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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

NOTICE.

SPECIAL EDITION FOR SOUTH SAANICH, ALBERNI, METCHOSIN, SOOKE, COMOX AND OTHER DISTRICTS NOT REACHED BY FOUR DAYS MAIL IS PRINTED EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AND DISPATCHED THROUGH THE POSTOFFICE.

Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, Oct. 14.

THE LYTTON ASSIZES.

Remarks by Mr Justice Walkem—Cases Decided.

The court of assize for the fall sittiug was held at Lytton on Monday last, Justice Walkem presiding. The jury was sworn in, after which his lordship delivered an eloquent address. In reference to the Sproule case he showed that the reason of holding the trial at Victoria instead of Farwell was to save the expense of witnesses, and the order was fully in the interest of the prisoner. He deprecated impeachment of the chief justice by Mr. Justice Strong, and said that at the present day impeachment is unheard of in cases of mere irregularity of practice, and could only occur in cases of judicial corruption. He believed the chief justice had done the prisoner no wrong, and was not prejudiced. His denunciation of Mr. Justice Strong's attack was couched in severe and pointed language; he thought it was ill-considered, intemperate and scandalous. It was calculated to decrease the respect due to the supreme court and to impair its usefulness. He desired to remove any suspicion that humane laws had been trampled on in the interest of the Crown to the disadvantage of Sproule. The jury retired at 12 o'clock and brought in true bills on all the indictments agreeing with his lordship in condemning the use of such language as that ascribed to Mr. Justice Strong in reference to the action of Chief Justice Begbie in the Sproule case.

The following cases were disposed of: Webster, an employee of Messrs. Van Volkenburg, charged with stealing, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Hudson and five others, charged with stealing or receiving stolen goods. Two were acquitted and the others ordered to give bonds in $500 each to appear when called upon for sentence.

In the case of the two Chinamen charged with the murder of Edwin Holloway, trackman of the C. P. R., were acquitted.

A civil suit against the C. P. R. by two Indians for the killing of four horses, resulted in a verdict for the company. The court adjourned at 9 p. m. until 10 a. m. this morning when the case of the alleged murder of a man supposed to be one Dillon by three men, strangers in the province, comes up for trial.

Personal.

Mrs. J. A Robertson has returned from a visit to Scotland and England.

Mr. S. G. Fulton, acting general freight agent, C. P. R. & N. Co., is in the city.

Mr. Geo. S. Wright, the well-known Few York capitalist and steamboat owner, arrived in the city last night over the Canadian Pacific railway.

At the Occidental: John Pan, Montreal; J. Morrison, Cherry Creek; M. D. McLennan, New Westminster; W. H. Vionen, New Westminster; F. N. Cornevair, T. Moreau, Vancouver; J. Lambert, Sooke.

At the Driard: D. Ribbard, London; C. H. McIsaac, S. G. Fulton, Portland.

Mr. R. J. Plummer sailed from Liverpool on the 24th ult., and is expected home in a day or two.

Mr. J. Morrison of the Nicola Mining Company is in town.

His worship the Mayor left for Winnipeg this morning on the civic excursion. Owing to business engagements and other causes none of the councillors accompanied his worship, who will therefore "go it alone" to the land of the frigid zone.

Messrs. Arthur Beasley, C. G. Wyllie, B. F. English and wife, Mrs. H. J. Cambie and Mrs. A. G. Ferguson were passengers by the Princess Louise last evening.

At the Clarence: A. T. Van De Wanter, Chicago; A. D. Austin and wife, Seattle; R. A. McLean, London; E. H. Godsal, New Zealand; R. M. Mercer, Vancouver.

Mr. J. A. Westwood Oliver, special correspondent of the Glasgow Herald, is registered at the Clarence, having come overland last night.

Berose, Connolly and Maxwell Sentenced to Death.

