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## PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Election Bill Proves to be  
Leading Excitement  
of Week.

PROROGATION IS REACHED FRIDAY

Civil Service Bill Considered—Water  
Clauses Act Drags On.

For the first time in many years  
coats and camp beds were brought into  
the legislative chamber in a talk  
against time. The Liberals and  
Socialists joined hands to prevent  
passing of certain amendments to the  
Election Act which were intended to  
improve the provincial lists by striking  
off the names of dead men and parties  
who remove from the district. The  
action of the opposition in this matter  
is in direct condemnation of the con-  
tention of Liberal members at Ottawa  
last year when the Aylesworth bill  
was before the House.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite's amendment  
to the Coal Mines Act that all miners  
working underground be paid fort-  
nightly, was defeated in the House  
as was also a second amend-  
ment to compel coroners to hold in-  
quests on the bodies of all persons  
killed in accidents in the mines.

Mr. Macdonald refused to support  
Mr. Hawthornthwaite's fortnightly  
Wage amendment, as it only applied  
to underground workers, but said he  
would support Mr. Ross' bill as it ap-  
plied to all coal miners.

The amendment was defeated by  
25 to 18, Mr. Ross supporting it, but  
Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Munro and Dr.  
King voting with the Government  
against.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite's motion to  
compel coroners to hold inquests was  
lost on a straight party vote, Liberals  
and Conservatives.

In the debate on the Bush Fire Act  
Hon. Mr. Fulton intimated that a  
Timber Commission would sit this  
summer.

The Water Bill was put through a  
few more clauses and the Civil Ser-  
vice Bill was also considered. In the  
debate on the sections of the latter,  
Hon. Mr. Bowser said that the Pro-  
vincial Police would not be included  
in the regrading of the service.

THE WENATCHEE BRANCH.

How the Situation Looks to Those  
Further South.

(Oroville Gazette.)

The Wenatche World gives out the  
information that work will begin upon  
the Oroville-Wenatche branch of the  
Great Northern road this spring, and  
that the first section to be constructed  
will be the gap between Oroville and  
Brewster, building to be pushed south  
from Oroville. The World seems to  
speak with the freedom of authority,  
and as the "wish is father to the  
thought," we are willing to accept the  
surmise of the World with pleasure.  
That early building is contemplated  
is borne out by the activity in the  
field at this early date, the engineers  
being out in force, laying down the  
route for the grades to follow: While  
the appearance of surveyors does not  
mean the immediate following of the  
construction crew, yet the situation as  
it exists here gives bright promise  
that in this instance surveying is the  
forerunner of building. Aside from  
the growing demands of a north and  
south line through the rapid settle-  
ment of the country, it is plainly ap-  
parent even to the uninitiated that the  
railroad powers will not continue for  
any great length of time to pull freight  
over the Molson grade in a roundabout  
route to tide water when a link from  
Oroville to the main line at Wenatche  
will lessen the hauling distance and  
save the wear and tear that is in-  
separable from long, heavy grade pulls  
even eliminating the element of  
danger that perpetually exists in the  
present eastward haul.

C. P. R. SPEEDS UP.

Arrangement Made for Quickening Time  
Across Continent.

Winnipeg, March 11.—At the con-  
ference of C. P. R. general superin-  
tendents today it is reported that it  
was determined to put on this year a  
seventy-two hour train between  
Montreal and Vancouver. Rumors of  
this have been current in previous  
years. It is stated that the time will  
come when the running time of the  
fastest trains between the two termi-  
nals will be reduced to three days.  
The distance is 2,896 miles and a sus-  
tained rate of forty miles an hour  
would be required to reduce the run-  
ning time from 96 hours, the present  
figure, to 72 hours.

MEDICAL AID BY WIRELESS

Sailor's Fall to Steamer's Deck, and  
Doctor on Shore Gives Absent  
Treatment.

