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AN EXPERT'S OPINION.

Mr. Herbert P. Pearse, one of the pioneers of the North Coolgardie goldfields, who has been on a long visit to British Columbia, has just been interviewed by a representative of the British Australasian as to his opinion of the mines in that country. Mr. Pearse was greatly impressed by the enormous mineral wealth of the Province, and as he has also visited South Africa, New Zealand, New Guinea, and the Straits Settlements, his views are of much value. In fact, he thinks British Columbia will turn out to be a richer gold-mining country than any in the world, Western Australia not excepted.

Asked what he thought of British Columbia as a mining district, he said:—"The work that has already been done shows some really marvellous prospects, not in one place, but throughout the country generally. Practically the whole of British Columbia is one huge mineral belt, which extends from the North-West and Alaska down to California."

"And what has been done up to the present?"

"The best-known mines are situated in Rossland, and I may say that the British America Corporation owns some of the best mines on the Pacific coast—to wit, the Le Roi, the Josie, and the Columbia-Kootenay. I have not been over them personally, but their praises were sung everywhere I went. The British America Corporation are practically the pioneers of the northern part of British Columbia. They have large stores in Atlin City, in Pine City, Bennett Lake, and White Horse Rapids. Beyond these shows, they, in conjunction with the Rothschilds, have a controlling interest in the large, new copper district at White Horse. I was talking to a man on the spot there, and he told me that the British America Corporation's properties were worth from three to four millions. There are thousands of tons of copper ore on the surface that need no mining—only just carting to the smelter. They have every reason to be satisfied with the management out there. In Mr. Hinde Bowker they have an excellent representative, who understands his work, and it is acknowledged on all hands that the properties of the Corporation are being systematically worked."

"How does British Columbia compare with Western Australia?"

"At the time I was through Western Australia, if you are going to judge by the prospects that were got at the same stage of development, British Columbia will compare very favourably; in fact, it shows far better prospects than Western Australia did at the time. You must recollect that this district has only been prospected for two years. If you want to pick up a good property you have to pay a big price for it, as the Americans are there in numbers and are making themselves very busy. It is true that for the past year there has been a big slump in British Columbian mines, the penalty for misrepresentation in the past. On the strength of some splendid properties introduced here they foisted a number of 'duffers' on the investing public; but there are some splendid shows there which will turn out quite as good as the Le Roi, though at present there is no market here for them."

Concerning the labour question Mr. Pearse said:—"I believe in labour being protected, but I do not believe in any labour union coming forward in a new country and dictating to the mine-owners the number of hours their men shall work. A mine that has been fully developed and works full time would naturally need three shifts of eight hours each, but when a country is only in a chrysalis state you cannot have labour unions dictating the number of hours the men shall work."

"And as regards the usual facilities for working?"

"Well, there is no country in the world where there are so many facilities grouped together. There is plenty of water and plenty of timber, and transport and labour is as cheap as can be expected under present conditions."

"Do you propose to return to British Columbia?"

"Oh, yes. I am off again in about a fortnight's time. I want to get back in time to go up to Atlin before the ice breaks up, which will take place about the middle of May. I should very much like to go to Cape Nome, where will take place this year the rush of the century."

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

The officers appointed for carrying out the arrangements for the celebration of the 24th are as follows—J. D. Graham, Gold Commissioner, President, Dr. H. B. Cameron, Treasurer, W. R. Dockrill, Secretary.

Sports Committee, Messrs Shiels, Grant, Bingham, McFeely, Harris and Dockrill.

Judges, Messrs Stephenson and Gillard.

A full programme of the sports, with a list of the prizes, will appear in our next issue.

SMALL DEBTS COURT.

May 9th—W. J. Smith v. T. F. Sinclair. Dispute over ownership of horse sleighs. Judgment suspended.

BOULDER CREEK.

Our correspondent reports activity all along the line on Boulder. Snow on the creek going fast. Trail from Pine drying up well, but rendered extremely rough by the number of teams which have been passing lately.

Martin and party, discovery claim, ditch line completed. Getting boxes up. Will be sluicing in a week.

One and 2 below. The Frenchmen's claim. Got lumber in and are building boxes. Will sluice in 10 days.

Three and 4 below. Siegfried and Haynes. Shovelling snow and getting ready.