(Exclusive to The Colonist)

LYTTON, Oct. 13.—Berose, Connolly and Maxwell were sentenced to death on the 24th November for the murder of Dillman at Hautier's ranche, Lytton, on 11th July.

ALBERNI'S PROGRESS.—Mr. John C. Mollet arrived in town on Saturday from Alberni, and was very much struck with the general improvement which has taken place since he was in town eighteen months ago. Old buildings, he says, have disappeared, and now beautiful edifices have taken their place, and a general air of prosperity seems to prevail around the capital. Great improvement has also taken place since two years in all the settlements on the island. Where there was not a settler two years ago on the east coast north of Englishman river, now the steamboat has to make stoppages in various places to receive passengers and freight, the latter being the produce of land and sea. Among all the new settlements on the island, perhaps, none have made so great progress in so short a time as the new settlement of Alberni. Two years ago when Mr. Mollet settled there there were only four or five settlers, with no communication nor any of those conveniences, such as mail communication, roads, schools and stores. Now we have a regular weekly mail service in summer, two stores; bye-and-bye there will be two schools, and this summer through the liberality of the government the Alberni settlers will rejoice that a new means of communication will be established from Alberni to Nanaimo, when the road now under construction will be completed. Besides, three of the best communities in the valley will very soon have good roads to the steamer landing on the river, adjoining which a township has been lately surveyed, where lots will, it is expected, soon be offered for sale. Although so much improvement has taken place in so short a time still the settlers look forward to the future with every confidence that with the advantages they possess Alberni, at no distant day, will become a place of importance, and one of the best settlements on the island.

NARROW ESCAPE.—Mr. John Brown narrowly escaped being drowned in James Bay yesterday afternoon. A party of gentlemen had returned from a short cruise in a sail boat, and in attempting to leave the boat he fell overboard and disappeared from sight. Coming to the surface he was rescued by his friends just in time to save his life, as he could not swim and must have inevitably perished.

HE FIXED HIM

The Surveyor-General at Canada and the N. W. Detective

David McBroom, the city constable is a faithful public servant, always on the watch, and delighted when he traps a burglar or a strolling pedlar. On Monday he saw a gentleman on the sidewalk who was carrying on his arm a small square box. "There he is," exclaimed the constable, "a pedlar without a license—I'll fix him." And so he marched up to the owner of the box. "See here," said Mac, "where's your license." "Why should you suppose that I cannot walk here without a license?" said the gentleman. "You're a pedlar," said Mac, "and you cannot peddle goods here without a license." "I am not a pedlar," said the gentleman. "Come on to the mayor," said Mac. A well-known citizen approached the constable and said, "That is Mr. Deville, the surveyor-general." "The devil, he is!" said Mac, and he retired; but the surveyor-general touched a spring of the *camera obscura* which he had under his arm and secured a perfect likeness of the local detective, and rumor says he will send it to Ottawa. The able detective was shocked when he discovered his mistake. "My goodness!" said the dicomfited officer, "not to know the difference between the surveyor-general of the Dominion and a six-penny pedlar from Victoria! It was the box that bothered me."—*Mainland Guardian.*

Marine.

Bark Loyola, lumber laden, went to sea yesterday, bound for Coquimbo, Chili.

Bark Plymouth, with one million feet of lumber, passed Race rocks at noon yesterday in tow of the Pilot, 12 hours from Burrard Inlet, bound for Port Arthur, China.

Bark City of Aberdeen, with lumber for China, will be towed to sea to-day.

British bark Viola sailed from London October 5th, for Victoria.

Swedish bark Drotting Sofia arrived at Adelaide from Victoria Oct. 4th.

The crew of the British lumber laden ship City of Aberdeen, lying at Burrard Inlet, refused to go to sea on Friday last, alleging that the vessel was unseaworthy. Capt. Clarke, harbor master, surveyed the vessel and pronounced the allegations of the crew to be trumpery. The vessel will go to sea to-day.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Oct. 13.—Cleared—Bark Southern Chief, Port Townsend; sailed—ship Shirley, Tacoma; bark Aurelia, Tacoma.