Eureka, Cal., March 11.—The oil  
steamer Ascension from San Francisco  
to Portland, hove to 100 miles north  
of here yesterday afternoon and noti-  
fied the Fort Humboldt United Wire-  
less station that a sailor had fallen  
from the rigging to the deck. The  
message stated that his injuries had  
resulted in severe internal hemorrhages  
and medical advice was asked for.

Fort Humboldt communicated with  
Doctor Charles Falk by wireless, who  
prescribed the treatment to be given  
the injured mariner. The steamer  
remained hove to until late tonight,  
when it proceeded up the coast.

THE GOLDEN ZONE SHAFT

Shows Up Fine Ore—Some Enormous  
Pieces Being Taken Out.

It will not be difficult to obtain big  
ore specimens from the Golden Zone  
shaft for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific  
Exposition. Some of those which  
were brought down last week to the  
company's office in town were over a  
cubic foot, and they are said to be  
pigmies in comparison with some  
others up at the mine.

Good progress is being made in  
sinking the shaft which is being put  
down on the hanging wall, and has  
already attained a depth of 42 feet in  
good ore all the way. Another shaft  
is to be put on shortly when work will  
go much faster. The ore is strongly  
mineralized and the company are  
immensely pleased with the way in  
which the property is opening up.

Mr. Patten, the secretary, was up  
at the mine on Sunday, and a four  
horse load of provisions is being sent  
up this week before the roads break  
up.

There was about three feet of snow  
at the mine, but during the past ten  
days it has been melting on top and  
has settled to about two feet although  
no water had yet started to run.

The shaft is making very little water  
and does not interfere with mining  
operations.

The new road is still in fair con-  
dition, but it is only to be expected  
that there will be more or less caving in  
of some of the banks along side hill  
grades.

GENERAL NEWS

Dr. Chown, a Toronto divine, de-  
serves cow-hiding for certain slanders  
uttered by him charging the West  
with general immorality.

Joe Martin lectured on Imperialism  
in Winnipeg last week while on his  
way to England where he expects to  
reside henceforth.

Large numbers of land seekers from  
the United States are flocking into the  
Canadian Northwest. Twenty car-  
loads a day of settlers' effects are pass-  
ing through North Portal.

Vancouver and the Dominion Govern-  
ment are at loggerheads again on the  
question of Dadman's island.

John D. Rockefeller won out on his  
case to avoid payment of the big fine.

The decision has been against Com-  
pans in his appeal to upset conviction of  
U. S. court.

## THE APEX GROUP.

A Short Descriptive Review  
of This Fine Property.

EXTRACTS FROM FORMER WRITE-UP

More Recent Work Serves to Verify  
Early Conclusions.—The Colonial  
Gold Mining Co. To Begin Work  
This Spring.

Advices from New York indicate  
that the Colonial Gold Mining Co.  
which has been formed to take over  
the Apex group will begin operations  
as soon as the snow is off.

This company has been exceedingly  
fortunate in getting hold of a group  
like the Apex on which so much work  
has been done and the results of de-  
velopment so satisfactory both in re-  
gard to quality of the ore and the ap-  
parently inexhaustible supply laid  
bare.

Much work has been done since the  
Gazette last visited the property, and  
information which we have obtained  
from thoroughly reliable sources goes  
to show that the development done  
more recently has been attended with  
even better results than the earlier  
operations.

Turning to an old fyle we find the  
following notes made by the editor on  
the occasion of a former visit:

"Immediately south of Northey  
Mountain and connected with it by a  
sort of Siamese twin link is Indepen-  
dence Mountain on which is situated  
the Apex group staked in 1900.

The group consists of the Apex,  
Nighthawk, Keystone fraction, Utopia  
Australian and Alpha, and is reached  
from the Nickel Plate by the Pentic-  
ton wagon road to Northey's camp,  
between Biordan and Northey Moun-  
tains, beyond which Northey's trail  
over the mountains for about 2 miles  
southward will bring the new camp.  
The name Apex was decidedly apt, for  
the claim covers the top of the moun-  
tain."

