold cured at Medical Hall.

Business is picking up at the Government offices and the officials have pretty nearly all the work they can attend to.

Make a mark against St. George's day, the 23rd inst., and attend the great Melodrama and Ball to be given for sweet charity's sake at the A. B. Hall.

V. V. Bladgette, a practical hydraulic miner of long California experience, arrived in this week and left for Wright creek, where he will assume the position of working manager of the Pendugwig Hydraulic Mining Company.

Owing to the plans and specifications for the new Church of England edifice not being completed, our promised description of the projected building will be delayed until our next issue.

One of the best articles for good health is a wholesome loaf of bread at 12 cents, and a first-class meal at 50 cents at the Pioneer Bakery.

Wallace & Dixon have secured the contract for the erection of the wharf for the B. A. C. at the foot of Rant avenue. Work will commence on Monday.

Mr. J. M. Brownlee has removed his private residence to the cottage, corner of Rant and Second, occupied last summer by Dr. Monroe.

At the Board of Trade meeting on Thursday evening, a sanitation committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Fraser, Shiels, Lewis, Godfrey and Hirschfeld (chairman.) A like committee was appointed for Pine, Messrs. Letherdale and Newton being the appointees.

Weather permitting, at 3 p. m. to-day, Mr. Hirschfeld will photo a large group of Vancouverites in front of the B. A. C. store. All wanderers from the rainy city will be welcomed to a place.

A meeting of Church of England members is called for Monday evening at 8 o'clock, in the Atlin General Hospital for appointing church wardens and officers for the ensuing year; also to consider further important business connected with the church.

SOLD FOR WAGES.

T. J. Bethune's paper, the Globe, started last fall for the purpose of bolstering him up in the candidature for this district in the Legislature, came to grief last Tuesday. The sheriff sold the plant, good-will, (if any) for $140, and was bought in by his former employees—two very worthy gentlemen who have been hanging on by their eyebrows trying to make ends meet.

Mr. Bethune will perhaps now know, and others would do well to think over, that papers in the north cannot be run on wind. It takes a fairly good bank roll to play the part of publisher. A good advertising patronage is essential; likewise, circulation. If these are not forthcoming, you might as well try to move a moutain with a jackscrew as run a paper. The journalistic graveyard is as green to-day as it ever was.

Reports from the coast say that Mr. Bethune intends coming north shortly, make a settlement in the matter, and take the plant to White Horse, where, he says, a better field is ahead of him.

A PRESSING CALL.

In the Presbyterian Hospital, of which he has been an inmate for 108 days, is E. Halversen. He was so unfortunate as to have his feet frost-bitten, and one of them had to be amputated at the ankle. The stump is now nearly healed and Halversen will soon have to leave the hospital where he has had kindly care and attention. The unfortunate man is a widower, with three children, who are at present being cared for by friends. He is absolutely penniless, and it devolves on us as white men and women, to see that something is done for him, and that soon. First and foremost, an artificial foot must be had, costing at least $100. How is it to be got? Our citizens have responded grandly to the Patriotic Fund Entertainments, with the result that there is now a bank credit of about $300. The total collections for the fund in Canada top a quarter of a million dollars. Applicants for relief, so far, something over 90. Amount available, per applicant, $2,400. This is good, and as it ought to be. Another entertainment for the fund is billed for St. George's Day, 23rd inst., and having been privileged to a peep behind the scenes, we can guarantee it will be a first-class one, and will be sure of a large audience, as the others were. Why not, by consent of the committee and the citizens generally, devote the proceeds of this entertainment to this most urgent and pitiable case which confronts us right in our doorway? The Patriotic Fund is in no need of our immediate assistanee. This man is. Other performances for the Patriotic Fund can be given as the season advances and our population gets more numerous. It strikes us that to bank more money for the fund whilst neglecting to help ameliorate this sad case, would be an offence smelling rank before high heaven. We know that an appeal to the sympathies of our citizens is always followed by the glad hand, and, since Atlin has been Atlin, no case has come up before us deserving more immediate and charitable consideration.

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PINE NEEDLES.

[The lines below, signed by "Kipling of Pine," are meant to be an answer to the verses which appeared in our last. As there is some division in Pine's "four hundred," it is only right that the other side should have its poet.]

Sure the Laureate of Pine
Is a poet mighty fine,
Even though he does not know the laws of verse.
He, who talks about a clique, sir,
Must be suffering from pique, sir.
'Cause of truth his rambling tale is the reverse.
When the wagon road was "fixed"
Nationalities were mixed
So that Britishers outnumbered ten to one
Every other class of man, sir,
Boers and American, sir.
So, our poet in his grief, must be alone.

Many grumblers here in Pine
Are no good to work or mine;
So, to cloak themselves, officials they attacked
The Prince of Orange, William
Must have been a Boer villain,
If our Laureate's deduction is a fact.

I wish the gentle muse
In our poet would infuse
A sense of what is bad and good in taste,
For his sneer about Tacoma,
Sheds around him the aroma
Of vulgarity, enough for all and waste.

KIPLING OF PINE.

Pine City, April 9.

The Prince of Wales' Ambush 2nd won the Grand National Steeplechase. The Prince was present and was cheered to the echo.

Oxford defeated Cambridge in the intercollegiate games by a score of 6 to 4.

Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent, died in London on the 30th.

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Queen Victoria has cabled Lord Roberts asking him to convey to Mrs. Joubert her sympathy at the loss of her husband, Gen. Joubert, and to tell her that the British people always regarded the dead General as a gallant soldier and honorable foeman.

William Jennings Bryan, the silver-tongued orator of the United States, was in Seattle on April 2.

EMBEDDED IN THE SLUSH.

The Horseless Carriage, So Much Talked About Lately, Will Not Arrive in Atlin Over the Ice This Season.

M. Janne de Lamare and party who left Bennett for Atlin last week on the first automobile in the north, will not show up just at present. Messrs. Lambert and Jackson, who arrived in on Wednesday, report that they saw the horseless carriage embedded in slush, about 14 miles this side of Bennett, and that the attempt to reach Atlin with it is abandoned.

J. H. Rose and J. M. Ruffner arrived in town Thursday.

Vancouver World, April 5: The Alpha, the first boat for Nome, leaves to-night. Among the passengers is Mr. Thaggard, an Atlin hotel man, who is taking up a $30,000 outfit. He proposes building an hotel, and the bar fittings alone will cost $5,000.