The Maple Bay Show.

The nineteenth annual show of the Cowichan, Salt Spring and Chemainus agricultural society at Maple Bay yesterday was well attended and as a local fair was in every way an improvement on the fair of last year. The display of fruits and vegetables was exceptionally fine and it was thought by Victorians present that the exhibition of roots and vegetables was better than that at the Victoria show. The show of butter was large and represented the dairy interests of the district which is advancing rapidly. The exhibit of thoroughbred stock was very creditable especially some fine Jersey bulls. There were many new settlers in the district present, which served to illustrate how rapidly the land is being taken up. Cowichan is coming forward with gratifying results in all the various pursuits of her people, who are reasonably proud of the Maple Bay show as compared with other provincial exhibitions this season. A large number of prizes were awarded, but for lack of space publication is deferred until to-morrow.

What Some People Say.

That a tourist without money is a tramp. A tramp who has money is a tourist.

That when a man buys a porous plaster whether he likes it or not he generally sticks to his bargain.

That it used to be said "Dead man tell no tales," but this was before the author of "Called Back" died.

That the chestnut bell now has a rival in a huge organ pipe which sounds as loud as a locomotive whistle.

That after a "Mikado" performance in Vienna recently Ko Ko became violently insane. They applied an antidote in the shape of cocaine, but even that didn't save him from an asylum.

That Mr. Beecher recently declared, in a lecture at Gateshead, England, that he never yet had spoken in a hall where a thousand persons could breathe comfortably for an hour and a half together.

That one of Henry George's supporters announces that he glories in being called a "crank," because a crank is something that effects a revolution.

That the handsome and unique carved panels in St. Michael's porch, Charleston, which looked like stone, proved to be wood. The work is very old, but it is very fine.

That at Queen Victoria's table there are three servants to every six guests. When the meal is finished, her majesty is the first to leave the room.

That a graveyard in County Cork has the following notice on its entrance gate: "Only the dead who live in this parish are buried here."

That Henry Irving says his brother Englishmen would be much more popular the world over if they were as hospitable as their Yankee cousins.

That Lord Randolph Churchill has little hair on the top of his head, and much on his upper lip. His hands are not at all up to the alleged aristocratic standard, being as large as any ploughman's.

HIXON CREEK.—The Quesnelle Mining and Milling Co.'s mill works at Hixon creek, will soon resume their milling machinery to a more favorable site on the opposite side of the creek. Mr. H. Fraser, who was with the company last winter, arrived on the Mexico on Monday and will proceed north on Friday for the purpose of superintending the re-location of the mill. He has had large experience in this business in California, Nevada and Mexico. Mr. Fraser's opinion of the quartz of Cariboo is in accord with that of all other mining men, and he is confident of a large quartz development within the near future.

DOMINION VOTERS' LIST.—Mr. N. Shakespeare, M. P., is in receipt of a communication from the under secretary of state at Ottawa informing him that the municipal treasurer of Victoria will shortly be remitted the sum of $50 for the preparation of statistics by the city officials, as re the Chinese emigration society, and that the printing accounts for the Dominion voters' lists will be paid within the week.

Y. M. C. A.—The following were elected officers of the Y.M.C.A. at the annual meeting held on Tuesday evening: Noah Shakespeare, M. P., president; J. L. Beckwith, 1st vice-president; A. B. Erskine, 2nd vice-president; Alfred Flett, 3rd vice-president; W. Walker, treasurer; Chris Spencer, recording secretary; Jas. Hutcheson, Robt. Ibbins, A. A. Green, Hon. J. Robson, J. B. Ferguson, A. J. Clyde, directors; J. Daley, general secretary.