"The work done was of a character  
which showed that the performance  
of mere assessment duties had cut no  
figure with the owners, for the work  
was far over what was required and  
was done with good judgment in so  
far as showing up the ore bodies is  
concerned. The amount of graded trail  
too, was outlay wisely made. On the  
Apex is a shaft 15 ft. deep, all in fine-  
looking ore, with the exception of a  
thin lime capping. That on the dump  
is good looking ore of garnetite  
gangue carrying mispickel and chalco-  
pyrite, the latter being very much in  
evidence and generously distributed  
through the rock. There was no  
waste noticeable on the dump and the  
quantity of ore was about what one  
would expect to fill the hole it came  
out of. No walls were visible here.  
This dump is said to have given assay  
values of over \$80 per ton and an av-  
erage of \$25. Below on the face of the  
cliff, a 20 ft. tunnel is run in to cut  
this shaft and with the exception of  
the thin lime capping at the entrance,  
is all in ore of the same character as  
that in the shaft above. Another cut  
in the mountain side much farther  
down shows a large body of the same  
character of ore.

"The most work, however, has been  
done on the Nighthawk claim adjoin-  
ing the Apex on the east. There one  
hundred ft of work in stripping had  
been done on an ore body that is prob-  
ably over 200 feet wide, the ore being  
principally arsenopyrite in a garnetite  
gangue. At this point a large open  
cut has been made fully 40 feet wide  
and all in ore, the floor, sides and face  
being all the same. This point is con-  
siderably lower down than the show-  
ings on the Apex, and it is on a heav-  
ily wooded hillside sloping to the  
south towards Pierson mountain, the  
timber being mostly spruce of huge  
size."

Later work done by way of develop-  
ment has been described by a promi-  
nent mine manager from Seattle as  
follows:

"The development of the properties  
consists—on the Acacia—of a shaft  
130 feet deep and two drifts—one thirty  
feet to the east at the 60-foot level, and  
the other seventy-two feet to the west  
Concluded on Page Four.

WHEELS SOON MOVING

Nickel Plate Mine and D. R. Co. Likely  
to Start Monday.

Before next issue of the paper the  
sound of forty stamps dropping will  
be heard again in Hedley.

With the coming of E. A. Holbrook,  
superintendent of the Reduction works  
on Friday night last and mine super-  
intendent Jones on Saturday night,  
things began to move in the direction  
of an immediate start up. Both super-  
intendents began telegraphing to  
various points to complete their crews  
and it is known that many of the old  
hands are now travelling in this direc-  
tion while several others have already  
arrived.

Repairs on the flume were rushed  
and the water let in on Monday last  
which soon cleared out most of the  
small amount of ice remaining in it.

On Monday a warm chinook struck  
the hill-top and a phone message from  
shift boss Sampson at the mine stated  
that it had begun to cut down the  
snow until water had commenced to  
flow on all sides.

SOUTHERN ORCHARDS

L. W. Shatford, M. P. P., Talks About  
Them in the House.

During the course of the debate on  
the estimates, Mr. L. W. Shatford,  
the member for Similkameen, made  
the following reference to the fruit  
growing industry in his district. He  
said:

"With regard to horticulture, of  
which we have heard so much during  
the present session, I might say that  
I am glad to see the amount in the  
estimates this year increased for the  
protection of this industry, and I  
hope that it will be still further in-  
creased as too much protection can-  
not be given this new and important  
industry. In the Similkameen elec-  
toral district, comprising as it does  
the Southern Okanagan, Similka-  
meen and the West Fork of Kettle  
River, we have thousands of acres of  
the finest agricultural and fruit  
lands, land capable of producing the  
finest kind of fruit. The fruit grow-  
ers in this district have proven what  
they can produce in such fruits as  
peaches, grapes, pears, apples, etc.  
In fact, whenever we place our fruit  
on exhibition we capture a large per-  
centage of the prizes. Last fall, Mr.  
F. Richter, of Keremeos, one of our  
pioneers and enterprising citizens,  
and one to whom all credit is due for  
demonstrating what can be grown at  
that point, shipped about 100 tons of  
assorted fruit to the New Westmin-  
ster Exhibition, and captured four-  
teen first prizes and four second  
prizes. Parts of the Similkameen  
district are being rapidly populated  
with people coming from Manitoba,  
the Territories, Yukon and the Old  
Country. These people seem anxious  
indeed to come and live with us and  
enjoy a climate which is not sur-  
passed in Canada by far the best  
climate, and with a soil of wonderful  
fruit productiveness. In the past  
the drawbacks have been the absence  
of transportation and the holding of  
large blocks of land by individuals.  
Both these are being remedied, as at  
the present time the Great Northern  
Railway Company is constructing a  
line of railway through the Similka-  
meen valley, which we expect will be  
completed in the near future. This  
same company also intends, so I  
understand, to extend their line from  
Oroville, in the State of Washington,  
to Penticton, through the Southern  
Okanagan Valley, at an early date.  
It is also well understood that the  
Canadian Pacific Railway Company  
will, within a reasonable time, com-  
plete their line from Midway to Nic-  
ola, so you will see that within a  
very short time we should have ex-  
cellent transportation facilities.

Large holdings are being sub-  
divided, principally into ten-acre  
blocks, and within a few years we  
will have, not as formerly, a few  
cowboys and ranchers scattered here  
and there, but hundreds, I might say  
thousands, of happy, prosperous and  
contented families. The same con-  
dition in many respects applies to the  
Okanagan electoral district and  
other districts of the province of  
British Columbia."

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A. MEGRAW, Managing Editor.

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**THE MORE SENSIBLE WAY**

Several weeks ago the Gazette in discussing the question of local option, referred to the possibility of finding a more effectual way of checking the evils of the liquor traffic than by the enactment of sumptuary or prohibitory laws, and we promised to take the matter up later on. In deferring it for a few weeks we did not anticipate matters taking the turn which they have done in this province, nor that a resolution would be indorsed in the legislature pointing somewhat in the direction which we had in mind.

The trouble with many so-called temperance advocates who still pin their faith to drastic prohibitive laws is that they do not want to profit by experience or try to steer their course past the breakers upon which they have time and again made shipwreck. Now there are a large percentage of the people who have no more use for the liquor traffic or its methods than have your average prohibitionist, but they are not total abstainers and they resent any curtailment of what they consider their personal liberty.

Common sense should show the most rabid prohibitionist, who is not altogether impervious to reason, the desirability of endeavoring to secure the sympathy and co-operation of this large element instead of driving them away by trying to force utterly futile measures upon them. What is needed is a common platform—one broad enough for all to get on, and that platform we believe should be found in the movement which at its inception was known as "Lord Grey's Public House Trust", but is now known as "Central Public House Trust Association".

To explain the scheme and what it implies, it is advisable that the story of its origin should be told as briefly as possible. Earl Grey, now Governor of Canada was the

originator. He owned mines in the north of England and employed much labor. He found out that a movement was on foot to put in a tavern near his works and he instructed his solicitor to oppose it before the Board of Licence Commissioners. A week later his solicitor informed him that the Commissioners were determined upon granting a licence, but that they would as soon grant it to Lord Grey himself as to anyone else if he wanted to control it and thus minimize the harm which it might do to his employees. Later, a man who had heard that the licence was to be given to Lord Grey came to him and offered him 1000 guineas for the licence. This opened his lordship's eyes to the profits which there must be in the business, and to make those profits the amount of liquor which it was proposed to make his own men consume. He therefore told his solicitor to take steps to secure the licence, and instead of disposing of it for a consideration, he erected the necessary buildings and put a man in to run it in whom he had absolute confidence. Only the purest liquors were put in and a supply of non-intoxicants such as hot coffee, cocoa, tea, milk and other beverages kept as well. The man was paid a regular salary and besides was given a liberal commission on all non-intoxicating refreshments sold, but no commission on intoxicants. In this way there was no incentive for him to encourage the consumption of liquor, but the reverse.

