

| have described him, but he was in some | excitement, starts out by rebutting the HEN was the first gold found in British Columbia Who in British Columbia Who dom is known as a "bad actor." How-were the men or man who ever, in some of his phases as an his-existence of gold, which it was alleged first panned it? These are torian and a man I shall not now dis-questions which, owing to cuss him. As an archivist and as a cials. In this I believe Bancroft was roke the importance attaching to such a discovery, ought to be easy. Au-thorities do not agree on the sub-ject, contemporary evidence is at variance, and there is no one historian like his great namesake Geo. of the Hudson's Bay Company of the who apparently with absolute cer- Bancroft, or like Parkman or Prescott existence of gold anywhere in the inor the man, or the spot of first finding. Houston, who died about three years operative plan, in which he employed ficials, not to speak of the rank and many men and many minds to assist file, would not have known gold had on the Fraser to pan gold, and wanted him. It was a practical and a money-the government to give him a pension making way, but as a method of mak-"in situ," so to speak, was just as inan account of it. Houston was undoubt-edly among the first of the early min-treatment and a sustained style for rough. So true was this that McLean ers. There are men living who confirm his claims. One at least still lives who formed part of the party to which press of one master mind throughout its value, and took it Houston belonged. I intend to give the who analyses, deduces, and illuminates credit of the miners who brought it to story as it was told to me and as it producing an harmonious whole and them rather than on account of its will appear for the first time in print. revealing fundamental strata of inherent value as understood by them. It will be necessary to clear the way governing principles of causes and It is wholly unreasonable to suppose effects, what a great German writer they would, or could have kept such a bit, however. demonstrates to be the Philosophy of History. But for facts and refer-ences, considered as a collection, Ban-

Historians of B. C. Bancroft and Dr. Dawson, who both studied to answer the questions I have croft beats the world, and any one avarice of the average man, even if it al sources, have told the story as it was told to them, and I propose to give their versions, and to add what light T can to their findings. Bancroft, whatever we may say about him otherwise, was a great collector and an almost phenomenal compiler, as his thirty odd volumes of Pacific Coast history amply testify. The late Sir John George Bourters, told me he considered Hubert reports and their statements are both no mean authority in such mat-American historians. But Bourinot the subject in hand, and that must be Howe Bancroft among the greatest of was too far away from the scenes of his literary exploits, and was not sufficiently familiar with the facts of Pacific ooast history to judge accurately. Nevertheless, Bancroft did a Hercu-lean labor in getting together data that ld otherwise have been lost and for which future generations will bless him, as some of the present generation now curse him for borrowing documents which he never returned and for ill-repaying their kindness in comments that in bad taste and undeserved. He

was by no means a "fakir," as some

having a set of his works should keep it. It will some day be very valuable. The story that the policy of secrecy Dr. Dawson was also a marvel of in- was enforced to keep intruders out of dustry in making notes' and collecting the fur preserve is palpably a myth. data of a rather diversified character. He had other excellent qualities which Bancroft had not. Both of them, as I have stated carefully investigated all the known facts, obtained orally or from official documents or newspaper my excuse for devoting more space to their pages than I otherwise would. Bancroft's History of British Columbia was published in 1886, and Dawson's "Mineral Wealth of British Columbia" tional facilities in having access to men who were still living to tell the tale and Bancroft, in particular, to papers and

documents, not since available, thanks to the too great care he exercised in closing up the avenues to them. Hudson's Bay Company and Gold. Bancroft, in his chapter on the gold

plorations at Similkameen, his men panning it out at the rate of \$2 per day.

> as early as 1852, but not enough to awaken suspicion as to its being in pay-

paying quantities in the province. James Douglas gives a very circumstantial account of it, writing in 1860. He says: ter of a mile below Nicommen. He is found in the Fraser and its tributaries since dead. The Indian was taking a drink of water out of the river; having no vessel, he was quaffing from the stream, when he perceived a shining pebble, which he picked up, and it The whole tribe oved to be gold. forthwith began to collect the glittering netal."