Four, 5 and 6 benches below. Black's group. Worked all winter with results not as good as anticipated. Will start ground sluicing about middle of month.

Nine below, bench. Ground sluicing. No clean up yet.

Ten below, creek. Will sluice in a week.

From 10 below, quite a number of claims are being got ready, also a few above discovery. Many of the creek claims below will be worked out with two months sluicing.

GETTING READY.

Large quantities of lumber are being piled up at corner of Pearl and Third to dry out and be in readiness for use on the new government buildings. The structure will be erected by tender, and work commenced by 1st June. When completed, the house will be large, handsome and commodious. We will give a full description when the plans and specifications are fully prepared.

MATTERS POLITICAL.

The following is the Cassiar political situation as described by J. H. Brownlee, in the Victoria Times, April 23.

"What is the political position in Atlin?" was asked by a Times reporter of Mr. J. H. Brownlee, the well-known surveyor who is down on a flying visit from his home in the northern Eldorado. "Will the present representatives for Cassiar be returned.

Mr. Brownlee replied: "Atlin will be represented in the next Provincial Legislature by men whose interests are identical with those of the territory of which it is the centre. In other words, we want local men and are going to have them. We want our share of what is going, our fair proportion of government money for the development of one of the richest districts of British Columbia, for the building of roads and bridges and the opening up of the country generally. We want no more, and will be satisfied with no less; and we are going to send men down here to Victoria who will get it for us.

"It is not a question of mere politics: it is the question of our interests. Mr. Clifford cast in his lot among us for a while, then he moved away, and now he announces that he is going to run as a straight Conservative. It is not a question of party politics at all. When the last election took place Atlin was only a name on the map. The members for Cassiar were elected by the cannery men of the Coast, who controlled the vote of a region big and rich enough for an empire. Now everything is changed. The scales are tipped. The Coast and the fishermen are in the light end of the balance. However, the Coast interests, which are important, must not be overlooked, nor will they be; only now that Atlin has a preponderance of votes, we are going to be legislated for up there, not by men whose interests are wholly fishing interests, but by men who are identified in some way with the mining interests as well.

"So you can write it down that Cassiar will be represented in the next House by new blood," remarked Mr. Brownlee emphatically in conclusion.

We are in a position to authoritatively announce that during the coming week a candidate will be publicly announced, who will, it is hoped, suit all shades of political opinions. He is a prominent business man of Atlin, well liked and respected by everybody, and who, whilst a Conservative, is yet willing to subordinate all political leanings to the advancement of our district, which will be the dominant principle to guide him.

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The annulment of the British Columbia Alien Act by veto of the Federal Government, is an incident against which very few Atlinites will raise a protest. The Alien Act seemed at the first blush, to many people, to be an altogether praiseworthy way of meting out to our cousins as they have meted to us, but in actual practice the old thing didn't work for shucks, and so far as our district is concerned it goes to an early and dishonored grave without a solitary mourner. American capital and American energy are good things in opening up and developing a new country, and much of both have already been diverted away from here into other channels by the deterrent effects of that same act. Fortunately the damage done is not irreparable, but it has meant considerable delay in the burgeoning out of Atlin to the position her undoubted mineral riches fairly entitles her to. It is to be hoped, but we fear it is a hope only, that the Americans will reciprocate in kind by some modifications in their mining laws towards those who are aliens to them. Time will prove. They have not shown much magnanimousness that way, so far. We suppose this must be placed to the account of the proverbial ungratefulness of republics. At all events we will have the satisfaction of knowing that by the repeal of the Alien Law, Canada has done the right and generous thing by her neighbour. Virtue is its own, and only, reward, in the most of sublunary matters, but it is a comfort to know that you are in possession of a virtue, anyhow. Get up brother Jonathan; and bow your acknowledgements. Don't be outdone in generosity or anything else. You are big and rich, and can well afford to do the graceful and correct thing.

Now that the summer season is coming on, would it not be advisable for our Board of Trade, merchants and others, to take into consideration the question of a popular, well-advertised, and cheap excursion from the coast cities into our northern paradise? We submit that there are few better ways of advertising our advantages, and certainly the excursion in itself, from scenic considerations alone, should be well patronized. The name and fame of Atlin, both for its mineral riches and its natural beauties, is noised about both wide and far, and there can be no doubt that such an excursion, properly advertised and given at cheap rates, would bring in a host of people, who on their return home would largely advertise us again amongst the stay-at-homes.