MORE PUGET SOUND COAL WANTED.—Owing to the difficulty in obtaining sufficient wood, the Central Pacific railroad company has decided to run its engines with coal. The passenger engines between San Francisco and Reno, have already undergone alterations for that purpose, and several freight engines are being altered. When all have been changed the road between San Francisco and Ogden will be entirely operated with coal.

THE EXCURSION.—The number of persons who took advantage of the excursion over the C. P. R. to Winnipeg and St. Paul yesterday morning was not as large as expected. Doubtless, the lateness of the season had much to do with the limited number of passengers.

(From the Daily Colonist, Oct 15.)

THE QUEBEC ELECTIONS.

A Close Contest—So Far as Heard from the Liberals Leading by Two Votes.

(Special to The Colonist.)

MONTREAL, Oct. 14.—The results of the Quebec elections as far as heard from are as follows: Brome county, Lynch, conservative, elected by over 300 majority; Three Rivers county, Turcotte, liberal, 15 majority; Montreal Centre, McShane, liberal, 45 majority; Montreal West, Hall, conservative, over 400 majority; Montreal East, David, liberal, 300 majority; this leaves Montreal practically the same as before—two liberals and one conservative; Pontiac county, Pourpore, conservative, 600 majority, with several places to hear from; Richmond and Wolfe county, Picard, conservative, elected; Stanstead county, Baldwin, conservative, elected; Terrebonne county, Mantel, conservative, elected; Ottawa county, as far as heard from, Rochon, liberal, has 270 majority; Jacques Cartier county, Boyer, liberal, elected; Quebec East, Shehyn, liberal, elected; La Prairie county, Charlebois, conservative, elected; Quebec West, Murphy, liberal, elected; Lewis, Lemieux, liberal, elected; Berthier county, Forester, liberal, elected; Laval county, Le Blanc, conservative, elected; Drummond and Arthabasca county, Church, conservative, elected; Maskinonge county, Caron, conservative, elected; Rouville county, Lareau, liberal, elected; Montmagny county, Bernatchez, liberal, elected; Hochelaga county, Villeneuve, conservative, elected; Missisquoi county, Spencer, conservative, elected; Shefford county, Brassard, liberal, elected; Quebec centre, Renfrett, liberal, elected; Quebec county, Casgrain, conservative, elected; Richelieu county, Cardin, liberal, elected by 5 majority; St. John's county, Marchand, liberal, elected; St. Hyacinthe county, Mercier, liberal, elected. The following were elected by acclamation last Thursday: Argenteuil, Owens, conservative; Dorchester county, Larochette, conservative; Two Mountains, Beauchamp, conservative; Gaspé county, Flynn, conservative; Iberville, Demers, liberal; Quebec East, Shehyn, liberal; Sherbrooke, Robertson, conservative; Chambly county, Rocheleau, liberal, elected; Vandreuil county, LaPoint, conservative, elected; L'Assomption county, Forest, liberal, elected; Napierville county, Lafortune, liberal, elected; Charlevoix county, Clement, conservative, elected; ouville county, Pileon, liberal, elected.

THE NEW INSURANCE BONDS.

A Life Policy that Becomes a Negotiable Security.

The science of life insurance is varied and multifarious in its inducements to policy holders, and among the many companies represented in Victoria none are so liberal in bestowing profits to the insured as the Citizens' Company, of Canada. Although several good risks are offered by this company the most popular is the life endowment bond payable at the ages of 55, 60, or 65. These bonds are a good investment as well as an insurance in case of death, at reasonable rates. They are a negotiable security and after the third payment are non-forfeitable. A fifteen year bond for $5,000 with a premium of $317, in the second year is worth $280, the fifth year $880, the thirteenth year $5,835. That is, it is first-class security at any bank for the above amount, and in the fifteenth year it is worth $5,000, and with the tontine results estimated represents $7,750. So it will be seen that a handsome profit has been made, and in case the policy holder has had occasion to borrow money it has served him doubly. These bonds are being taken as a good business investment by many of our leading citizens, as well the regular life policies. There is also an endowment class for children payable at the age of 21 years whice are invaluable, as in this manner for a few dollars each year a parent can provide a capital fund to start in business, or a dowry for a daughter. The special mercantile policies applicable to partnerships of every description. That is, five persons take a policy for $10,000 between them, and if any one of the five die the insurance money is divided among the remaining four. The Citizens Company is one of the most solid institutions in Canada with a capital of $1,188,000, and the general agents of the company for the Pacific coast are Messrs. Hart, Imrie & Danereau, Victoria, Theatre block, corner of View and Douglas streets, where all information will be furnished and the public are invited to inspect the details.