First Real Strike. Bancroft gives various other particuurs, too lengthy to be detailed here, loting from Finlayson, Anderson Douglas, Capt. Cooper, Waddington and others as to who first found gold and now the news was spread abroad, of how Adams, an American, gathered a small bag of dust in the Fraser and exhibited it on Puget Sound, how one of Angus McDonald's men in 1858 dis-covered gold at Colville in 1856, how James Cooper in 1857 predicted before the British parliamentary committee a great rush, which within twelve months proved true, how that Canadians in 1856

went over from Colville to the Thompson and Bonaparte and thence to the Fraser above the Big Falls, how that

interesting and valuable as bearing on the subject in hand, and that must be w. ackay, one of the most observant and intelligent of the Hudson's Bay Company's officials in 1850, found par-ticles of gold in exploring for land be-tween Victoria and Nanaimo, of which They found several bars in that vicin-tween Victoria and Nanaimo, of which he told me himself, but in quantity not ity, and worked them with good suc-sufficient to warrant serious pursuit. L. D. Pembertion structure and worked them with good suc-tess. He also states that it was the Washington territory citizens got them. They work down the bered quite differently by other actual and mined along as they went. They Yates remembers a great number of D. Pemberton, striveyor-general of news of their success which caused the selves involved in with the Indians, and they called at Foster's bar and set-Vancouver Island, in his book on V. I., published in 1853, also speaks of gold in rock, as among the metals found in the colony, but this only en passant. As to the mainland gold fields, ac-cording to Bancroft, Geo. B. McClellan in 1853, found gold in considerable quan-titles between Naches Pass and Stella-Vancouver Island, in his book on V. I., Fraser river excitement.

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secured his gold, which he carried to Here is positive evidence of one friend oom, and in his Northern Pacific ex-Plympia and there displayed it." writing to another, from inside infor-There are at least three variations of mation, never expecting his information Olympia and there displayed it." Henry De Groot, explorer, prospector, to bear in mind in view of what comes in the Fraser river in 1856, though two and writer, states that Chief Trader McLean at Kamloops procured gold dust from the natives in that vicinity ac epits Bancroft's version of the early discoveries as covering the ground by descent and an of the state of the date in 1857, and without ing quantities, and that various par- from what appears in Bancroft that the the true writing of history is, and how Charlie Adams got an Indian woman Ing quantities, and that various par-ties at different times prospected the banks of the Thompson between 1855, and it is fair to him to say that the date of the discovery of the Colville mines and 1858 It was at Nicommen, on mines, and 1858. It was at Nicommen, on he appeared to have quarried in every possible corner for information. So far the Thompson, near its junction with possible corner for information. So its there way via the too manage of the information is personal investigation has carried in the fraser, according to some authori- as personal investigation has carried in the first gold was found in me, it is safe to conclude that some of badly some of these fared at the hands it was founded on fable, some on hear- of the Indians in the Okanagan coun- was shot and killed. The halfbreed to the too had some words and killed. The halfbreed to the too had some words and killed. say after being carried from many lips try coming from Walla Walla. count of it, writing in 1860. to many lips, and a good deal of it true "Gold was first found on in the main but halting in exact detail. Thompson river by an Indian, a quar- It is safe, too, to conclude that gold was who came to Fort Langley in 1854, and halfbreed and hanged him on the spo

in 1856 and more substantially in 1857, and that the news of these finds conveyed through various channels, brought the rush in 1858. It must be remembered that com-munication in those days was very lag-

gard and imperfect, and that it took some time before information in tangiformed anything like a community, throughout Oregon and Washington groping their way, so to speak. The from his lips verbatim: nterior route to British Columbia was barred or rendered difficult by Indian nostilities in the neighboring territory, so that the main and popular outpouring was San Francisco by steamer.