The excursion which came off last year was more or less of a failure, owing to a want of proper advertising and organization, and furnishes no reason why one this present season should not be a success. Let a proper committee take the matter in hand who will assure excursionists that there is no discomfort to be experienced on the trip, but in place of that, luxurious travelling on well-appointed steamers and railways for the entire distance; clean, comfortable accomodations, with moderate charges whilst in Atlin; and we are sure the outcome would be most gratifying to the promoters and productive of the happiest results for the district.

We hope the Government officials who administer the laws here will see to it this season, that no cheap saloons are allowed within a certain distance of any placer diggings. Reputable dealers in Atlin and Pine have to comply with certain building regulations before they can do business, and in justice to them, saloons started in any other part of the district should be subjected to the same restrictions. It is also an unwise thing to allow liquor to be sold right under the noses, as it were, of men who are working their claims. Many parties whom we could name, last season worked their claims in all reason and sobriety until the temptation was placed in immediate propinquity to them, when the result was deplorable. With some it was a continual orgie broken only by the necessity of having to wash out another ounce or two in order to be able to continue the spree. These men mostly left camp in the fall cursing themselves and their folly, and dependant on their more sober and thrifty companions for the means of getting out. When a poor fellow, who cannot resist temptation, gets away from it and goes to hard work on the creeks, it is a sin and a shame to follow him up to debauch him for the miserable profit there is in it. Respectable hotels are good and necessary institutions, but we hope the officials will put down both feet solidly on cheap saloons following men to their claims for the purpose of selling them liquor and nothing else.

Such shanties are, from their positions, exempt from police supervision and are not wanted by the miners themselves.

Whilst the fresh breezes Atlin enjoys reduces the danger to a great extent, yet we think it very well to call attention to the amount of risk we are running by the unsanitary condition of our streets and vacant lots. We believe the Government officials are taking steps to have sanitary measures enforced, but the average prudent man should not require to be reminded of his obligations towards his own and the community's physical well-being. One of the most dangerous items threatening in this line is the immense number of apparently harmless empty cans, which litter every unoccupied lot and line our thoroughfares. These cans have dreadful potentialities for harm in them. Not one but has more or less remains of animal or vegetable substances, and these cans are lying around in the warm sun by thousands and afford a splendid ground for disease germs. They should be all collected and burned, or else dumped into the lake where the water is deep. There are quite a few specimens of horse anatomy, principally legs, lying on our streets. The dogs have done something to abate this form of nuisance by gnawing the flesh off, but the bones and articulations remain, and are calculated to give a new-comer curious impressions. And so on with many other nuisances, which are so patent to us all, that it is needless to enumerate them. Cleanliness is next to godliness, but it is a condition precedent to it. It therefore follows that no community can be a godly one which is not also cleanly. Therefore get your lots cleared out without waiting to be ordered to do so by the government or any one else, and verily you shall have your reward in many ways.

Julian Ralph cables to the "London Daily Mail" a first impression contributed by Conan Doyle to "The Friend," published at Bloemfontein. Of the Canadians, Dr. Doyle says: "Here and there are other men again, taller, sturdier than the infantry of the line; grim, solid men, straight as poplars. There is a maple leaf, I think, upon their shoulder straps, and the British Brigade are glad to have these maple leaves beside them, for the Canadians are the men of Paardeberg."

A Yorkshire clergyman not long ago, visiting a poor man who had just lost his little boy, endeavoured to console him. The poor man burst into tears, and in the midst of his sobs exclaimed, "If 'twarna agin t' law a should ha' liked to have t' little beggar stoofed."

It may be taken as an indication of the near approach of the millennium when any of the following events happen.—When Roberts corrals old Oom Paul; when politicians lack in gall; when Captain John schemes not for self; when lawyers' palms itch not for pelf; when Russell stops his Atlin boom; when David Hastie's a bridegroom; when the officers of our gay Lib.-Cons., are brought down on their marrow bones; when Joe Martin's again premier; when Atlin brewery turns out beer. When any or each of such things do come, be sure we've entered the mill-enn-i-um.

The formal opening of the Paris exposition took place April 14th.

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BILLS DISALLOWED.