Personal.

Hon. Mr. Cross, one of the directors of the C. P. R. and party are at the Driard.

Mrs. Ferguson, of Vancouver, is at Roccabella.

Mr. B. F. English, rancher from Deer Park, Chilcoten, accompanied by his wife, arrived down on Wednesday night.

At the Occidental: Edward Clarke, Bangkok; Miss Pears, Seattle.

At the Driard: Jno. Clemens, R. Marsh, New York; A. B. Forbes, San Francisco; A. S. Levoke, Tacoma; S. G. Mitchell, New York.

Major Dupont was reported to be seriously ill last night.

Mrs. Gore, wife of the surveyor-general, had a dangerous fall at the Agricultural hall last Saturday, which resulted in her shoulder being dislocated.

Mr. H. S. Flood, representing Feigenbaum & Co., of San Francisco, is at the Driard.

Mr. Ford, formerly of the firm of Ford and Babcock, the first agents of the P. C. S. S. Co., is at the Driard.

Mr. W. Power, of Moodyville, Capt. Tom Wright, D. A. McFarland and Capt. McPhadden and wife, were passengers by the steamer Princess Louise from the mainland last night.

Mr. B. Young, T. R. Parson, E. and J. Kirkland and C. Todd were passengers by the steamer R. P. Rithet yesterday from the Mainland.

Hon. John Robson was a passenger to the mainland by the steamer Princess Louise this morning.

At the Clarence: R. Lindsey, Montz Creek; J. Duck, Kamloops; T. M. Henderson, J. N. Henderson, Vancouver; C. M. Trenholme, Farwell; B. C. Long, Simcoe Co.; E. E. Penn, Pt. Townsend; Mrs. B. H. Wilson, B. Townsend and wf., New Westminster; H. B. Townsend, Nanaimo.

Capt. Geo. Wright, who arrived from the east last night over the Canadian Pacific railway, will be remembered as having built the present steamer Princess Louise, then the Olympia, and put her on the Sound route. She is yet staunch and strong, like her builder, and continues to do good service on the western waters.

Nanaimo.

Messrs. Pimbury, Hallock and Stirian, promoters and directors of the Nanaimo waterworks company, have effected arrangements to bring in water from Chase river to supply the city of Nanaimo. It is expected that the works will be commenced at an early date and pushed forward to speedy completion.

The arrangements made between the Dominion postoffice authorities and the Peoples' steam navigation company, call for a weekly mail service between Victoria, Nanaimo and all way ports during the winter months from October 1st to April 1st, and twice a week during the rest of the year.

Quite a number of signatures to the petition for the commutation of Sproule's death sentence have been received.—*Free Press.*

CHINESE EXODUS.—The bark Alden Besse, Capt. O'Brien, which sails from Esquimalt on Saturday morning, carries about 207 Chinese to Hongkong.

ALONG THE ROAD.

Ups and Downs of the Road to Soda Creek.

The Magnificent Ranches Along the Fraser River.

(From our Traveling Correspondent.)