Finds in Fraser. Fortunately I have been able to lo-

the finding of gold on Queen Charlotte Islands, about 1851, or the reported ex-in 1852, as not being pertinent to the main issue. Nothing came of the most observant W. McKay, one of the most observant

d their way down and took a canoe at this killing story, which it will be well to be made public, that gold was found excitement came from.

traversed by various accounts referred shadow of doubt in their own minds, the canyon. They found they could ge through the canyon by getting Indiana. their way via the Columbia to the her. The halfbreed followed them to

There is living at Hope an old Hudson Bay Company official named Yates, Adams had been shot and they got the has been on the river ever since. He There was no military or any other joined the company away back in the kind of law there then. I never hear where so many others were recruited, came up the Saskatchewan in 1849,

crossed the Rockies in 1851 and came for days and days there were twent down to Fort Langley in 1854, at the time Mr. Yale was factor. Yates says coming-coming all the time. The ble, definite form percolated to the ever hearer \$1, is still strong and hearty. open and always credulous ears of the miners in California, where alone they passengers and freight across the Fra-from every boat. There was no Fort ser at Hope, that would baffle many Yale then. There were no houses there. capable of making a "rush." No doubt there had been previous hints and ru-him one of the most interesting stories only a trading house. here had been previous hints and ru-hors of the find at Colville and that yet related to me by old-timers. I there were straggling detachments shall refer to him again, but this is his story of the first gold mining, as taken

> Pioneer Mining in Fraser. "The three men who took the first know the value of it, nor did the In gold out of the Fraser I remember well. They went to Kamloops. They were getting his gold, wanted to pay the

going from there to Kootenay. They Indians who brought him from Yale, came up from Bellingham Bay in 1857, with gold dust. They knew nothing and were going in with the Hudson's about it. All their business was done cate definitely some information about late. The train had gone before that. In ad never seen a cent of late. The train had gone before that. reaser above the big rais, how that the british Columbia. John Work, writing they found gold everywhere and the british Columbia. John Work, writing to his old friend Edward Ermatinger, in from thence to San Francisco. To St. Thomas, Ont., who had been in the structure on the structure of the s

e and came here to Hope. I saw the gold myself. That was where the Murder, Then Revenge, "From Hope they went down to Bel

ingham Bay to buy supplies, intending come up here again and go throug through the canyon by getting Indians was hanged at Port Townsend. Th coal miners there got word that Charl

"After that the excitement raised and

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Standing on Millions. "In the three years before the gold

excitement there were millions of dol lars under my feet and I never knew it. I never saw the gold. We did not NO MATTER where shoes, bring them be Hibbs, 3 Oriental A tages Theatre. dians. In 1857, Charlie Adams, after **Builder** and Gener WILLIAM F. DRYSI and Builder. All wo satisfactorily executed done. Telephone A1392 Victoria, B. C.

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(From Saturday's Daily.)

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At the first meeting of the present council a by-law was introduced promeet the expenditure until the taxes in his work, and while he may have showed to disadvantage with me, I know in my own mind that he did not

The Times Nature Club

Glacial Action. stalk them, but the coyotes are cun On the boat going from Victoria to ning. Vancouver I met an old man who had There were many birds to be seen, been staying at Victoria for some time. and among them a number of birds of In the course of conversation he asked prey. One large eagle hovered slowly

me if I had noticed the scoring of the over a swampy place and small hawks rocks at Oak Bay and Ross Bay. I had in large numbers were seen, not noticed them particularly at these Cow Bird. places, but had seen the grooves made One of the most interesting birds was by the action of glaciers on the beach the little cow bird. This bird has a similar habit to the English cuckoo. It of Beacon Hill. Few people who live in Victoria re- lays its eggs in the nest of some other

bird. Many people have tried to exalize that at one time the whole counplain the reason for their doing this. try must have been covered with snow The best explanation I have heard was and ice. The fact that the climate given by a Victorian. Before cows came there now is so mild makes it difficult to the prairies the cow birds adopted times right inside the eity flying in the to realize that such a thing could have the buffalo for their companions. These, been. It must have been ages ago, but the scorings is the rocks do not appear very old.

were but a day or two old they could lesson from this. It may be done by show us how all the flowers turn to the run if disturbed, although they could not travel fast. It was noticeable too that they were much livelier in the evening than in the day time, in this respect resembling the mother bird. When cornered they would turn and utter a hissing noise and even peck at the toe of my boot in a savage way. old When disturbed on her nest the bird did just as the grouse would have done in similar circumstances. She fiew off as if her wing was broken and

First Discoveries.

the ruse would have been successful. Night hawks may often be seen in the neighborhood of Victoria and some-



NIGHT HAWK'S EGGS

I picked a couple of bulrushes this

forning in Southern Saskatchewan.