After this had been in satisfactory operation for a month or two, the wider scheme occurred to Lord Grey that temperance people instead of merely talking temperance and prohibition should act temperance. His proposal was that they form themselves into an association to provide funds to buy up hotel properties, take over the licences and run the houses on the same lines as his own. Of the profits five per cent would be retained by shareholders for the use of the money advanced and the balance turned over to the support of local charities.

It is over ten years since Lord Grey's scheme was first given a trial and the "Central Public House Trust Association" has been in existence since 1901. At the end of 1904, the report of the Central association says: "Such companies have now been formed in almost every county in England, and others are also in existence in Scotland and Ireland." But since that time the movement has been steadily extending, but we have seen no definite data as to the number of boards existing since the report for 1904.

Now here is a scheme that has more genuine practical temperance in it in one week than could be accomplished by half a century of inane prohibitionist ranting; but do you suppose that temperance societies could be induced to quit chasing their will-o-the-wisp of prohibition to adopt it? Not a bit of them. It is a scheme which will appeal to the man who is not in sympathy with the liquor traffic, but who resents encroachment upon his personal liberty; and it is a scheme which should and will be adopted by the erstwhile advocate of prohibition who is not too fatuous in his pursuit of the fifty year old bubble, to recognize a practical plan of downing the liquor traffic when he sees it.

It is now over eight years since the writer first took pains to investigate this scheme by obtaining all the information upon the subject which we could get, and we are more convinced of its soundness now than ever.

Is it any wonder then that we felt keen disappointment at the apathetic reception given the scheme in this country when Earl Grey spoke on it before the Dominion Alliance in Toronto four years ago. Then a few of the goody-goodies held up their hands in holy horror to exclaim "Oh, but we can't be asked to engage in the liquor traffic". Had Lord Grey been built of the same kind of stuff as these absurd ranters instead of being the practical hard-headed reformer that he is, he might have said the same thing and allowed the licence at his works to pass into the hands of some unprincipled liquor-vender who wouldn't have cared a cent whether the men were ruined or not so long as he got their savings.

It is therefore with satisfaction that we see the legislature of British Columbia appointing a Royal commission to examine into the working of the Gothenburg system, and we hope that the scope given them will be broad enough to include all systems that will make for the betterment of the people, and the best system of all we believe to be the Central Public House Trust Association.

If temperance people will put up dollars instead of talk, and buy up hotel properties at a fair appraisal, and the legislature will pass a law to grant no licence to any but a branch of the Public House Trust where such an organization exists the cause of real temperance can be advanced more in five years time than it has been in the last fifty years.

**EDITORIAL COMMENTS**

Ontario is getting jealous of the showing made by British Columbia's representatives at Ottawa. The Globe accuses them of having the "big head."

Not long ago the Penticton Press barked boastfully of its sole advocacy of local option. Two weeks ago it accepted the proposed plebiscite as being quite the proper caper, but last week it broke out again in a savage growl which indicated some fear on its part that its local option shank-bone was in danger of being stolen. Mr. McBride was given a vicious jab for supporting Hawthornthwaite's motion for a royal commission of inquiry into the working of the Gothenburg system, an action in which the Press fancies it sees some glaring inconsistency altogether incompatible with the idea of a plebiscite. But the most amusing part of the whole outbreak is the half-savage, half-timid back-handed wipe administered to representative Shatford by slobbering over Price Ellison for opposing the Hawthornthwaite motion while Shatford supported it.

Mr. Burrell has been telling the members of the Canadian Club of Toronto the truth about the anti-Asiatic feeling in British Columbia. There are two features of this fact in respect to which we are especially pleased—first, that Mr. Burrell knows his subject well and is thoroughly competent to explain the sentiments of the

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**NOTICE**

**Certificate of Improvements.**

"EAGLE'S NEST" No. 2, Mineral Claim, situate in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District. Where located: Camp Hedley.  
 TAKE NOTICE that I, Ainsley Megraw, F. M. C. No. 37232, agent for Thomas Bradshaw, Free Miner's Certificate No. B7931, 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 claim.  
 And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.  
 Dated this 10th day of February, A. D., 1909.  
 5-10 A. MEGRAW.