Ottawa, April 25.—The Dominion Government has disallowed the following bills, passed by the British Columbia Legislature in 1899: An Act Relating to Liquor Licenses: An Act Relating to the Midway and Penticton Railway, and an act amending the Coal Mining Regulations Act. These have been disallowed because of anti-Japanese clauses in the bills.

The Placer Mining (Alien) Act, which it is claimed was aimed directly at United States citizens, has been vetoed, because it is ultra vires. There are some ten other bills affecting private companies in them preventing the employment of Japanese, which the Government has allowed to pass because they did not wish to interfere with the organization of the companies affected.

It will be remembered that the Imperial authorities protested against anti-Japanese legislation shortly after the adoption of the measures by the British Columbia Legislature, restricting Japanese labor in 1899. The Dominion authorities appealed to the British Columbia Legislature, but up to the present time no action has been taken by them, hence the decision of the Government to disallow the bills.

The following statutes of 1899 have been disallowed:

Election Petitions.

Placer Mining Act.

Police and Prisons Regulations Amendments.

Grand Jurors' Act Amendments.

Kamloops and Atlin Railway.

North Star and Arrow Lake Railway.

Registration of Real Property Amendments.

Small Debts Act Amendments.

Interpretation Act Amendments.

Coal Mines Regulations' Act Amendments.

Department of Attorney General.

Counties Definition Act Amendments.

Trustees and Executors Act Amendments.

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act Amendments.

Settlement Of Disputes As To Mining Claims In The Bennett Lake And Atlin Mining Districts.

BOOK NOTICE.

We received by last mail a book, written illustrated and commented upon by three ladies of Vancouver, with a request for an opinion on its merits. The book is yeleped "A Bad Book, by Rex and two other Egos." We would have noticed it sooner, but we are just recovering from an attack of brain fever brought on by our strenuous efforts to master the stupendous thoughts which we feel sure are buried within its covers. We have not succeeded so far in unearthing any of these precious nuggets, although to us Browning is as easy as rolling off a log. Evidently the book is so clever that our intellect cannot rise to it. We are not prepared at present to say but that some other hypothesis may be true. The volume meanwhile lies at the Claim office, and we will be pleased to show it to any one with a bigger cocoanut than ours is. Nothing less than number nines need tackle the job. Ice for application to the throbbing brain will be supplied free.

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We regret very much to announce that this well known trading company has been foreclosed upon by the Imperial Bank of Canada. The company's headquarters is in Winnipeg, with branches at Exeter, Ont; Victoria, Vancouver, Nelson, Rossland, Atlin, B. C. and Dawson, Y. T. They have lost heavily of late, principally on the Yukon, by reason of delays in transportation and damage to perishable goods. An official of the bank is now in charge of the Atlin branch. We understand that the prospects for the rehabilitation of the company are not of the brightest.

PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

The Bank of Commerce has opened two new branches on the Pacific Coast. One in Seattle with H. H. Morris, manager, and Th: Buchan assistant do. The other branch is in the promising town of White Horse, H. M. Lay officiating as manager with A. E. Maynard for accountant.

W. R. Dockrill and Co., the popular chemists, have moved into their elegant new store adjoining Hotel Northern.

At a school examination a boy made the statement that Solomon was very fond of animals. Being asked to explain, he said that Solomon had three hundred porcupines.

Our genial friend, Capt. A. Nickerson, has moved across the street into his new and handsome store. He expects his good lady in when navigation opens, and declares Atlin is good enough anchorage for him. Right you are, Captain. Keep your best bower down and you will weather all storms.

We learn from Mr. Hinchcliffe, of the Dawson Hotel at Taku, that the John Irving Navigation Company are proceeding to build a good wagon road across Taku portage under the superintendency of Mr. Sinclair. The contemplated tramway will remain in abeyance until Parliament grants a charter. Mr. Hinchcliffe says the rates of wages offered on the wagon road are 40 and 45 cents per hour.

The Provincial Election comes off in one short month from now, and Atlin District, which ought to swing this tail, is, to judge from its apparent apathy, quite willing to be swung by the tail. This is not as it should be. Wake up, messieurs the electors!

Mr. Burke has made the trip to Skagway something like twenty times the winter and spring, but is quite content now to wait until navigation opens.