They were not quite as early as on the

Pacific coast. The moment I touched

showers. The pistillate flowers of this

plant surround the top end of the

stalk, the staminate flowers being low-

the flowers fall off and nothing is left

but a dry brown point. The part that

er down. When the pollen have fallen

them the nollen dust fell from them in

Laid on ground.

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will prove sufficient to attract the birds there in large numbers. They like the water not only for drinking but also for bathing, a luxury which almost all honor was accorded it by the French birds enjoy. The Farmer's "Clever" Cat.

Titus liked living in the country. He dropped, struggling on the ground only a few feet distant. I followed her to try to get a snapshot with my camera. try to get a snapshot with my camera, but she moved so swiftly that I could not attain my object. She did not, however, fly away until she had, as she thought, enticed me away from her nest. With a dog or a bear probably the super super state of the st cats.

Titus' master and mistress slept in farmer was awakened by a tapping

ting out found Titus asking in cat

language to be allowed to come in. He

and scratching at the window. He listened for a few minutes and then get-

water, or better still by having a small blossom is all on one side. Broom be fountain always playing in the garden. The stream may be ever so small yet it brought from England by pioneers In the reign of the Phantagnets it was the emblem used by them. The same in one of the Louis' reigns.

CAMERA THIEVES.

tracks of wheels that had not been there when he left about 6 o'clock the

reproduction. When the little birds tract birds in their garden can take a of brilliant color, and observation will ROLLER IS GAME SAYS FRANK GOTCI longs to the pea family. That also was Champion Has "Considerabl Satisfaction" in Beating Physician. "Roller really did not give me as hard a match as I had anticipated," said Frank Gotch in Seattle yesterday. 'He could not have worked better to suit me if he had been acting under my orders. He is a nervous man and night be called upon to consider a byalways wants to keep at his antagonist. law to borrow an additional \$100,000 to All I had to do was to feint at him

or slap at him, and he came charging at me like a mad bull. "I feel sure that Roller can give a better exhibition of wrestling than he bridges and sewers committee held last showed me. The truth is that I had evening.

would have under ordinary circumstances. He lost his temper, and that viding for the borrowing of \$250,000 to handicapped him still more.

"Roller is a good wrestler and a commenced to come in. This has now game, strong man, but he lacks finish all been spent and it is found necessary

make the showing he could have made expenditure commences in January,

had be been cool and careful all the the taxes do not start to come in until

"It was considerable satisfaction to me to throw Roller both falls with the meantime. This means a large in-

crotch hold. Shortly after I wrestled terest charge each year. In order to

Roller that handicap match in Seattle do away with this, last year's council

about a year and a half ago, I met Joe placed itself on record as favoring the

Carroll in Chicago, and in the course of a long fanning bee I told him that my

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the front room upstairs. Part of the front of the house was covered with a front of the house was covered with a very large Virginia creeper which cir-ieft as was also the shutter. The lens, which the owner says he regarded as be-which the owner says he regarded as becled all around the bedroom window. One morning about 6 o'clock the yond price, was a Goerz 114476.