**FOR SALE**

A Horse and Saddle. Apply at the Palace Livery Stable. 10-17

**SHERIFF'S SALE**

HOWARD D. SMITH vs. LOUIS C. W. ROLLS

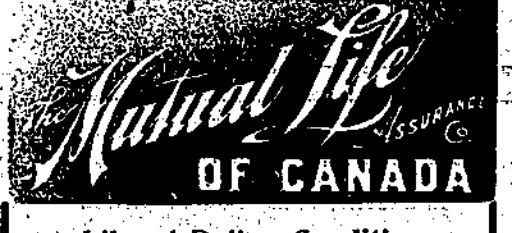
UNDER and by virtue of Warrant of Execution issued out of the County Court of Yale in the above entitled action for the sum of \$781.21 besides Sheriff's fees and other legal expenses, and to me directed and delivered, I have duly levied upon the following property, to wit:  
 2000 Shares, The Pollock Mines Co., Limited.  
 Notice is therefore given that on  
 Monday, 29th day of March, 1909  
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people of this province upon that important question; second that those who made up his audience are thus having brought home to them truths which they have heretofore studiously ignored. Mr. Burrell has placed British Columbia under a debt of gratitude for the splendid manner in which he has championed her interests in the East—and his elucidation of the Oriental problem is not the least important service in this category.—Colonist.

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**Town and District.**

Spring gardening is now in progress in Hedley.

Fred Gwatkin came over from Fairview on Saturday to sharpen steel at the Golden Zone.

Chief Engineer J. H. Kennedy went up the valley on Tuesday to note progress on construction.

The Enderby Progress has abandoned the booklet form and now comes out in folio and enlarged.

T. Hardy & Co., of Midway, suffered loss by fire last week. About \$6000 damage was done.

Mrs. Allison and daughter, of Princeton, were passengers from the south on Tuesday evening and went on to Princeton next morning.

Mrs. H. S. Joyner received a telegram last week informing her of the death of her sister, Mrs. L. B. Smith, in Butte.

W. A. Maclean is recovering from a joint attack of sciatica and sprain which has laid him up for about three weeks.

Mrs. F. H. French returned home on Saturday night from Vernon where she had been visiting friends for the past month.

The Oroville Gazette under the amalgamation, dressed out in Prospector toggery, and Dallam pushing the quill, is a hummer.

Mr. S. E. Hamilton, who has been working all winter on the Kingston, left on Monday morning for Sandpoint, Idaho, to see his little daughter.

Rev. J. J. Nixon, held Methodist service in the church on Sunday evening last and renewed sundry old acquaintances. He preached in Hedley about five years ago.

C. E. Oliver brought down some monster pieces of highly mineralized rock from the Kingston on Monday. Some of them are intended for the A. Y. P. Exposition at Seattle provided the Government and the Railway will agree to transport them.

A. A. Davidson, left on Friday morning for Elora, Ont., where a good position as book-keeper awaits him. Mr. Davidson made many warm friends during his six months' residence in Hedley, and all wish him success.

C. DeBlois Green, P. L. S., was in town last week and accompanied Mr. Gladden to Brushy bottom to consult on a matter of survey in connection with the platting of that property last fall.

Harry Barnes returned last week from a fortnight's visit in the Boundary country. The greater part of the time was spent at Grand Forks which he considers the most progressive portion of the Boundary country at present.

Beaverdell is reported to be prosperous. About thirty men are working in the mines on Wallace Mountain. There are a lot of promising claims on the West Fork and one of these fine days some railway or other will be hiking after the early worm up there.

Mr. R. L. Broadbent, of the Geological Survey Department is in town this week in reference to mineral display for the A. Y. P. Yesterday he went up to the Kingston and had a look over the Kingston and Metropolitan claims and would have liked to take in the Nickel Plate as well had the tram been running.

On Saturday last Supt. Holbrook started carpenters to work on the flume to get it in readiness for an early start-up of the works. Many of the old hands are arriving back and in all probability the next ten days will see a full mill and mine crew on hand.