We are awake at five o'clock in the morning and at six o'clock again mount to our seat, the air being very cold. We soon commence the ascent of Carpenter mountain, a high hill lying between the 150 and Deep creek. We pass the proprietor of a mule pack train hunting up his animals for a fresh start. He did not look the picture of comfort, his coat buttoned up to his chin, his nose blue with cold, whip under arm and hands in pocket, as he plodded through the wet grass and undergrowth. However, we saw him locate the mule with the bell around its neck, and knew he was safe, for he had only to lead that mule and all others would follow. A well trained pack mule

WOULD SOONER LOSE ITS BREAKFAST

than stray out of hearing of the bell-mule.

There are lakes and good grain feed for summer on Carpenter mountain, but the growth of trees is similar to that we passed through in the "green timber," though vegetation, on account of the greater rainfall, is more luxuriant. At various points we catch glimpses of the lovely valley passed the day before, and wonder why it is that the road does not follow its course. A little questioning enlightens us—that the wagon road branched off to the north-westward from Felker's, six miles below the 150, and ran through Williams lake valley, and then along the Fraser river, an almost level grade the entire distance would have been secured, a good farming section tapped, and the distance a little lessened. Instead of this it climbs over Carpenter mountain into Deep creek valley, runs in this a few miles, then there is a long ascent to the summit of the road on the hill between Deep creek and Soda creek and a very steep descent to the latter. Had the Williams lake valley been followed the distance could be accomplished in one half the time and a great saving thus made and also in horse-flesh and wagon repairs. As it is settlers in Williams lake have secured a sleigh road from that point by a moderately easy grade to Soda creek and by this save a day in hauling goods to Soda creek. Should there ever again be a large hauling trade over the Cariboo road, the diverging of the line by the course mentioned would be a necessity.

DEEP CREEK

was formerly a noted stopping place, and many are the stories told of the man who kept the hotel at that point. There are still remaining the ruins of the buildings, a heavy freshet having swept through the valley some years ago destroying everything in its course. The former fine meadows are now a reserve for the Soda creek Indians. It is fenced westward for miles and gives magnificent crops of wild hay. The Indians do not cultivate it in any other way—they merely cut hay and sell it, allowing their own cattle to look out for themselves at all times, winter or summer.

It took our horses a long time to climb the steep hill from Deep creek, and it was near noon when we at last sighted Soda Creek far beneath us on the small bench along the side of the Fraser river. She descends to the side very steep, and if the brake had given way it would have resulted in our destruction, but our driver had his foot planted squarely on it and held the heavy coach in check. We cross a wooden bridge over a deep chasm formed by Soda creek, a small stream, utilized to drive a flouring mill near its mouth, owned by Mr. J. F. Hawkes, whose ranche we catch a glimpse of from the hill.

At last we pull up in front of

MR. P. DONLEVY'S

hotel and store, and are given a hearty welcome by familiar faces. Soda creek consists of the usual buildings to be found at all stopping places on the road, but here is carried on a large trade with Indians, magnificent furs from the surrounding country being secured in large quantity. The other hotel and trading store is that kept by Mr. Robert McLeesen, M. P. P., where is also the postoffice, the telegraph office being between the two hotels. There are Chinese stores, for in many places in the near neighborhood are numerous Celestials individually or in companies working placer claims on the bars, the latter bringing water a distance of ten or twelve miles for the purpose of washing the banks.