A party of 35 men arrived in on Sunday to work on the Willow Creek hydraulic claims, of which Mr. Brackett is manager. From conversation with the new arrivals we learn that three dollars per day and board is the rate of wages offered.

The Province says that "Captain Langley is a candidate for Cassiar, and will canvass the coast during his trip here. He runs as an Independent."

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Until further notice there will be no regular morning service at the Presbyterian Church. The Sunday School will meet at 11 a. m. (instead of 10:30, as announced from the pulpit), Bible class taught by Rev. George Pringle. Evening service at 7:30, as usual.

Get your cold cured at Medical Hall.

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

Send your washing to the Atlin Laundry, corner Lake and Raut.

Hazel Walters will appear before his honor Judge Woods on Monday morning on a charge of attempted suicide.

A miner named Taylor, who was working on Jackson and Lambert's claim on Pine, had his leg broken below the knee, this week, by the fall of a boulder. He will be removed to the hospital here in a few days.

Our early rising duck pot hunters had better "look oudt some". We can give them the straight tip that larger game than ducks will be bagged soon, and that without the expense of powder and shot.

Have you tried the Atlin Bath House and Laundry for a bath? Corner Lake and Raut.

Our popular young townsman, N. W. F. Raut, was taken down last Monday by an attack of appendicitis. He was removed to the hospital on Tuesday, and at latest reports was progressing favorably. It is now thought that any operation will be unnecessary. Everybody will be pleased to see Norman out and around again.

Constable H. W. Heal returned from the coast yesterday morning. He reports great difficulty in crossing the lakes, having been soused nearly a dozen times, at various places in consequence of the rottenness of the ice. He warns every one to keep off the lakes from now on.

We understand that the claims of the Imperial Bank against the Parsons Produce Company, on which it has foreclosed, amount to $101,000.

The new Post Office will be ready for occupancy next week.

W. G. Paxton, Notary Public, has moved into his spick and span new office, corner of Third and Pearl. He reports business good.

A well-known demi-mondaine attempted to shuffle off this mortal coil on Wednesday evening by the laudanum route. Dr. Lewis and a stomach pump prevented a fatal result, and the patient is now convalescent.

The Smoking Concert of the A. B. at the Grand on Wednesday evening was only moderately attended, but quite an enjoyable time was nevertheless had.

The bank of B. N. A. is having an assay office erected adjoining their premises on First Street.

Messrs A. Burke and E. L. Pillman arrived in on Sunday after a most dangerous and exhausting trip from Bennett. They found the ice rotten and unsafe to a degree, their horses breaking through no less than seven times. Close escapes were numerous, but the party finally pulled through all safe, and thankful to have solid ground under their feet once more.

It is with exceeding regret that we chronicle the death, at Bennett, on the 7th inst., of Miss Francis, aged 22 years. Some days previously, whilst lighting a stove with gasoline, her dress caught fire and she was so severely burned that recovery was impossible. Deceased was well known in Atlin and Discovery, having been engaged in the restaurant business in both places last summer. The news of her untimely and painful end comes as a shock to her many friends in this district.

Messrs Sandstrom and Churchill are steadily sluicing their winter dump on Willow Creek. Returns range from 12 to 18 oz. a day.

The Province of the 28th says:—"On Tuesday last two parties came out from Atlin and report several close shaves amid the honey-combed ice. One of these was Mr. M. J. Kellar, a San Francisco mining engineer, who made a flying visit to examine some properties. Mr. Kellar leaves this morning for the south to return Atlinwards about the 1st of June. M. Janne de Lamare, of Paris, who essayed to get in with two automobile carriages, also returned from Atlin and arrived down today. The automobile journey was marked by numerous breakdowns and the experiment is not considered as satisfactory.

"The Cutch made the round trip from Vancouver to Skagway in the remarkably short time of eight days, less four hours."

BOARD OF TRADE.

Amongst other work done by the Council of the Board of Trade during the past few weeks, may be enumerated the following:—

Approached contestants re Yellow Jacket dispute, with a view to friendly arbitration, so that the development of the property should not be retarded.

Received assurances from Mr. Hawkins, Manager W.P. & Yukon Railroad, that he will give, if possible, still further reductions on mining machinery freights.

Appointed a Health committee to act in conjunction with the Gold Commissioner.