Pat Welch was in Vancouver the other day. The clerk handed him a letter containing cheques amounting to \$250,000. He shoved them into his vest pocket and treated the crowd to the cigars. Pat would be a long time in Ireland before he would get a letter as fat as that.—Ledger.

Will S. Henderson, left on Friday morning last after a pleasant visit of a little over a month in Hedley. He intended going to North Yakima to see an old school-mate before starting back to his home in Superior, Wis. where he has to report again for duty in the Great Northern employ for the first of April.

Superintendent E. A. Holbrook, of the Daly Reduction Co. returned on Friday evening last, after spending the past two months in Massachusetts. It was the first holiday he has had for some years and enjoyed it to the fullest extent, but for climate he was unable to find anything to equal Hedley and the Similkameen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Marks were down from the Golden Zone on Wednesday. E. E. Burr and family returned last week from a visit to Chewelah, Wash. Mr. Burr intends to give up the blacksmithing and engage in the real estate business in Oroville. He has made important Spokane connections, and his intimate knowledge of conditions in British Columbia and Northern Washington should enable him to obtain a large and high-class clientele.

The poetic soul of Bro. Lowery of the Ledge is being stirred these days to its innermost depths with the sweet odors of butter-cups and spring onions. Later on when the old cow hits the leak patch and these two delicate odors are blended by some subtle process of bovine alchemy into that of leaky butter, we may look for something in the Ledge that will beat spring poetry to a standstill.

A. Pleasance is contemplating a trip to the Nicola country this week and on his return will journey to Spokane and the Coast, with possibly a side trip over into Alberta to examine conditions. Sometimes trips of this kind may portend a possible change of abode, but oftener in the case of Similkameen dwellers they serve only to show by comparison the superiority of this district over all others.

On Thursday last, Messrs A. A. Davidson and Will Henderson, piloted by Ross Allen, tramped up the gravity tramway to the Nickel Plate mine where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Sampson and baby Sampson, whom they found well after a rather lonely vigil of two months. They were the first from Hedley that Mr. and Mrs. Sampson had seen for that length of time and they took with them a few newspapers and other mail matter, which was the first that the exiles had received since they went up there early in January. The climb was a strenuous one, for the boys, as it involved an ascent of about 5,000 feet through unbroken snow. The return was made via "Camp Rest," and notwithstanding the strenuousness of the tramp they thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Had they started two or three hours earlier in the morning it would have given them more time up at the mine and have made the return trip a little less hazardous, for not knowing the route by Camp Rest, they ran the risk of taking a tumble over some of the bluffs.

**TIT-BITS FROM PENTICTON.**

Bishop Dart of New Westminster paid a visit to the town on Wednesday last to hold a confirmation service.

The council are moving shortly into their new council chamber on Smith street. Up to the present their deliberations have proved so very dry that they have had to seek quarters near the B. C. Hotel; this will enable the non-local option men to run out and get a refresher during a dry speech. I wonder what the local option people think of the new move.

Of course the council will have to pay a small rental for their new premises but this will not matter much as the corporation is wealthy and outside of other benefits attained by moving into these premises it will save the clerk the trouble of walking up that beastly hill to the court house.

The liberals working on the dredge are sincerely hoping that the commission appointed to enquire into marine graft will not visit Penticton before most of the present grant of ten thousand is disposed of.

After spending five thousand last year in building a couple of bunk houses and a scow, the outside value of which could not by any stretch of imagination have exceeded one thousand dollars, and I believe about a cartload of mud was fetched up from the river bottom also before the works were closed down for the Christmas holidays, the engineer in charge of the funds has declared that it would be far more convenient if the men were closer to the scene of operations, so he has nullified all the showing made last year and has had the bunk houses pulled down and mounted on a second scow.

As the first scow and bunk houses cost at least four thousand I can only presume that the new one with the rehabilitated shacks on board will cost equally the same amount so that if with the remaining thousand last year we get two tons of dirt shifted we ought this year to get twelve.