We secure have another passenger in the person of Mr. W. Croft, an old California mining man on his way to Barkerville to look at the quartz. At dinner we sample some home-cured ham, of the finest quality—another of the luxuries of life in the interior. The cost of this hotel is a six-foot Celestial and the day before our arrival he was sworn in as a British subject by Mr. Justice Walkem, whom we had met at Deep creek, being driven to Clinton assizes in a special of the stage company. The horses are changed here, and a pretty lively time are harnessed up. The leaders kick and generally misbehave, and seem to a lighting from the whip. This has the effect of generally mixing the horses and harness, and we begin to feel a trifle nervous as to the result. Finally they start, the leaders clearing on their hind legs, and at rate breaking into a mad gallop. But one steep hill soon settles their energy and by the time we reach the top they are content to settle along at a good speed. We have also had a change of drivers, Mr. Tate the younger this time handling the ribbons. We pass Mr. Dunlevy's ranche, as fine a piece of land as ever eye looked upon, running for two miles along the wagon road and stretching from this to the river, 1,200 acres altogether under fence. There is plenty of water for irrigation purposes, and magnificent crops of grain and roots are raised, though, as everywhere else in Cariboo the farm is not cultivated to half its capacity. Beside this ranche Mr. Donlevy owns a magnificent stretch of grazing land above Mackin's and McLean's ranches and opened the road winding through a timbered country on the benches near the river.

AT THE STRANGLER'S ANGLE

we see the old steer which "strangled" now hauled out, the property of Mr. McLeesen. This steamer has done good service in freighting in the old days, and looks as though it will still be called to an emergency. The navigation of the Fraser from Soda Creek to Quesnelle and further on is excellent, the river being wide and deep, a great contrast to its rugged character south of Soda creek. The banks on either side are gently rising benches, lightly covered with timber. We reach Alexandria, where is the ranche owned by Mr. A. McLean. This is also a postal station and the mail bag is re-assorted. Again we meet the site of old Fort Alexandria being pointed out to us a few miles further on.

From this point and for many miles we can easily note the character of the country on the opposite side of the river. The banks are low and the land rises in gentle benches, looking like giant steps to the distant mountains. Several miles from the river on a higher bench we can see the bright green farm of the ranch owned by Mr. Wm. Morrison, company's agent, at the 134. This ranche is over 4000 acres in extent and large crops of grain are raised without irrigating. There are in sight

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ACRES

of similar land, very little other work being necessary than that of ploughing and sowing. This land condition of things exists on the east side of the river for we pass over many thousands of acres of table land, and below us, on the lower benches is plenty more of the same character. When egress and ingress to this portion of the country become quicker and cheaper, and market demand the production of greater crops, there is little doubt but that this section, which even now is dotted is passing wild, beauty will become a cultivated garden, the home of a thrifty people.

We pass the fine ranches of W. Ross, Indian, D. Livingstone (nephew of the great African explorer) A. Clinton's ranche, where the horses are given a drink from a mountain stream. Louis Curson's ranche is a long stretch of well cultivated fields, fair crops being grown without irrigation. This can be said of many of the farms which we pass, though of course where irrigation is practicable, a heavier crop is secured, and in exceptionally dry seasons the husbandman is also sure of his crop. Further on we pass Ralph Shaw's lately taken up ranche already well fenced, and with fair crop this season. For a long distance we travel without meeting any cultivated stretches, and at last we come in sight of the

"AUSTRALIAN RANCHE,"

owned and operated by Stephen Downes. This ranche presents the loveliest stretch of cultivated land that we have ever seen. It reaches from the wagon road to the Fraser River a mile, and is in width nearly a mile, 1,000 acres under fence, and a portion being protected by a steep bench forming a natural wall. The river is seen in the distance, and the varied tints of dark and light greens, bright and dark yellows where the grain and grass has been cut close to the ground, formed an immense natural table as level seemingly as though it had been planed. Another large ranche is owned a mile and a-half south of this one, but it is not being operated at present. The Australian ranche secures its name from having been taken up by parties from Australia, Mr. Downes having been here since '62. This year 200,000 pounds of grain and 100 tons of hay were harvested, while the root crops are of wonderful excellence. It is at this point that we secure a change of horses to carry us through to Quesnelle, the end of our 88 mile journey for the day. We also refresh the inner man from the abundance of good things provided. It is nearly six o'clock when we commence the ascent of the short hill leading to the top of the bench, from which point we can look down upon the lovely picture beneath us.