Received assurance from Prov. Supt. of Education, that a public school at Pine will be favorably considered, should there be pupils enough.

Steps taken to provide for Atlin and Pine regular rates of Fire Insurance premiums.

Recommended to Postmaster General that the salary of Postmaster at Pine be raised during the busy season

Instituted measures for protection against fire, by the enforcement of building conditions re city lots.

Sent to printer order for 5,000 copies of folder and map 26 x 44, to advertise Atlin district. Funds for this purpose raised by special subscription. W. P. & Yukon Railroad takes 2,000 copies for $150.

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HARMONY.

O, there is great rejoicing in Pine,
And pledging of amity over the wine;
Soc'lty lines are nit, barriers burned away,
O, ev'ry one is happy, ev'ry one is gay.

Lord Mayor made a potlatch to which any one could come,
And now all hard feelings are strictly on the bum.

Lissome forms attractive floated into sight,
Flashing graceful ankles in the ambient light.

Loudly crashed th' music o' the skillful band,
To which kept time the best dancers in th' land;
O, ev'ry one was gay and danced away the night,
As lightly as a feather floating out o' sight.

Joyous hearts were bounding with ecstatic thrill,
Run and mirth flowed bubbling like a' purling rill.

Beauteous lips were arching with inviting joys,
Lovely eyes were beaming on the graceful boys.

Cheeks of velvet blushing like the red, red rose
While somebody was tramping on the lily-white toes;

Apollos in jumpers went through the mazy dance,
Transfixing their vis-a-vi' with an amorous glance.

Then we fed our faces to our heart's content,
And bless'd th' Lord Mayor that th' night was well spent,
And now the goose hangs high in th' City of Pine,
And it's all off for good with the society line.

POET LAUREATE.

Pine, B. C., May 7, 1900.

OUR PAT.

[After Kipling—a league or two.]

There's a little red-faced man,
Which is Pat,
Wears a 'at of Astrachan
Our Pat,
'E's from Ireland by desciut
Where they never pay the rint
And 'e don't appear in print,
Do yer Pat?

'E's a clever sort o' bloke
Is little Pat?
'And 'e dearly loves a joke
Don't yer Pat?
'E dances an' 'e sings
'E can do all kind o' things,
But 'e don't wear angel's wings,
Do yer Pat?

If yer want a little rhyme
Call on Pat.
If yer want to 'ave a time
'Ook on Pat,
For 'e knows the time o' day
Tho' 'is 'air is turnin' gray
An' 'e's moultin' so they say,
Poor little Pat.

'Ere's to yer, little Pat,
Pat, Pat, Pat,
I'm glad you've doffed that 'at,
'at, 'at, 'at,
It'll keep till winter maybe
'Ow becomin' will the gray be
Say: you did'nt kiss that baby
Did yer Pat?

So 'ere's one on you
Pappa Pat,
Not good as yours 'tis true
"Pendragon" Pat,
Type-writing I must try
So's to prove an alibi,
If yer catch me I shall cry,
Forgive me, Pat.

—The Cabby.

Lewis Mona, on his bench claim, 14 below on Pine, turned up a nugget weighing 14 oz. 7 dwt. on Wednesday. The welcome stranger is solid gold, without a particle of quartz to mar its value and beauty.

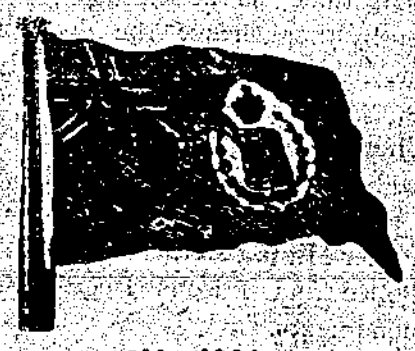
GRAND RE-OPENING.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stubblefield, assisted by C. D. Newton, cordially invite all friends and patrons to the re-opening of the

B. C. DINING ROOM, Discovery,

On Tuesday Evening, 15th inst.

Refreshments will be served in Mr. Newton's store adjoining. Dancing in the dining room. Good time promised.



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We wish the B. C. Dining room a most prosperous season. We might add that under Mrs. Stubblefield's management it cannot fail t be a success.

Dockrill and Co., the druggists, have opened a branch at Pine under the management of C. R. Bourne.