Another thing to be considered is that now the crew will have to live on water it will most probably be found necessary to import sailors to do the work.

I believe they have already got some nautical men in the gang for I am almost certain I heard that old ditty "Life on the Ocean Wave" floating across the water as I was taking my constitutional last Sunday.

The Rifle Association held their annual meeting on Monday evening. G. F. Guernsey was again elected captain and J. W. Edmonds secretary, by acclamation.

The Association is one of the going concerns in Penticton and although it made excellent showing in 1908. The officers are confident that even a larger number will attend the batts this year.

It is mooted that the weekly half-holiday will be changed from Thursday to Saturday this season. The merchants and others are perfectly willing to change the day and I personally could never see any sense or reason in having a holiday in the middle of the week and spoiling the week end.

**GLACIER ON RAMPAGE**

Big Damage to Copper River Road, Alaska.

(Katala Herald, Alaska, Feb. 28th, 1909.)  
A huge body of water broke loose from Miles glacier, in the Copper river valley, on Feb. 10th, of sufficient volume it is estimated, to cover twenty miles square of territory to a depth of 21 feet, piling up great masses of heavy ice on the track of the Copper River & Northwestern railway, to a depth of four or five feet, and probably tearing up the road bed, for a distance of at least four miles.

News of the disaster was brought to town last night by O. A. Johnson, assistant bridge engineer for the rail, road company, and E. Mullett, who have been in camp all winter near Miles glacier. The water broke from the depths of the glacier in a mighty torrent on the night of Feb. 10th, and continued to rise steadily for 54 hours, when the maximum height of 21 feet was obtained.

In its wild course the water tore up huge chunks of ice of many tons weight and piled them up like vast hills and ridges of rock on the line of the railroad, tearing out piling, small bridges, etc., and covering the track with an immense mass of ice and debris as far as the eye could reach.

Mr. Mullett said last night that it was not believed that the piers for the bridge at the lower crossing would be destroyed, although it was not definitely known, as that point could not be reached as yet and the facts ascertained. Great damage may have been done to piling.

It is thought that the water had been confined by the glacier. The weather had been cold, and as the ice formed it sank backing up the water as if in a huge dam, until the pressure became so great that an outlet was forced and the pent-up water let loose, sweeping everything before it. Great glaciers were piling up on Miles glacier lake and along its shores in all directions.

The disaster will have the effect of materially delaying railroad construction. It had been planned to resume work next month, but it is claimed it will be July before this damage can be repaired and work at the front begun.

Just how great the damage will be will not be known until an examination can be made, but it is said it will approximate \$1,000,000 besides the delay.

Old timer say that these glacier outbursts are likely to occur at any time, winter or summer.

Johnson and Mullett are on their way to Cordova.

The above item will be doubly interesting to Gazette readers when it is known that the bridge referred to which has come to grief, was built by the Guggenheims against the advice of M. K. Rodgers, who after investigating the history of Miles glacier and its effect on this portion of the Copper river, decided to locate the railway line elsewhere; and this mishap, which later advices say may entail a loss to the Guggenheims of \$3,000,000 amply vindicates the position which Mr. Rodgers took. The bridge across the Copper river is nearly 7 miles long, and the necessity for building it was obviated in Mr. Rodgers's plan by locating the railway by another route.

Evidently it is one thing to condemn a plan and quite another thing to get an alternative plan to give as good results.

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Elections in Manitoba are predicted for this year. The Boundary question is said to be the issue.

Six years are now given as time in which the Panama canal will be completed.

Loss of life among fishermen on the Newfoundland coast has been enormous during the past season.

Hamilton, Ontario, has an outbreak of heinous crimes that are throwing the inhabitants almost into a state of panic. Dr. Chown should look for moral blotches a little nearer home.

Victoria is grateful for the amount of advertising they secured in having had the honor of being the place where Jack Johnson, the nigger pugilist landed. The Colonist makes what is tantamount to an admission to that effect.

Senator Bostock is getting after Chief Justice Hunter because of the Justice's "frequent indispositions."

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