REPAIR THE GEORGIA

keeping a small pan always filled with light and sun. You will find that the

Vancouver, July 3 .- The studio at the big tree in Stanley park was broken into between Tuesday night and Wednesday morning and a camera and valuable lens stolen. The thieves are be-lieved to have driven up in a buggy because, when the proprietor went there yesterday morning, he found the

him off his balance all the time, and previous evening. The camera had been him off his balance all the time, and unscrewed from the tripod which was he did not use as good judgment as he

ear very old. I have often wondered if I am right the other hand the buffalo were glad to in speculating on the reason for this. be rid of the flies which bothered them

so much. These buffalo seldom stayed long in one part of the country. They oamed from place to place, and if the bird was to go with them there was no opportunity for nesting. For this reason the bird sought out some other bird's nest and laid the egg there. It is quite a common thing on the prairies find a nest with three or four eggs alike and one very dark spotted one a little larger than the others. This was the egg of the cow bird. The cow bird sometimes known as the buffalo bird. It is said that they sometimes accompany the moose or cariboo herds in the same way that they did the buffalo. Night Hawk.

NIGHT JAR, OR NIGHT HAWK.

On the Prairies.

Speaking of the cow bird reminds m the night hawk, sometimes called night jar, or goat sucker. The last evening and uttering a weird cry from

My opinion is that the rocks after beentioned name it received years ago which they get the name night jar. worn away by the glaciers were in the times of man's ignorance when Bulrushes.

covered over by the glacial drift and it was thought that the bird sucked the this has protected them from the acmilk from the nanny goats, when as a tion of the weather, before which every- matter of fact all they were doing was thing eventually succumbs. Recently, catching the flies beneath the bellies of rowever; the drift has been washed | the goats or cattle,

away from the rocks by the encroach-The night hawk is a near relative of ment of the sea, and the ancient scor-ings are exposed until they look as new larly in their method of catching flies. as when they were first made. Their mouths are very wide, and they I am writing this just after leaving have a number of short bristles on the big glacler at the summit of the Selkirk mountains. I have had no op-their meals. Like the swallows and all portunity to climb to get a close view, other insect-eating birds these are very out seeing it from the C. P. R. hotel at useful. Owing to their resemblance to Glacter is sufficient to begin with. The snow in that altitude is not dirty like killed in mistake for them. It is bet is in the valleys and when it melts a cause of its appearance that it has the little by the action of the sun and then name night hawk, and also on account forms ice it is very beautiful. of its habits of flying in the evening in

preference to the day time,

It is in its method of raising its Many interesting things may be seen from the window of a railway train. young, however, that the night hawk The country on the borders between Al- is particularly interesting. The two berta and Saskatchewan is very mild eggs are laid on the bare ground and and bare. The country seems to be very there the old one sits on them for the sandy and in places alkaline. It is none required time and the little ones are the less interesting from a naturalist's hatched. One that I found several years ago at Comox, a mile or two from Cumpoint of view

Just a little distance west of Medicine | berland, is given in the illustration. The Hat a big coyote was seen standing about eighty yards from the train. He woods near the cemetery. Near the was perfectly still and was hardly dis- eggs were a number of pebbles sometinguishable against the yellow sandy ground. So much was this the case even if the old bird was not covering that a boy who was looking out of the window did not notice him until the plumage of the old bird was mottled

is so valuable for decorations is the pistillate part. If the stalks are picked seeds and they float off through the air ing. Another Coyote.

> seen another coyote from the window of the fast moving train. It was in the was very pale yellow and only about half as large as the one seen earlier in haif as large as the one seen earlier in Contactor and the charm of the order of th of them had seen either of the animals. They were brought from England by several ribs were broken and that there

