## THE WESTERN HOME MONTHLY

The ranch house is a large, comfortable house, containing twelve or thirteen bedrooms, two sitting rooms, dining room, office and kitchen, besides barns and sheds. A general supply of dry goods and groceries is kept for use on the ranch, and also for travellers between Ashcroft and Kamloops, a distance of forty-five miles. The nearest neighbor is five miles away, while another is eight miles distant. A road house or saloon was seventeen and a half miles away beyond the mountains. Every house has a telephone connecting with the central, forty-five miles away at Clinton.

There was no thought of loneliness in this ranch house on the dry belt of British Columbia, for twice a week the mails sympathy of the ranchman. An unseen arrived by the B. X. Co., which carried spectator to this touching sight affirmed

the men at the house vas a warm-hearted Irishman, who, having finished his dinner, joined the stranger in his retreat.

In the course of conversation the traveller related the tale of his misfortunes and prospects—stripped as he was of all his little store by the treacherous river. Paddy had only a dollar in his pocket, but this he generously offered to his less fortunate companion.

The stranger refused to accept the gift, saying he could not beg, excepting for a bite to eat. Notwithstanding Paddy's efforts he would not touch the dollar, although the tears ran down his cheeks in appreciation of the kindness and



Hauling freight for Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Ashcroft to Soda Creek, 168 miles.

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Vancouver and Kamloops. Although, perhaps argument sometimes waxed strong among the men employed on the ranch, there were no quarrels. Sunday is the regular wash-day, this and reading occupied the time.

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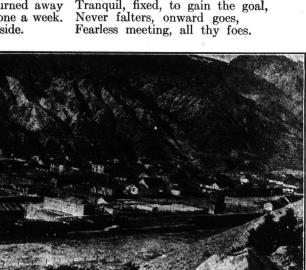
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them from Ashcroft and Fort George that it was difficult to say which appeared a distance of four hundred miles. The the most affected, the would-be donor or passenger stage-coach was always loaded the unfortunate traveller, who, in spite with passengers bound to the various of his adverse circumstances, stoutly

## All is Well!

By Mrs. William G. Matheson

Tranquil, fixed, to gain the goal,



Ashcroît, B.C.

Derelicts on the ocean of life as they each have a story to Earth is dreary, cold, at times, But—All is well; are, no doubt they each have a story to tell. One incident will suffice:

A traveller came through from Alberta on his way to Fort George to see his sister. Travelling down river by raft, he was wrecked, losing everything and barely escaping with his life. Reaching his sister he found her in needy circumstances and, owing to his misadventure, was unable to help her. Travelling to the Coast in search of work, he passed along the Cariboo Road and in due time reached ore 100 Mile House. Tired and hungry Hark ye to this bracing strain, he asked for food, which was given to Courage keep, though faint with pain, him, and he carried the luncheon out And your failing heart is stayed behind the store to eat it alone. Among By your God, "be not afraid."

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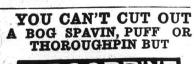
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