At a point a couple of miles further on the stage leaves the Cariboo road and takes that leading to the "Bohannon ranche," one of the oldest in the district. There are large residences and numerous outbuildings, while the ranche is chiefly in two immense level fields, where magnificent crops have always been raised. Besides these, on the opposite side of the road, are other smaller fields. We run along this ranche for some considerable distance and again reach the old road, after which we twice pass fenced fields of large extent, principally for hay, belonging to the ranche. Night is upon us, but the moon sheds a soft light, and the long drive from Bohannon's to Quesnelle is enlivened by singing, racy stories, etc., our driver giving an inimitable Irish sketch. It is nearly eleven o'clock when our horses trot down the steep hill, the brake creaking with a noise worthy of a Red River cart. We cross over the Quesnelle river on a long wooden Howe truss bridge of substantial build, and in a few minutes drive up in front of Mr. James Reed's, Mr. P. P., the express agent at Quesnelle. How we slept that night.

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As soon as I reached New York on September 9, I wrote to the general manager, Mr. Van Horne, Montreal, my general opinion of the railroad and its management, which I considered most complimentary. For a new railroad it is one of the best of the five transcontinental lines now in successful operation. We reached every station almost to the very minute of the printed schedule, and at suitable points the train was picked up dining cars in which the passengers were served meals as good as are usual to our best roads in the east. The sleeping cars were of the latest patterns, equal to Pullman's best, so that we reached Montreal without the least fatigue. The sleeping and dining cars took down upon the lovely picture beneath us.

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The scenery from Port Moody to Calgary surpasses in beauty and sublimity the corresponding division of the Northern or Central Pacific roads; from Calgary to Winnipeg occurs the same plains formerly held by the buffaloes, now by neat cattle, which characterize all the railroads from the Rocky Mountains eastward; and from Winnipeg eastward to Montreal, the country is one of various with woods and lakes; that it would take more space than I have on this sheet. I have no doubt that tourists to the Pacific coast will take this route going on returning for years to come, until every mile of it is made familiar by actual observation or by the handsome photographs already prepared.

I sincerely wish all honor and profit to the men who have persevered and spent their millions in the preparing of this route, and fulfilment in less than six days, a journey which only ten years ago cost a whole year of toil in birch canoes and on foot. I am, with great respect, your friend,

W. T. SHERMAN.

The Triumph Farewell Social.

The farewell social of the lodge "Triumph" I. O. G. T. was very largely attended on Wednesday evening, and proved a success and seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all present. A plentiful supply of the good things of this life having been discussed the entertainment commenced by a few appropriate remarks by the chairman, the Rev. Mr. Morris, chaplain of H. M. S. Triumph, followed by a piano solo admirably rendered by Miss Bunting. Mr. Tribe then gave one of his own songs rendered in his able manner. A Sailor's Yarn, by Mr. Tucker, was followed by a song from Mr. Ross, which was well given. Mr. Orain rendered "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" in an admirable manner. Miss E. Jenkins then gave a recitation and Mr. McLean sang a comic song in character receiving an encore. The second part of the programme was commenced by a short address from Mr. Gray, Miss Howard rendering her song in an pleasing manner. Miss Fenlish then sang "Nancy Lee" in very appropriate sailor's costume, and on receiving an encore sweetly sang "Far Away." Mr. Wright came next with a comic song which was so evidently enjoyed that he received an encore. Miss Arthur rendered "Gates of Rest" in a charming manner, followed by a song on the concertina by Mr. McLean. Mr. Golding in the song "Jack's Return" did remarkably well. Miss Bunting again favored the audience with a song which was greatly enjoyed, "Leopard Watch," by the members was well received, as also were two songs by Mr. Morgan, and two also by Mr. Brown. The members then sang "Good Night, all's Well," and after a hearty vote of thanks had been accorded the chairman, the entertainment terminated with First Rejoice. The proceeds will be devoted to the building of the new temperance hall.

FIRE AT CHEAP HILL.—At twelve o'