ened the window and the tabby walked in, rubbed his nose against his naster's hands, and felt quite happy. Canadian-Mexican Liner Will The next morning the same act was epeated, only it was ten minutes Probably Be Delayed earlier. Again ten minutes earlier the ollowing morning, and every morning a Month. for several days, each time getting earlier, until the farmer was called at four by the friendly puss. This sort of hing would never do. The first few This morning the Canadian-Mexican imes he thought it rather smart of liner Georgia, Capt. Forbes, sailed for Titus, and he told all his friends what Vancouver from Esquimalt, where she a clever cat he had. In a few days he has been lying since her arrival from got tired of getting up so early, and got tired of getting up avery morning Mexico of June 22nd, awaiting the de-as the cat came earlier every morning Cision of the underwriters and owners in moves. I heard after coming out here he began to get angry. He made up his cision of the underwriters and owners by this time that Joe had drilled into the date for the payment of taxes have ing puss paid his call at ten minutes damage received on her voyage. to four. He mewed, scratched on the window pane and then waited a min-ute. The farmer did not move. Then decks, and deck fittings, which will makes me feel good that I beat Roller assessment and the holding of the Titus scratched and mewed again, and necessitate a probable delay of nearly and another mew, and so on until the impatient man jumped out of bed and waited another minute. Another scratch a month, has been let to a Vancouver opened the window. Titus was quite yard Company, and the work will be oppened the window. Titus was quite opeased that he had won, but it was done there. The management of the for fear I would break the doctor's leg. his last visit. That day some cousins line has not yet announced an ap- But I got the crotch hold twice and from town visited the farm and took proximate sailing date for the steam- got both falls with it. Titus home with them. ship. The "Day's Eye." DIES FROM INJURIES. Beacon Hill park is looking particularly beautiful just now. Nature has on too late in the season the florets come her gayest gown. Even the lawns are off and it is found that each seed is studded with daisies or white weed, in London, the aged gentleman who was

provided with wings like the dandelion spite of the constant use of lawn struck by a car on Hastings street mowers. Did you ever examine a daisy about a week ago, succumbed to his looking for a place suitable for grow- or day's eye as it was called? Well, if injuries at the General hospital yester-

you have not done so you have no idea what a beautiful little flower it is, ai-The deceased, who was 69 years old, found a man who could beat me. As I write passing along through southern Saskatchewan, I have just

Peremius." of England. "Wee, modest was knocked down by a car going once that in Roller he had the future of the fast moving train. It was in the information to be freeding on something. It bottom of a small creek or coulee and seemed to be feeding on something. It Burns wrote of the daisy, which in Cathered to der the car Southered to der the car Coule the scotland is called the dog daisy. Then Scotland is called the dog daisy. Then Chaucer also sang the charm of the car approaching. At the time it was

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beat me?'

who has a chance.'

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

payment of taxes a month each year three best moves were the crotch hold, three best moves were the crotch hold, the toe hold and the run around, a trick able in January. In this way it was until such time as they would be paypractice to get behind an opponent. practice to get behind an opponent. "In the room of the hotel Joe and I be the charges and might also be able to got down on the floor and I illustrated secure some interest on its balance in and explained to him these three the bank. The carrying out of this this time that Joe had that I the date for the payment of the each to be moved forward a month each year but the same thing would also with a hold that he had been especial-ly coached to guard against. court of revision. No action along these lines was taken by this year's "I got the toe hold on Roller only once, and had not completed it when in August, the same as last year. council and the taxes will be payable The necessity for borrowing additional money this year arises from the fact that a portion of the first loan of got both falls with it. "The night of the match I met Joe Carroll in front of the Coliseum and I carrol in non to man." asked him as man to man: "Do you really think Roller can as the debentures have been disposed of, which, it is expected, will be done "Joe replied: 'If Roller can't beat by the end of this month, the money you there is not a man in this country

ed to the general account, and it may "We were not kidding each other at not be necessary to borrow but very little of the \$100,000, to do which authe time, so I am convinced that down thority is to be taken. deep in his heart Joe thought he had

GOOSE LAKE WANTS LINE.

eradicate. The true daisy is the "Belle's trying to cross the cartrack when he self, for he has told me more than Farmers Complain They Will Be Unable to Get This Year's Crop Out.

> Saskatoon, Sask., July 4 .-- Now that the grain crops throughout the Goose Lake district are actually heading out with a promise of a very heavy yield. the anxiety of the farmers there has assumed a degree which is best de-

Syracuse, July 4 .- The Utica flyer on scribed as poignant. The cause of what about the size and color, so that even if the old bird was not covering them they were not easy to find. The plumage of the old bird was mottled something like the surrounding stones train had almost passed. The country is overrum with gophers, or sround squirrels. These could be seen everywhere along the course of the ratiway and the coyotes find them well suited to their tastes. It is difficult to

